

## Press Release

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### REPSOL HONDA TEAM WRAPS UP QATAR TEST

Repsol Honda rider Andrea Dovizioso finished today's MotoGP test in Qatar in a promising third place to complete a satisfying winter's work for the Italian and his crew. This evening's second testing session under floodlights ran from 6pm to midnight at the Losail International Circuit near Doha and was the final time the MotoGP riders will be out on track before the opening race of the season here in three weeks' time.

Dovizioso was true to his word from yesterday and continued the impressive progress he and his crew have been making since the new-for-2010 Honda RC212V was unveiled in November last year. Dovizioso improved his lap times by close to one second tonight, bringing his best down to 1m 55.880, which was good enough for third place on the timesheets and just 0.528s behind the top time. The Italian was pleased with the progress he made with fine tuning the bike set-up and weight distribution, and feels in good shape for April's race.

On the other side of the garage things were a little less fruitful for Dovizioso's team-mate, Dani Pedrosa, who, after making a positive start to the evening's testing, wasn't able to take the subsequent strides forward he'd hoped for. Working with his crew to find a combination of chassis and suspension settings that would allow him to push to the maximum, the three time World Champion couldn't iron out the handling niggles which held him back yesterday. After just 12 laps he was able to improve his pace to 1m 56.935s early in today's session – a lap time which remained his best when the chequered flag came out tonight. Pedrosa will be targeting a breakthrough early on when the MotoGP teams return to Losail for the first race of the 2010 season.

With winter testing now complete, the Repsol Honda Team will reassemble here once more for the Grand Prix of Qatar which takes place on Sunday 11 April.

#### Official lap times

- 1 Casey Stoner Marlboro Ducati 1' 55.353
- 2 Valentino Rossi Fiat Yamaha 1' 55.860
- 3 Andrea Dovizioso Repsol Honda 1' 55.879
- 4 Nicky Hayden Marlboro Ducati 1' 56.115
- 5 Loris Capirossi Rizla Suzuki 1' 56.195
- 6 Jorge Lorenzo Fiat Yamaha 1' 56.504
- 7 Randy De Puniet LRC Honda 1' 56.504
- 8 Colin Edwards Yamaha Tech3 1' 56.722
- 9 Mika Kallio Pramac Ducati 1' 56.767
- 10 Ben Spies Yamaha Tech3 1' 56.779
- 11 Aleix Espargaro Pramac Ducati 1' 56.897
- 12 Alvaro Bautista Rizla Suzuki 1' 56.898
- 13 Dani Pedrosa Repsol Honda 1' 56.935
- 14 Marco Melandri San Carlo Honda 1' 57.222
- 15 Hector Barbera Aspar MotoGP team 1' 57.223
- 16 Hiroshi Aoyama Interwetten Honda 1' 57.251
- 17 Marco Simoncelli San Carlo Honda 1' 57.379



ANDREA DOVIZIOSO– Best lap 1m 55.879s– 66 laps

"I'm really satisfied with these two days of testing because we took another significant step forward. I'm pleased to have the third fastest time today because we improved both consistency and pace, which is a result of the hard work done by Honda and by my team. Today we focused on fine tuning the bike set-up and also the weight distribution. At the end of the session we wanted to do a race simulation but the track was too slippery because of the high humidity. Still, we have reduced the gap to Stoner and we are closer to Valentino as well. Of course we have to keep on working hard, but I'm happy to face the first round of the season with the machine package we have achieved so far."



DANI PEDROSA– Best lap 1m 56.935s– 56 laps

"We started to make improvements early in tonight's session, but after that we couldn't make any more progress really and so of course I'm not satisfied with the results of this test. It's obvious that we're not where we want to be as we approach the first race, so we'll just have to do our best when we come back here and try to make the improvements quickly in the practice sessions. That's it really. I'm still struggling with the bike moving quite a lot at the front and that's caused by issues at rear. Because of this I'm also going too slowly through the corners. We have to stay positive and be glad that I'm going into this season fully fit, and we'll keep working to improve things."