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Bahrain 2023

A flawless classification



The success of the RB19 and Oracle Red Bull Racing at the Bahrain International Circuit during qualifying for the Bahrain Grand Prix foreshadowed the dominance the team would exert with its new car.

Qualifying for the 2023 Bahrain Grand Prix took place on the afternoon of Saturday March 4, and marked the official start of a new Formula 1 season. The day's qualifying featured a standout performer: Oracle Red Bull Racing team and its brand new RB19. With Max Verstappen taking pole position and his teammate Sergio "Checo" Pérez completing the double in second place, the Austrian team made clear its intention to dominate the 2023 World Championship.

The recipe for success: speed and precision

Having displayed its power during the free practice sessions on Friday and Saturday morning, Christian Horner's team was at its best in qualifying. The RB19, the car that had already demonstrated its performance capabilities in pre-season testing, shone in both the fast corners and on the straights of the Sakhir circuit. Max Verstappen was able to squeeze the full potential out of his car, setting a time of 1:29.708 on his best lap. His

Max Verstappen driving the Oracle Red Bull Racing RB19 with the number 1 during qualifying for the Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix on March 4, 2023.



Checo Pérez with the Oracle Red Bull Racing RB19 number 11 at the Bahrain International Circuit. His great driving secured him second place on the grid for the 2023 Bahrain Grand Prix.

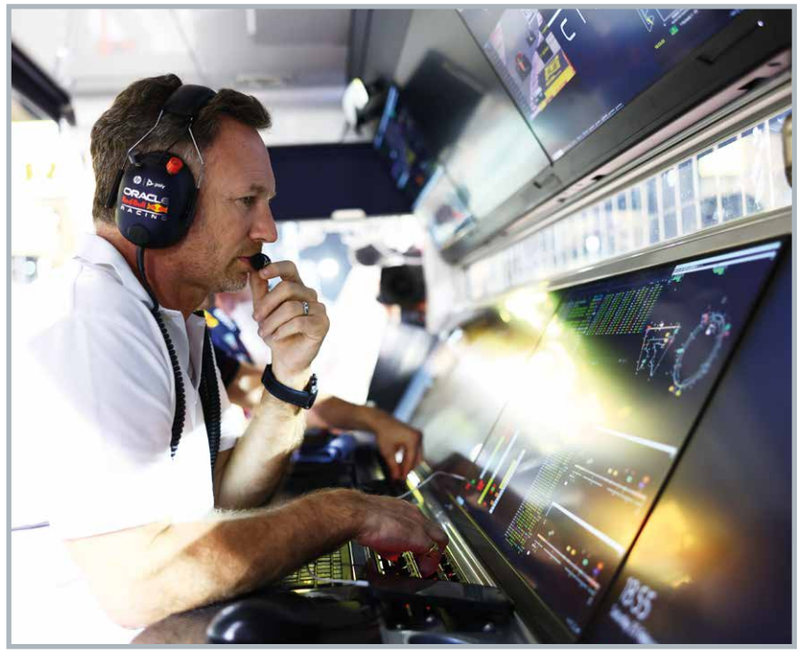
on-track performance was emphatic and secured him pole position, despite constant pressure from his teammate.

For his part, Checo Pérez also had an outstanding qualifying, finishing just 0.138 seconds behind Verstappen. Although the Mexican driver noted that he was not entirely comfortable with the car's balance, he managed to stay firmly in the leading positions, proving once again his ability to compete at the highest level. "I don't remember such a tight qualifying," said Pérez at the end of the session. "From Q1 to Q3 it was very tight." His strategy, based on compromising some performance in qualifying in order to have a better car for Sunday's race, proved very successful.

RB19: An unbeatable machine

After qualifying, there was no doubt that much of Oracle Red Bull Racing's success in Bahrain had to be attributed to the impressive development of the RB19. The car designed by Adrian Newey and his team stood out above all for its outstanding aerodynamic efficiency, one of the key points at a circuit like Sakhir, where fast corners and long straights demand a perfect balance between downforce and top speed. The front wing and flat-bottom of the car had been designed to maximize grip in the corners without sacrificing speed on the straights, making the RB19 a tough machine to beat.

The Honda power plant also played a key role. The engine's ability to deliver power efficiently, combined with excellent suspension setup, gave the two Oracle Red Bull Racing drivers the ability to push the tires to the limit without suffering a significant loss of performance. In qualifying, where the choice of soft tires was more important than ever, the perfect balance between the engine and the car's aerodynamics made it easy for Verstappen and Pérez to fight for every millisecond.



Christian Horner, Oracle Red Bull Racing Team Principal, closely following the performance of the two RB19s during the third day of practice for the Bahrain Grand Prix on February 25, 2023.

Q1: a contained start

The first qualifying session got off to an intense start. Teams were quick to get their drivers out on track as soon as the lights turned green, and a battle for a competitive time soon ensued. However, the race was suddenly interrupted by a red flag after Charles Leclerc's Ferrari was found to have lost some parts at the first corner. With the incident resolved, all the competitors were once again on the hunt for the best lap times.

Unlike most of their rivals, the RB19s did not show their full potential. Max Verstappen and Checo Pérez set conservative lap times, allowing Ferrari and Mercedes to temporarily occupy the top positions. It was Carlos Sainz who led the opening session, with a time of 1:30.993, closely followed by George Russell and Charles Leclerc, while Verstappen and Pérez finished 5th and 6th respectively. The most noticeable feature of Q1 was how close it was, with the top six drivers separated by less than four tenths of a second.

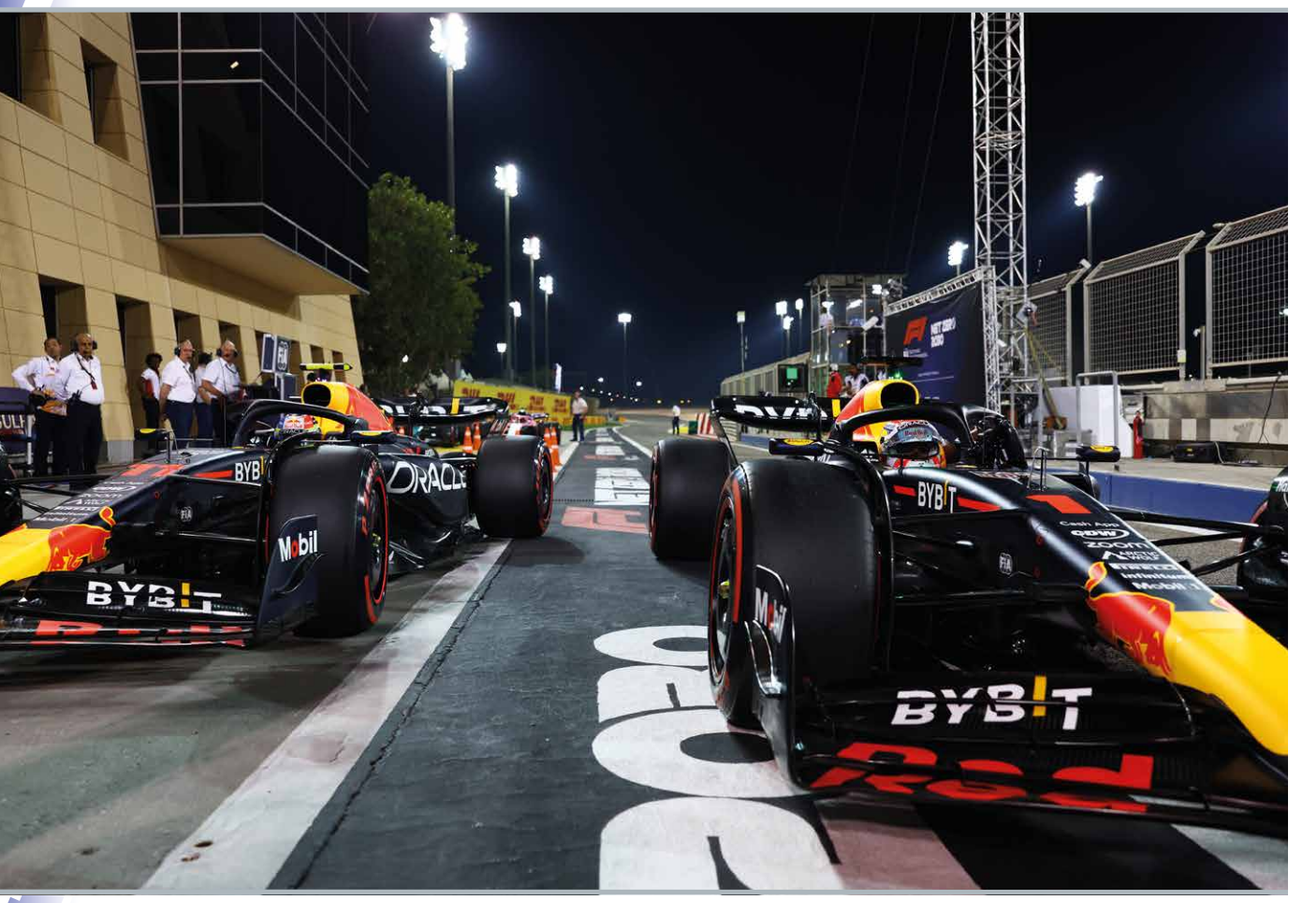
Q2: Verstappen shows his hand

Q2 was less chaotic compared to the first round. The teams waited patiently before taking to the track and, when they did, it was noticeable that something had changed in the Oracle Red Bull Racing team. Verstappen set a time of 1:30.503, which put him in pole position, beating teammate Checo Pérez by 0.243 seconds. This was a key moment in qualifying for Sunday's race, as the RB19s began to show their true speed and put some distance between themselves and the rest of the grid.

Ferrari did its best to stay in contention, but both Leclerc and Sainz went out on used tires on their first attempt, leaving them a little behind. On a second attempt on new tires, Leclerc managed to improve his time significantly and even left Verstappen behind to take the lead in the second qualifying session. However, the Dutchman was not shaken, knowing that he still had room for improvement going into the third qualifying round.

Q3: an unbeatable lap

The third and final session turned into a game in which Oracle Red Bull Racing took all the limelight. Max Verstappen came out determined to secure pole and, on his first attempt, set an impressive time of 1:29.897. While Leclerc decided not to go out for a second attempt and preferred



The RB19s of Max Verstappen and Checo Pérez in the closed garage after their impressive qualifying for the 2023 Bahrain Grand Prix. Max and Checo took pole position and second place on the grid, respectively.

to save his tires for the race, Verstappen and Pérez did return to the track. On his second lap, Verstappen improved his time further, dropping to 1:29.708 and consolidating his lead on the grid.

Checo Pérez also reduced time on his second attempt, but not enough to overtake his teammate. Nevertheless, second place was a great result for the Mexican, who admitted that his main objective had been to get a good feeling for the car ahead of Sunday's race. Ferrari occupied the second row of the grid, with Leclerc in third and Sainz in fourth, while Fernando Alonso, who had been a fan-favorite with his great results in free practice, took a solid fifth place for Aston Martin.

Focused on victory

With a one-two in qualifying, the Oracle Red Bull Racing team was the clear favorite to win Sunday's race. Cautious and calm, Max Verstappen commented: "It was a difficult start, but in qualifying we were able to get the best out of it." Similar words were spoken by Checo Pérez, both reflecting a growing confidence in the RB19, an astonishing car that, with each test, seemed to distance itself a little further from its rivals.

With the Ferrari and Aston Martin teams displaying very competitive performance and Mercedes still looking to improve, the 2023 season could not have got off to a more promising start. A start in which all the spotlights ended up being focused on the same target: the fabulous RB19.

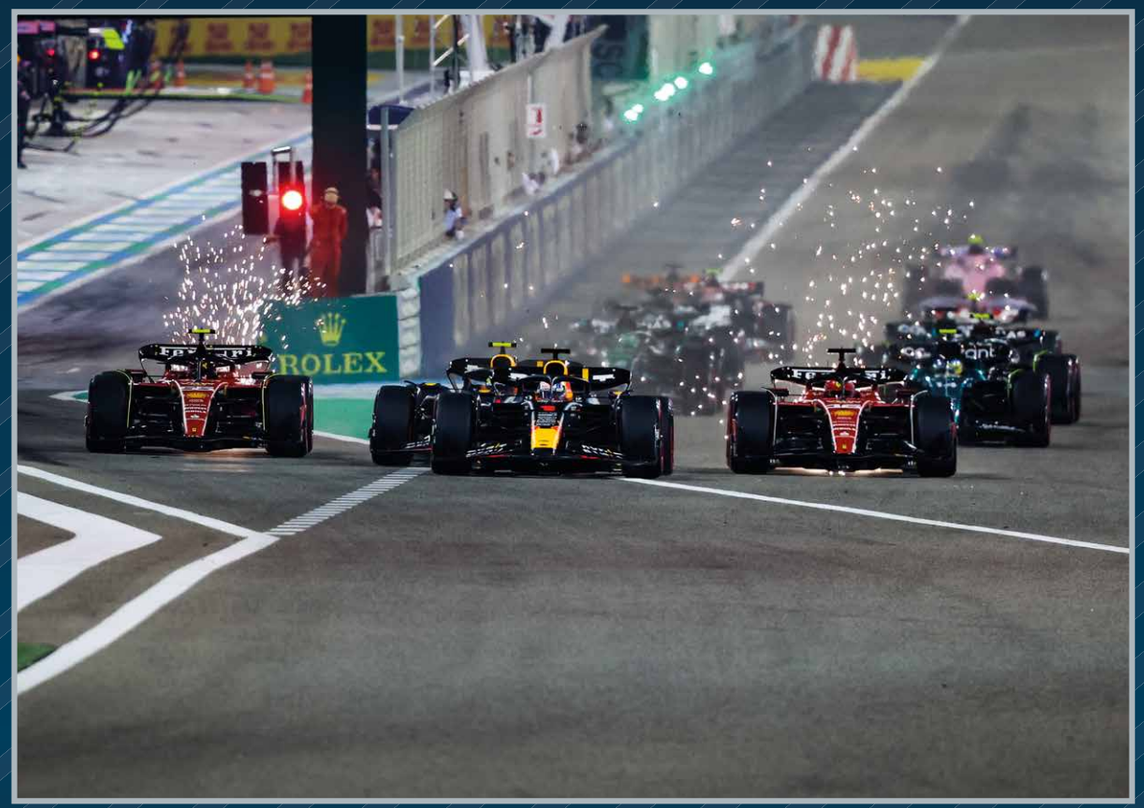
Qualifying classification

Pos.	Nº	Driver	Constructor	Q1	Q2	Q 3	Final grid
1	1	Max Verstappen	Oracle Red Bull Racing	1:31.295	1:30.503	1:29.708	1
2	11	Sergio Pérez	Oracle Red Bull Racing	1:31.479	1:30.746	1:29.846	2
3	16	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	1:31.094	1:30.282	1:30.000	3
4	55	Carlos Sainz Jr.	Ferrari	1:30.993	1:30.515	1:30.154	4
5	14	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin Aramco-Mercedes	1:31.158	1:30.645	1:30.336	5
6	63	George Russell	Mercedes	1:31.057	1:30.507	1:30.340	6
7	44	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	1:31.543	1:30.513	1:30.384	7
8	18	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin Aramco-Mercedes	1:31.184	1:31.127	1:30.836	8
9	31	Esteban Ocon	Alpine-Renault	1:31.508	1:30.914	1:30.984	9
10	27	Nico Hülkenberg	Haas-Ferrari	1:31.204	1:30.809	No time	10
11	4	Lando Norris	McLaren-Mercedes	1:31.6521	1:31.381	N/A	11
12	77	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo-Ferrari	1:31.504	1:31.443	N/A	12
13	24	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo-Ferrari	1:31.615	1:31.473	N/A	13
14	22	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT	1:31.400	1:32.510	N/A	14
15	23	Alexander Albon	Williams-Mercedes	1:31.461	No time	N/A	15
16	2	Logan Sargeant	Williams-Mercedes	1:31.6521	N/A	N/A	16
17	20	Kevin Magnussen	Haas-Ferrari	1:31.892	N/A	N/A	17
18	81	Oscar Piastri	McLaren-Mercedes	1:32.101	N/A	N/A	18
19	21	Nyck de Vries	AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT	1:32.121	N/A	N/A	19
20	10	Pierre Gasly	Alpine-Renault	1:32.181	N/A	N/A	20

2023 Bahrain Grand Prix

The first race for the RB19





Verstappen got off to a good start and held the lead until the end of the race. Pérez lost his way at turn 1, but overtook Leclerc to clinch second place – and the one-two – for Oracle Red Bull Racing in the first race of 2023.

Max Verstappen went into the opening round of the 2023 season as the undisputed favorite, after pre-season testing indicated that the RB19 had pace and reliability to spare. But the Dutchman was understandably cautious, after the team suffered a double retirement in Bahrain the previous year.

The two-time world champion rose to the occasion in qualifying, taking pole in Q3 over teammate Checo Pérez by 0.138 seconds. And his start in Sunday's race was perfect. In just two laps he had already built up a two-second lead over his immediate pursuers.

All under control

Verstappen briefly relinquished the lead on lap 14, after pitting to change his tires, but quickly regained control of the race and held it all the way to the finish line. After two second-place finishes in Bahrain in 2020 and 2021, taking the top step of the podium at his tenth attempt was particularly satisfying. "We can definitely fight with this," he said of the RB19 as he looked ahead to the next few races. "It was a really good first stint where I basically opened up a gap. From there it was just about looking after the tires, because you never really know what's going to happen later in the race. We just wanted to make sure we had the right tires and in good condition, so of course I'm very happy to finally win in Bahrain."

After five one-twos for the team in 2022, Verstappen was happy to start 2023 with the same result. He had few concerns, despite suffering a bit of rear lock-up when downshifting in the early stages of

Max Verstappen pictured between the two Ferraris on the opening lap of the Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix on March 5, 2023.

FINAL CLASSIFICATION

Charles Leclerc	Lando Norris	Nico Hülkenberg	Kevin Magnussen	Yuki Tsunoda	Pierre Gasly	George Russell	Lewis Hamilton											Max Verstappen	
Ferrari	McLaren-Mercedes	Haas-Ferrari	Haas-Ferrari	AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT	Alpine-Renault	Mercedes	Mercedes											Red Bull-Honda RBPT	
RET	17	15	13	11	9	7	5											1	
RET	RET	16	14	12	10	8	6	4								3		2	
Oscar Piastri	Esteban Ocon	Zhou Guanyu	Nyck de Vries	Logan Sargeant	Alexander Albon	Valtteri Bottas	Lance Stroll	Carlos Sainz Jr.								Fernando Alonso		Sergio Pérez	
McLaren-Mercedes	Alpine-Renault	Alfa Romeo-Ferrari	AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT	Williams-Mercedes	Williams-Mercedes	Alfa Romeo-Ferrari	Aston Martin A.M.	Ferrari								Aston Martin A.M.		Red Bull-Honda RBPT	



The RB19's superiority was evident from the early stages of the race, with Max Verstappen uncatchable and Checo recovering to secure second place on the podium.

the race. "There were little things that you always want to fine-tune, but I think they're pretty easy to control," he said.

> "First of all, congratulations to Red Bull Racing for a fantastic start to the season, finishing with a one-two and so far ahead of the rest of the field"

In Bahrain, third place on the podium went to Fernando Alonso, who benefited from Leclerc's retirement to overtake Hamilton and Sainz for his 99th career podium. The Aston Martin team, which had been the surprise package in pre-season testing, looked to confirm its good form in 2023.

The best possible revenge

In Sunday's race, Leclerc and Ferrari – who had given up a second stint for pole position in qualifying – used new soft tires to try to get between the two Red Bulls as soon as the lights went out. From third, a great start and a small hesitation from Pérez allowed Leclerc to move into second. With Verstappen already heading off into the distance in the opening laps, the duel between Leclerc and Checo was on.

A longer opening stint by Pérez, who pitted for the first time on lap 17, negated Ferrari's early tire advantage. Checo managed to overtake Leclerc on lap 26, and made no mistakes for the rest of the race. With his well-deserved second place on the podium, the Mexican was delighted to banish the bad memories of his retirement in Bahrain the previous year, the only time in the previous 49 races that neither Red Bull had reached the checkered flag.

Oracle Red Bull Racing team principal Christian Horner was equally happy with the result. "Checo lost the start, he had to work with Charles a bit, but the strategy worked out well and he managed to pass him. And we managed it all the way to the end," he said. 'It's only one race and all the circuits are different, but it's a great start for us. Unlike last year, when we were sitting here with zero points... we came here determined to try and fix that this year and we've done that in the best possible way."



Max Verstappen of Oracle Red Bull Racing celebrates on the podium after winning the F1 Bahrain Grand Prix.



The Red Bull Racing team stand for the national anthem on the grid during the 2023 Bahrain Grand Prix.

The first race for the RB19



Race winner Max Verstappen of Oracle Red Bull Racing (second from left), runner-up Sergio Pérez of Oracle Red Bull Racing (L) and third-placed Fernando Alonso of Aston Martin (R) celebrate on the podium after the Bahrain Grand Prix.

On the occasion of its 10th anniversary, which was commemorated in 2014, the Bahrain Grand Prix started to be held in the evening. The public response could not have been more enthusiastic, with ticket sales up 29 percent on the previous year. However, the Oracle Red Bull Racing team did not seem to have had much luck running under the glare of the Sakhir circuit lights in previous editions. Until, in the magical 2023 race, the team broke the spell of a decade without a win in Bahrain. It was a night of symbolismand dominance, with both cars claiming the glory of season-opening victory.



Bahrain Grand Prix winner Max Verstappen and second-placed Sergio Pérez celebrate in *parc fermé* immediately after the race.

A historic one-two

The unflappable Max Verstappen took command from pole position, managing a flawless race that took him straight to victory. But he was not alone in his conquest: Sergio Pérez, with nerve and precision, secured a historic double for the team with his second place. The desert, which had eluded them for so long, finally had to surrender to the technical superiority and power of the RB19s, now transformed into unbeatable cars.

BUILD THE

ORACLE Red Bull RACING RB19

MAX VERSTAPPEN

FRONT LEFT WHEEL

In this issue we will assemble the front left wheel of the Oracle Red Bull Racing RB19.

PIECES IN THIS ISSUE



3A Front left wheel rim
3B Front left slick C3 tire
3C Front left wheel rim cover
3D Inner rim ring
3E Outer rim ring
A Screws 2.3 mm x 4 mm (2 + 1*)

* Spare screw

BEFORE STARTING ASSEMBLY
Check that the parts are in perfect condition and read the instructions carefully to avoid any errors in the assembly process.

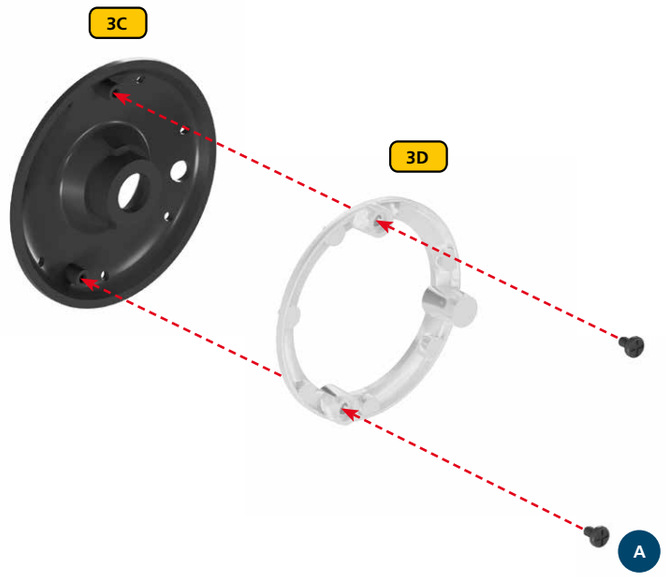
STEP 3–1

To start the assembly, fit the front left slick C3 tire **3B** around the front left wheel rim **3A**.



STEP 3–2

Next, align the two holes on the inner rim ring **3D** with the two screw posts on the front left wheel rim cover **3C**. Connect the two parts with two **A** screws.



STEP 3–3

Attach the rim cover **3C** to the rim **3A**, as shown in the picture.







STEP 3-4

Finally, insert the two pivots on the outer ring rim **3E** into the two highlighted holes on the rim cover **3C**.

FINAL RESULT

This is what the parts that have been assembled at this stage of the assembly look like.

