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Great Britain 2023
Practice and qualifying



The historic Silverstone circuit was the scene of two electrifying days of practice and qualifying as Max Verstappen once again asserted his authority to take his fifth consecutive pole position.

On Friday, July 7, 2023, the big Formula 1 party located to the English county of Northamptonshire, with the Silverstone circuit dressed to the nines once again. The weekend kicked off with clear skies and a sun-drenched track, in stark contrast to the bad weather that had presided over the previous Grand Prix in Austria.

Sergio Pérez was hoping for better luck in qualifying than in his previous few races.

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Max Verstappen went to Silverstone with an 81-point lead over Checo Pérez in the Drivers' Championship.

Weather affects practice

After the presentation of the cars, from 12.30 pm onwards the excitement began. Max Verstappen marked his territory from the first free practice, dominating with a time of 1:28.600. Sergio Pérez, his Oracle Red Bull Racing teammate, was not far behind and took second place, half a second behind the Dutchman – it left the team feeling very upbeat.

In the second practice session, Verstappen improved his time to 1:28.078, but felt the pressure from the Ferrari of Carlos Sainz Jr., who was just 0.022 seconds behind. The Williams team, with Alex Albon at the wheel, surprised everyone by placing third to show that the British team was well prepared for the home race. Checo Pérez had to settle for fourth place.

The drivers had time to reflect until Saturday morning, when the free practice sessions resumed with the typical British weather playing its part. Intermittent rain showers marked the session. Oracle Red Bull Racing deployed its usual strategy of collecting data in all possible conditions and focused on intermediate tires – leaving the softs for later – to record key car information. However, it resulted in Verstappen finishing eighth and Pérez 14th, both a long way off Charles Leclerc, Albon, and Fernando Alonso, who led the race.



The storm breaks

Rain continued to threaten at the start of qualifying, forcing the drivers to take to the track quickly in search of a competitive time. Verstappen and Alonso traded fastest lap times in a battle that kept everyone on tenterhooks. In the end, Norris led the first cut with an astonishing 1:28.917, followed by Leclerc and George Russell. A calculating Verstappen secured his pass to Q2 with fifth place.

By contrast, for teammate Sergio Pérez, Q1 turned into another nightmare. A strategic error in misjudging a red flag left him 16th, marking his sixth consecutive race without reaching Q3. "It was a frustrating session; I didn't manage to put a good lap together when we needed it most," admitted the Mexican.

With the sun once again shining, the teams fitted soft tires for the second phase of qualifying. Verstappen took advantage of the improved conditions to record a solid 1:27.702, which allowed him to comfortably lead the field. "In these conditions, you need to be careful and trust the car. I knew I didn't need to risk too much because our car is fast," said the multiple-time Drivers' World Champion.

Competition intensifies

The final qualifying session turned into pure adrenaline. On fresh tires and a track in top condition, Max Verstappen once again created magic with his RB19: his first flying

The poor run continues... Sergio Pérez once again failed to make it through to Q3.

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Verstappen dashed the hopes of the home fans by pipping Lando Norris to pole.

lap of 1:27.084 put him six-tenths of a second off nearest rival Lewis Hamilton. However, the McLarens were not about to give up.

Lando Norris set the home crowd alight with a spectacular 1:26.961 to take provisional pole. A large part of the Silverstone crowd started to celebrate the achievement. All too soon. Verstappen responded with a masterful lap of 1:26.720, securing pole and leaving the young Briton in second place, followed by Oscar Piastri. More than a few people were left with a look of utter astonishment on their faces. But there was no room for disappointment: Norris, fuelled by the support of thousands of British fans, had secured second on the grid, his best qualifying position since Russia in 2021.

The Dutchman's fifth consecutive pole was a reminder of his absolute dominance. Despite damaging his front wing in the pit lane, Verstappen once again showed his ability to overcome any adversity. "It was a tricky session with the changing conditions, but I'm happy with the result. This team always gives me an amazing car," said the Dutchman.

Qualifying classification

Pos.	Nº	Driver	Constructor	Q1	Q2	Q3	Final grid
1	1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull Racing-Honda RBPT	1:29.428	1:27.702	1:26.720	1
2	4	Lando Norris	McLaren-Mercedes	1:28.917	1:28.042	1:26.961	2
3	81	Oscar Piastri	McLaren-Mercedes	1:29.874	1:27.845	1:27.092	3
4	16	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	1:29.143	1:28.361	1:27.136	4
5	55	Carlos Sainz Jr.	Ferrari	1:29.865	1:28.265	1:27.148	5
6	63	George Russell	Mercedes	1:29.412	1:28.782	1:27.155	6
7	44	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	1:29.415	1:28.545	1:27.211	7
8	23	Alexander Albon	Williams-Mercedes	1:29.466	1:28.067	1:27.530	8
9	14	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin Aramco-Mercedes	1:29.949	1:28.368	1:27.659	9
10	10	Pierre Gasly	Alpine-Renault	1:29.533	1:28.751	1:27.689	10
11	27	Nico Hülkenberg	Haas-Ferrari	1:29.603	1:28.896	N/A	11
12	18	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin Aramco-Mercedes	1:29.448	1:28.935	N/A	12
13	31	Esteban Ocon	Alpine-Renault	1:29.700	1:28.956	N/A	13
14	2	Logan Sargeant	Williams-Mercedes	1:29.873	1:29.031	N/A	14
15	11	Sergio Pérez	Red Bull Racing-Honda RBPT	1:29.968	N/A	N/A	15
16	22	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT	1:30.025	N/A	N/A	16
17	24	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo-Ferrari	1:30.123	N/A	N/A	17
18	21	Nyck de Vries	AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT	1:30.513	N/A	N/A	18
19	20	Kevin Magnussen	Haas-Ferrari	1:32.378	N/A	N/A	19
DSQ	77	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo-Ferrari	1:29.798	N/A	N/A	20*

* Valtteri Bottas qualified in 15th place, but was disqualified after he was unable to supply a sufficient sample of fuel from his car. The stewards later allowed him to participate in the race.

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2023 British Grand Prix

The team doesn't fail



Oracle Red Bull Racing's number 1 driver pictured on his way to victory in the 2023 British Grand Prix.

About 480,000 people descended on Silverstone over the weekend to enjoy the British Grand Prix. The average age was young, demonstrating the keen interest that motorsport continues to generate. The vast majority, of course, were delighted with yet another masterclass from Max Verstappen at the helm of his Oracle Red Bull Racing RB19. But in all honesty, there was little real excitement in his eighth win of the season. That's the thing about obvious superiority. The spark, on the other hand, was provided by local idols Lando Norris and Lewis Hamilton, battling first to try to dethrone the champion and then to secure the best podium spot.

A breathtaking start

The ever-capricious British weather decided to cooperate on Sunday, July 9. Indeed, bright skies greeted the 20 drivers who lined up to race the 52 laps

Kevin Magnussen Haas-Ferrari RET	**Nyck de Vries** AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT 17	**Zhou Guanyu** Alfa Romeo-Ferrari 15	**Nico Hülkenberg** Haas-Ferrari 13	**Logan Sargeant** Williams-Mercedes 11	**Charles Leclerc** Ferrari 9
RET **Esteban Ocon** Alpine-Renault	18 **Pierre Gasly** Alpine-Renault	16 **Yuki Tsunoda** AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT	14 **Lance Stroll** Aston Martin A.M.	12 **Valtteri Bottas** Alfa Romeo-Ferrari	10 **Carlos Sainz Jr.** Ferrari



of the Silverstone track. With Verstappen on pole, it was business as usual, until the lights went out and Lando Norris surprised everyone by making a late charge that allowed him to overtake the Oracle Red Bull Racing driver at the first corner. The crowd roared with delight.

Behind, Oscar Piastri held on to third place, while Lewis Hamilton – always combative at home – began to push from the start. Verstappen, far from feeling threatened, managed the DRS to perfection and, on lap 5, regained the lead with a precise maneuver on the Wellington Straight. "It wasn't easy today," said the ever-composed driver. "We had a bad start, but we managed to recover."

Battle of Britain

Once Verstappen settled at the front of the race and the McLarens returned to their starting positions, the race entered a phase of

Another solid race-day drive from Pérez saw him secure points after starting 15th on the grid.

FINAL CLASSIFICATION

1 **Max Verstappen** – Red Bull-Honda RBPT
2 **Lando Norris** – McLaren-Mercedes
3 **Lewis Hamilton** – Mercedes
4 **Oscar Piastri** – McLaren-Mercedes
5 **George Russell** – Mercedes
6 **Sergio Pérez** – Red Bull-Honda RBPT
7 **Fernando Alonso** – Aston Martin A.M.
8 **Alexander Albon** – Williams-Mercedes
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Flanked by the two home drivers, Verstappen stands on the top step of the podium at Silverstone.

strategic control. Norris and Piastri were given clear instructions from the wall: work together to keep Max in sight and, if possible, hold off the Mercedes who were climbing up the field behind them.

Meanwhile, Sergio Pérez, who had had to start near the back of the grid after another difficult qualifying, began his usual comeback. By dint of character and a great understanding of his car, he kept moving up through the positions from the start. By lap 10, he was already in the points after overtaking Stroll and Albon with surgical maneuvers. However, the Mexican was still far behind his teammate, who was leading with authority and maintained a growing advantage over Norris.

The race took an unexpected turn on lap 33 when Kevin Magnussen's Haas stopped with smoke coming out of the engine, triggering a virtual safety car that soon became a full safety car. This moment proved key for the teams' strategies: Verstappen, Hamilton, and Alonso opted for soft tires, while Norris opted for hard tires, a decision that affected the rest of the race.

When the safety car retired on lap 38, the restart was anything but uneventful. Verstappen made the most of his faster tires and held the lead without too much difficulty. Behind him, Norris and Hamilton were engaged in one of the most intense battles of the day – the epic duel seemed dedicated to an audience who savored

every second of the unexpected clash. With a McLaren that seemed to take up the entire width of the track, Norris withstood the onslaught of Hamilton's Mercedes lap after lap, earning the applause of the fans.

McLaren found Silverstone the perfect stage to shine and even surprised Max Verstappen at the start.

Red Bull dominates, McLaren surprises

Despite Verstappen reporting grip issues with his soft tires, he continued to set a relentless pace. Once again, he gave the impression that he was in a different race to the rest of the field. Meanwhile, his teammate Checo was still fighting desperately to gain positions. Taking advantage of Fernando Alonso's car's lack of pace, the Mexican managed to take sixth position. But he was not the only one aiming for a strong performance. Williams, celebrating its 800th Grand Prix, joined the fray with Albon defending his place in the points against the Ferraris of Leclerc and Sainz Jr. in a fight reminiscent of the British team's golden days.

In the closing laps, Verstappen pulled further away from Norris and crossed the line with a lead of almost four seconds, marking his eighth win of the year and further consolidating his championship dominance. "It's a very special win," said Oracle Red Bull Racing CEO and Team Principal. "The first at Silverstone since 2012 and our 11th in a row. It speaks for the effort of the whole team."

The 2023 British Grand Prix turned out to be a memorable day for McLaren too, with Lando Norris and Oscar Piastri putting in performances that put the team back in contention at the top end of the grid. Norris, inspired by the home crowd's support, took a brilliant second place after an epic defence against Lewis Hamilton. For his part, Piastri came close to his first Formula 1 podium but finished fourth, showing exceptional maturity for a rookie.



The ecstatic Dutch winner of the 2023 British GP.

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Facing a bad run



Despite another Grand Prix weekend comprised of numerous setbacks, Sergio Pérez remained positive after his sixth-place finish. He was still second in the championship and prepared to work hard to improve.

The 2023 British Grand Prix was far from easy for Sergio Pérez, who crossed the line in sixth position after a race full of difficulties for him. As well as having to start from the rear of the grid, he was faced with a particularly tricky start that saw him stuck behind Esteban Ocon and lose several positions in the first few corners.

"I gave my all today, but I expected a bit more," admitted a disgruntled-looking Checo. Although he was once again fully focused on making up positions, the Mexican driver admitted that it took him longer than desired to make up ground. A key moment was the early pit stop, made just before the safety car was deployed. This strategic misfortune determined his progress in the final laps.

While his teammate took the win, Pérez had to concede another defeat. But he was not discouraged, as he never gave up the conviction of his real possibilities: "Tomorrow I will work with the team in the simulator. We have some ideas on what we can improve and I'm confident that this will help us sort it out." With the full backing of Oracle Red Bull Racing, Pérez was upbeat and ready to face the challenges ahead. "The pace is there and I can still get back to where I should be," he said fully prepared to put an end to his poor run. CEO and Team Principal Christian Horner shared his optimism and took the positives from the weekend, concluding of Checo's performance that "some of his moves in the race exemplify exactly how skillful he is as a driver".

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BUILD THE

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MAX VERSTAPPEN

AIRBOX

In this issue, the airbox is mounted on the central engine block.

PIECES IN THIS ISSUE

14A



14B



14C



H



14A Airbox
14B Airbox cover A
14C Airbox cover B
H Screws 2 mm x 4 mm (2 +1*)

* Spare screw

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Airbox

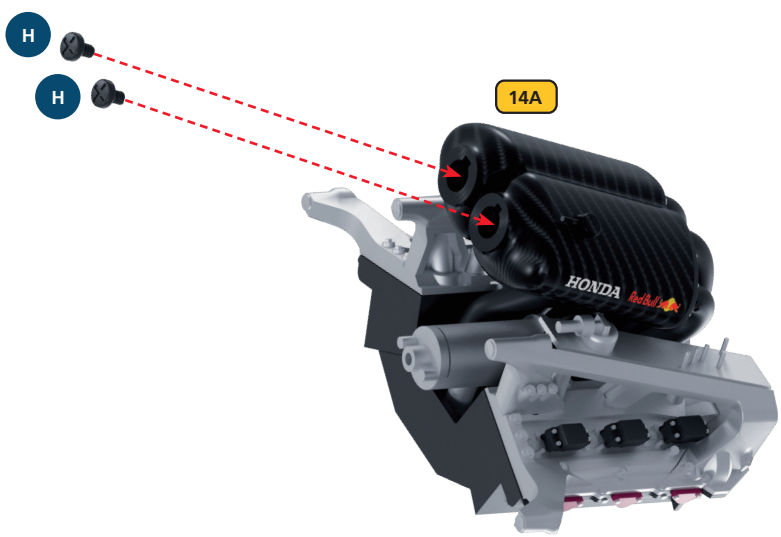
STEP **14–1**

Retrieve the central engine block from the previous issue. Place the airbox **14A** on the intake housing 1 **13A**.



STEP **14–2**

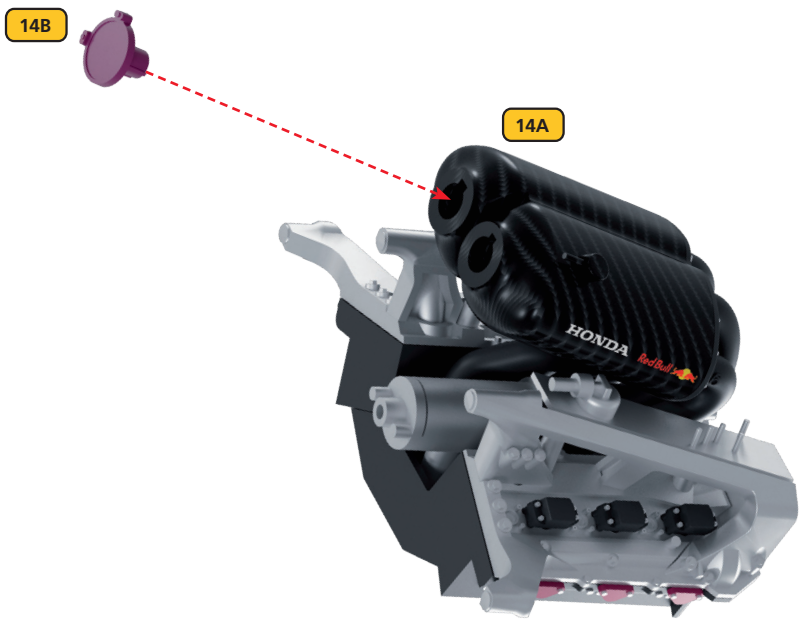
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STEP 14–3

Fit the airbox cover A **14B** over the right-hand hole in the airbox **14A**.



STEP 14–4

Fit the airbox cover B **14C** over the left-hand hole in the airbox **14A**.



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Airbox

LEFT AND RIGHT SIDE OF THE CAR

When building a car model, we often refer to the left and right side. Each side is determined by the position of the driver inside the car. On some symmetrical parts, the letters L and R (left and right) will help you identify which side of the assembly they correspond to.

FINAL RESULT



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

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