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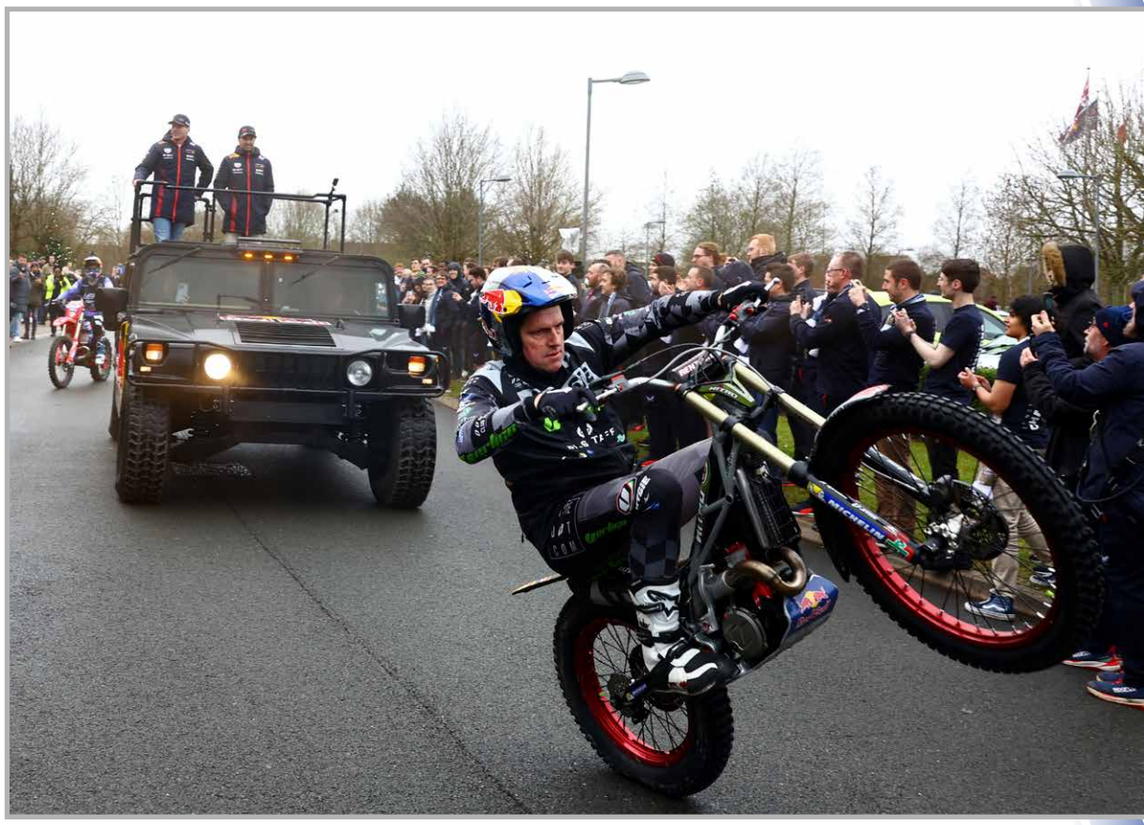
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Max & Checo's homecoming

A party in style at the home of Oracle Red Bull Racing



They knew they were winners long before the season ended. But the team's heroes waited patiently for their return "home." When the two drivers finally arrived, they were greeted like royalty by all those who, in one way or another, had also contributed to their triumph.

Pride, excitement, music, and many grateful smiles. December 13, 2023, was not just any day at Red Bull Technology Campus – it was more of an epic celebration, difficult to describe in words. For a few hours, the emotions, dreams, and sacrifices of the hundreds of people who had made it possible for the team to make history again in the 74th season of the Formula 1 World Championship came together. It was a day to remember,

Max and Sergio arrive at the team's HQ in style... on the back of a Hummer driven by Christian Horner.



Smiles all round as Christian Horner is flanked by Max and Checo in front of the Oracle Red Bull Racing headquarters.

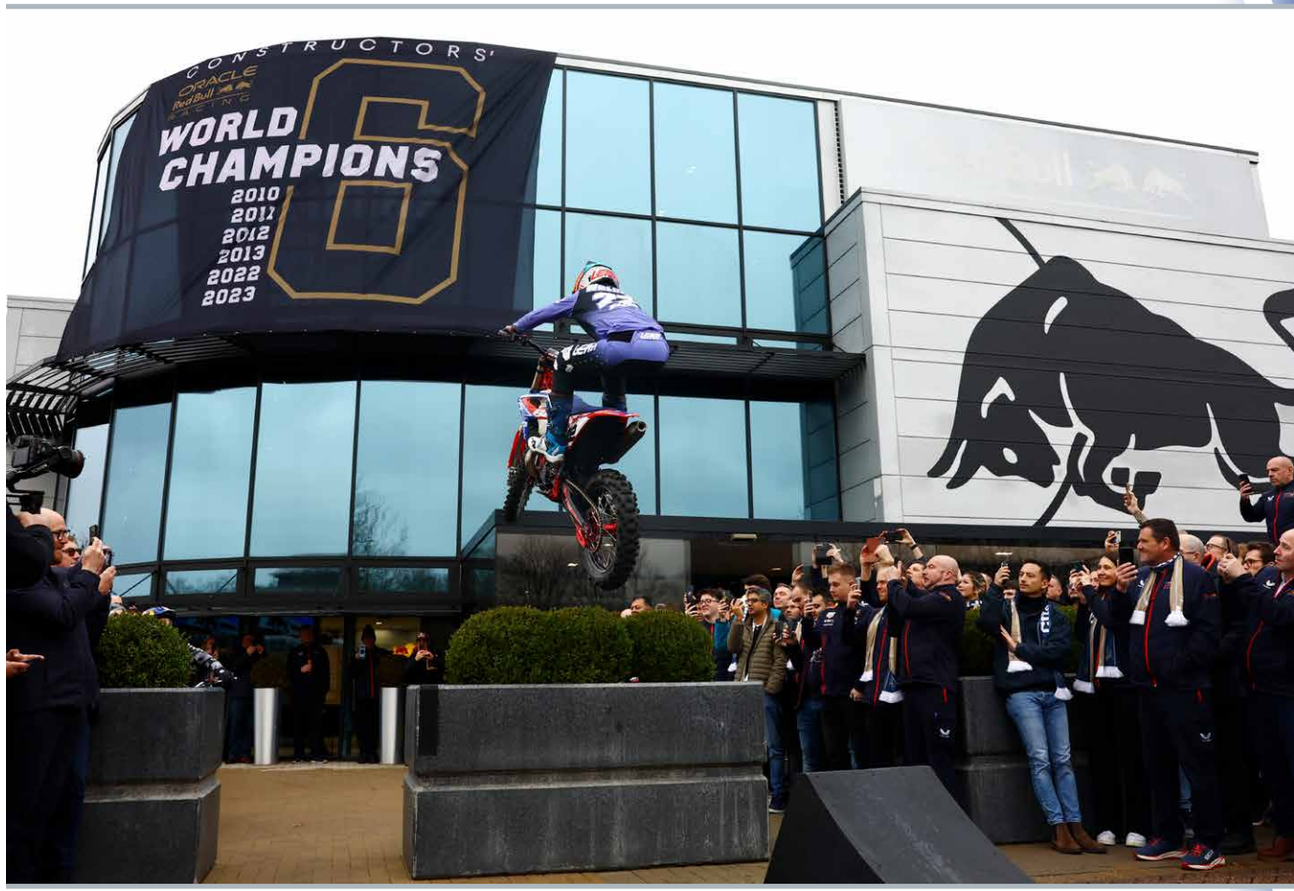
as drivers Max Verstappen and Sergio Pérez, accompanied by Team Principal and CEO Christian Horner, returned to Milton Keynes with all the trophies they had won during the thrilling season.

A sea of smiles

More than 2,OOO employees at the central campus in Tilbrook, UK, came out to greet them. They hadn't appeared on the podium or at press conferences, but without their constant and precise work, no car would have crossed the finish line. In a way, with this welcome, the workers paid tribute to the heroes of the track, but at the same time, Max and Checo also took the opportunity to recognize their work. It was a mutual tribute.

Despite the cold and rainy day, no one wanted to miss the big party. Horner got behind the wheel of a customized Red Bull Hummer H1 and drove the two drivers; they stood in the back of the vehicle, exposed to the elements, taking advantage of the opportunity to greet the crowd that had gathered at the entrance to the main building. The procession was led by a pair of motorcyclists who amazed the crowd with wheelies and impressive stunts.

When the procession reached its destination, Horner embraced Verstappen, who had won his third world title in a record-breaking season – 19 wins in 22 races – and Pérez, who added two vital victories. Amidst the cheers of the employees, the photo session began.



"Seeing both drivers return after such a successful year," said Horner, "has been very emotional. You could see what it meant to the staff who have worked so hard to provide them with the incredible cars they have driven."

Apart from the inevitable selfies that everyone wanted to take with the champions, Oracle Red Bull Racing organizers prepared an impressive photo shoot from above, so that the stars could pose alongside the Milton Keynes employees holding scarves with the word "Champions" written on them.

The most significant thing about the event was not what was said, but what was experienced. There was pride in the air. The excitement of the engineers, designers, strategists, logistics technicians, and simulation specialists was evident. They also felt like champions.

A picture for the history books

But while this photo was a unique memory for all the team members, the picture for the history books was captured a few minutes later inside the Red Bull headquarters. There, in a huge room specially prepared for the occasion, all the trophies and awards won by the team throughout the season were carefully displayed. These awards practically surrounded the real star of the campaign: the RB19, which had been polished to a shine so it looked better than ever.

The Oracle Red Bull Racing employees look on as one of the motorcyclists gets airborne.



The car's the star as every member of the Oracle Red Bull Racing team surrounds the RB19 in a moment of unbridled celebration.

Max and Checo sat on either side of the brand-new car and posed like true stars, clearly demonstrating the countless triumphs secured during a glorious campaign. The 2023 season will be remembered as one of the most spectacular in the history of Formula 1. Not only for the numbers – 21 out of 22 victories for Oracle Red Bull Racing – but also for the consistency, strategy, and meticulous execution of every detail.

"I don't think we'll ever see a season like this again in our lifetime," admitted an emotional Christian Horner, aware that what had been achieved had far exceeded even his most optimistic expectations. "It was extraordinary, and with the challenges ahead of us, we know that the story is not over yet."

There they were, the trophies, polished and gleaming under the British winter lights. The scene was almost cinematic: the car, the champions, and a crowd applauding with contained emotion. After letting the excitement overflow in hugs, photos, and laughter, and enjoying to the fullest that collective feeling of having made history together, each of the Milton Keynes employees returned to their posts. It was time to get back to work to ensure a successful new season.

A blind pit stop

One of the most talked-about moments of the big party in Milton Keynes was the screening of a video showing an unprecedented blind pit stop by the Oracle Red Bull Racing mechanics team. It all started with a challenge to prove just how unbeatable they could be in the pits. Ready to demonstrate the precision and confidence that reigns in the champions' garage, the mechanics agreed to take part in a feat that seemed impossible: completing a pit stop in total darkness, without a single light on. The challenge? To change the tires on a single-seater car in less than three seconds without seeing anything at all – not the car, not the tools, not even their own teammates. They could only rely on their instincts, muscle memory, and the invisible bond that unites a team that has won the DHL Fastest Pit Stop of the Year award six times. And not only did they pull it off, but they did it in 2.84 seconds!

To achieve this, the team members had previously trained with their eyes blindfolded on three occasions. On the day of the big challenge, plunged into complete darkness, they fine-tuned their performance with each attempt. They went from 8.84 seconds in the first test to that almost unreal final time. The amazing feat was recorded with infrared cameras, special equipment, and advice from night vision experts. Sporting director Jonathan Wheatley commented: "The time of 2.84 seconds is a strong stop even in broad daylight. It was a demonstration of the talent, cohesion, and total confidence we have as a team."



Checo, Max, the RB19, and an array of awards at the end of a victorious 2023 season.

The 2023 São Paulo Sprint

The RB19s roar at Interlagos



Mclaren's Lando Norris pulls away from Max Verstappen, Sergio Pérez, and the rest of the field at the start of the 2023 São Paulo Sprint.

The sky over São Paulo seemed torn between drama and spectacle. In the Cidade Dutra district, the legendary Autódromo José Carlos Pace, better known as Interlagos, became the scene of a short, intense, and thrilling battle. The last Sprint of the season promised to be emotional. And, of course, it was.

Surprises also come early

Still reeling from the emotions of the previous day, fans held their breath again on Saturday, November 4. It started at 11 am with the Sprint Shootout, a fast-paced qualifying session that once again tested the drivers' reflexes and pinpoint precision. The Brazilian clouds threatened to unleash their fury, but in the end the rain held off.

Max Verstappen got off to an early start in SQ1 with a good time, but Carlos Sainz Jr.'s Ferrari ended up topping the timesheets before incidents involving Esteban Ocon and Fernando Alonso brought out the red flags. This caused a delay to the start of SQ2, which once again saw Verstappen take center stage. Despite his good time, he ended up being overtaken by Lando Norris's McLaren. The ten remaining drivers faced the final eight-minute "shootout." The Oracle Red Bull Racing drivers came out eager to make their mark. However, Norris once again showed that he was truly inspired and beat the reigning champion by six hundredths of a second to secure pole position for the Sprint. Verstappen finished second and Sergio Pérez was third.



Max pictured in front of Checo during the Sprint Shootout in São Paulo on November 4, 2023.

SPRINT CLASSIFICATION

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



Sprint winner Verstappen touches gloves with his teammate and third-place finisher Pérez in *parc fermé*.

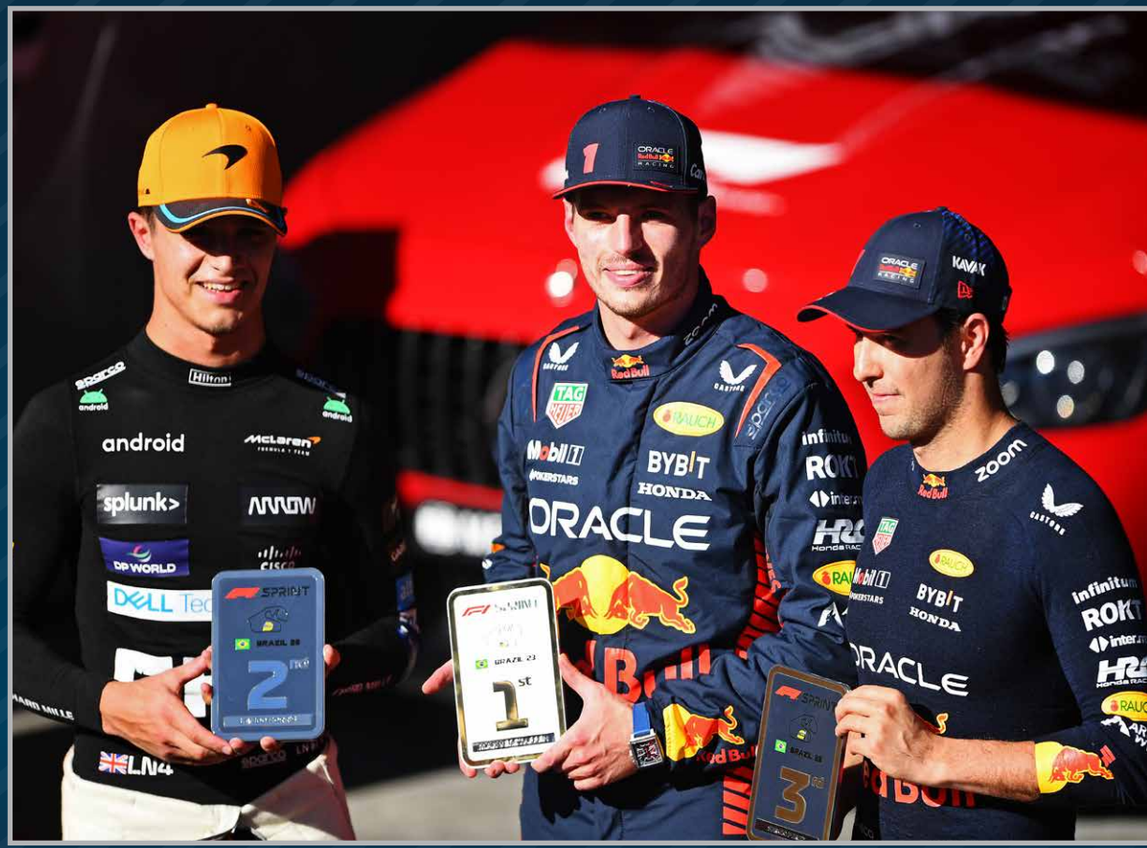
A crucial start

After a break, the Sprint got underway at 3:30 pm. From the very first moment, the tension was palpable. With the majority of drivers opting for soft tires, the cars shot off the line. Norris held the lead for a few moments, but Verstappen's RB19 hounded him relentlessly, openly looking for weaknesses. In one of his classic inch-perfect maneuvers, the Dutchman overtook the McLaren, moved into first position, and took control of the race.

Meanwhile, Sergio Pérez was embroiled in a thrilling battle with George Russell and Lewis Hamilton. The three cars touched without any drama, but the Mexican kept his cool and stayed in the fight. The action spread throughout the Brazilian circuit, leading to exciting duels, such as the one between Daniel Ricciardo and Carlos Sainz Jr. Between the green walls of Interlagos and aware that they had to settle everything in just 24 laps, the drivers were pushing to the limit. There was no room for hesitation – it was attack or be attacked.

Under surveillance

Oblivious to the battles raging behind him, Max Verstappen continued to dominate. Lap after lap, the RB19 pulled away from its pursuers with astonishing power. It seemed to float above the asphalt with relentless pace. Although Norris tried not to lose ground, the gap quickly exceeded two seconds. In any case, the champion remained vigilant at all times – he could not make any mistakes or become overconfident.



The top-three pictured with their awards after the 2023 São Paulo Sprint race.

From the pit wall, the team followed every piece of data in real time, making sure that no detail was missed. The strategy was simple and precise: keep the closest rival at bay and take no unnecessary risks. For Verstappen, accustomed to masterfully managing even the most delicate moments, the task seemed straightforward.

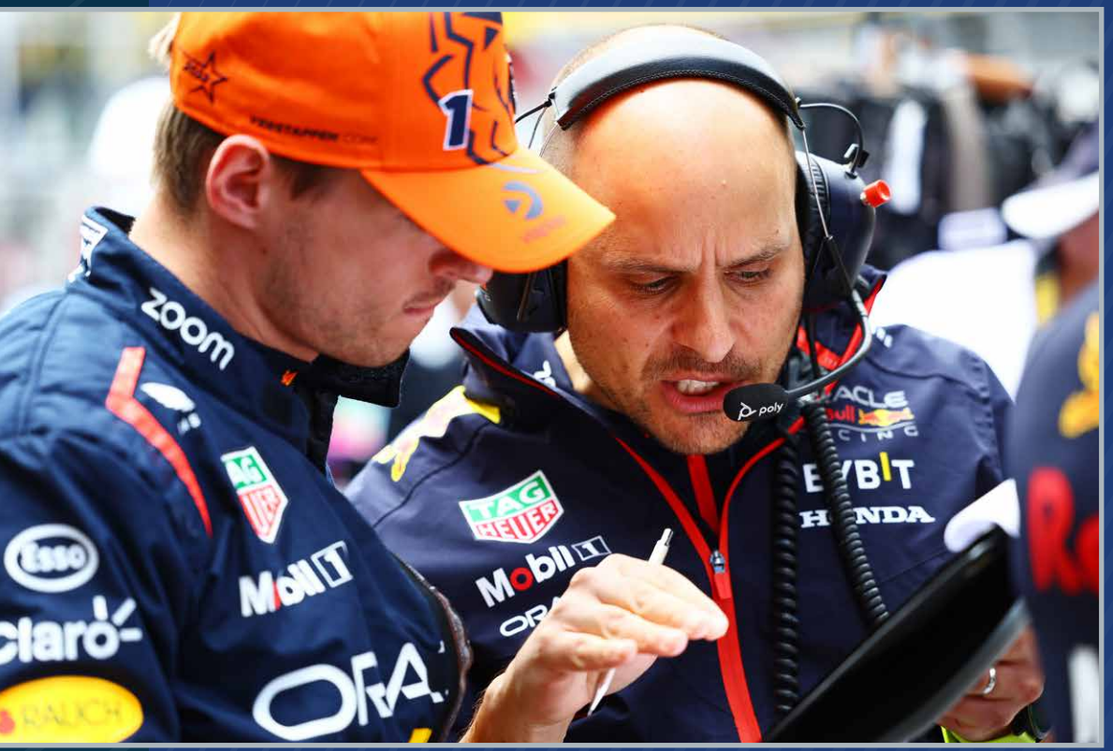
The Oracle Red Bull Racing drivers turned an ordinary Saturday into another unforgettable chapter in the team's history.

A few drops of emotion

Although Lando Norris did not give up in his efforts to put pressure on the race leader, he never managed to create a real sense of threat. The excitement in the final stages came courtesy of Pérez, who began to close the gap on the leaders. After leaving Leclerc's Ferrari and Russell's Mercedes behind, the Mexican put his foot down, determined to move up another step on the podium. However, he ran out of time to catch the leaders, who had already opened up a considerable gap over the rest of their pursuers.

Verstappen reached the finish line without incident, followed by Norris. Pérez crossed the line in third place, satisfied with a solid and consistent performance. The Sprint result, in addition to delivering valuable points, served as a statement of intent for Sunday's race. With Verstappen in champion mode and Checo rediscovering his best form, Oracle Red Bull Racing showed that its dominance remained intact, even in a format as demanding as the Sprint.

"GP," a key factor to the success



Oracle Red Bull Racing race engineer Gianpero Lambiase discusses strategy with Max Verstappen before the start of the 2023 Austrian Grand Prix. The duo work seamlessly together to ensure that the team's plans are executed to precision.

Whether in the Sprint or the Grand Prix race, Max Verstappen is always accompanied by a voice in his RB19. It is not his conscience, but that of race engineer Gianpiero Lambiase, known in Oracle Red Bull Racing circles as "GP." Their radio conversations during practice sessions usually strike the perfect balance between demanding, dry humor, and mutual trust. Although their conversations can sometimes become heated during certain practice sessions, they have the utmost respect for each other.

GP is known for keeping his cool even under extreme pressure and for not mincing his words when telling Verstappen what he thinks. In the Sprint race, that chemistry shone through once again: while one managed the strategy in real time, the other executed it on the track with absolute precision.

With Italian blood but born in London on October 14, 1980, Lambiase made his Formula 1 debut working for Jordan Grand Prix in 2005. After stints with various teams and working closely with different drivers, he ended up signing for the Bulls as a race engineer in 2015. Extremely direct and precise in his instructions, he formed a unique "marriage" with Verstappen, which the driver himself has often praised. That connection, forged after years of working together, is one of the keys to Oracle Red Bull Racing's dominance. Between the two of them, there are no frills: just data, quick decisions, and blind trust.

BUILD THE

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FRONT RIGHT WHEEL (1)

In this issue, we begin assembling the front right wheel.

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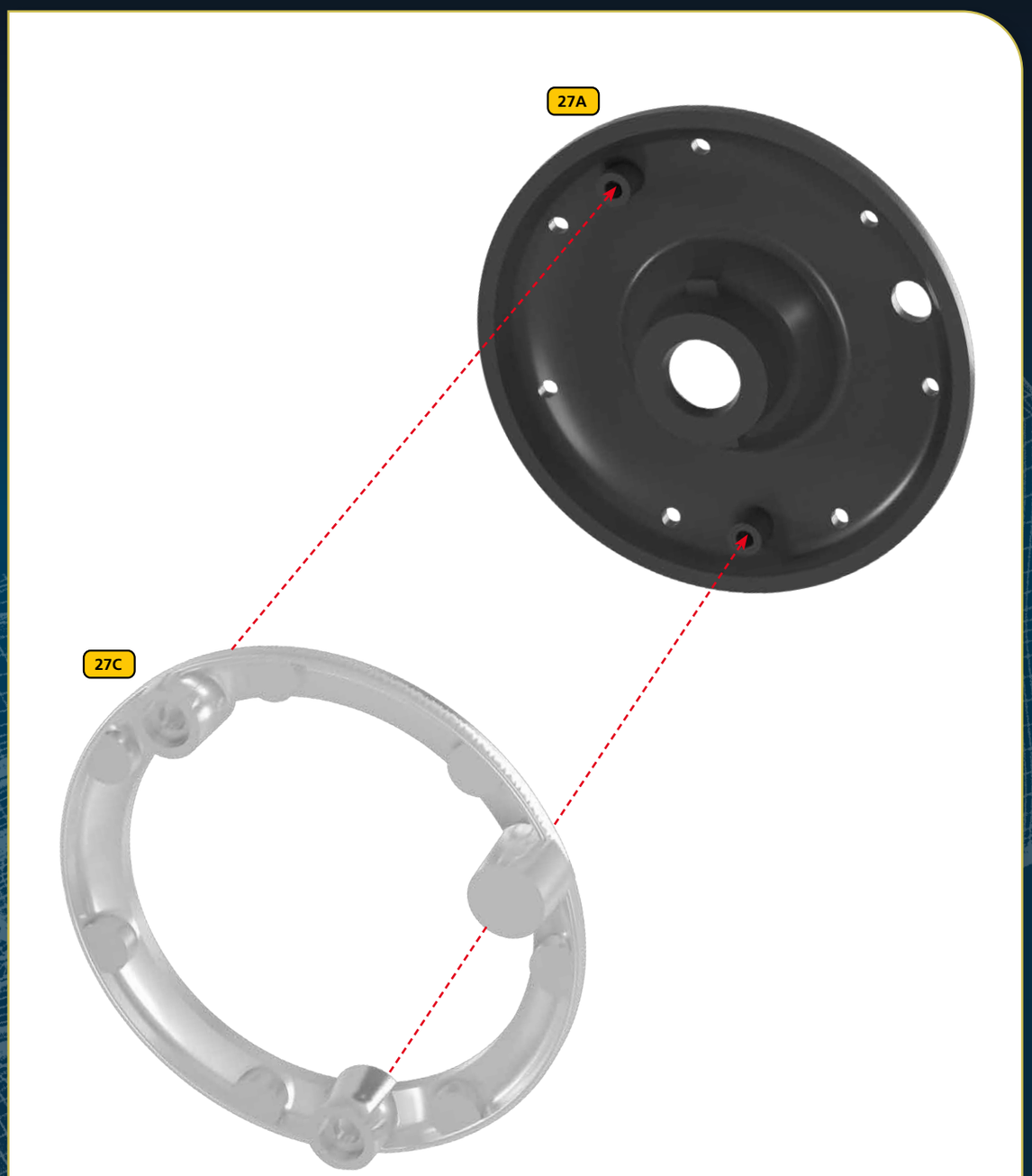


27A Front right wheel rim cover
27B Front right wheel outer rim ring
27C Front right wheel inner rim ring
A Screws 2.3 × 4 mm (2 + 1*)

* Spare screw

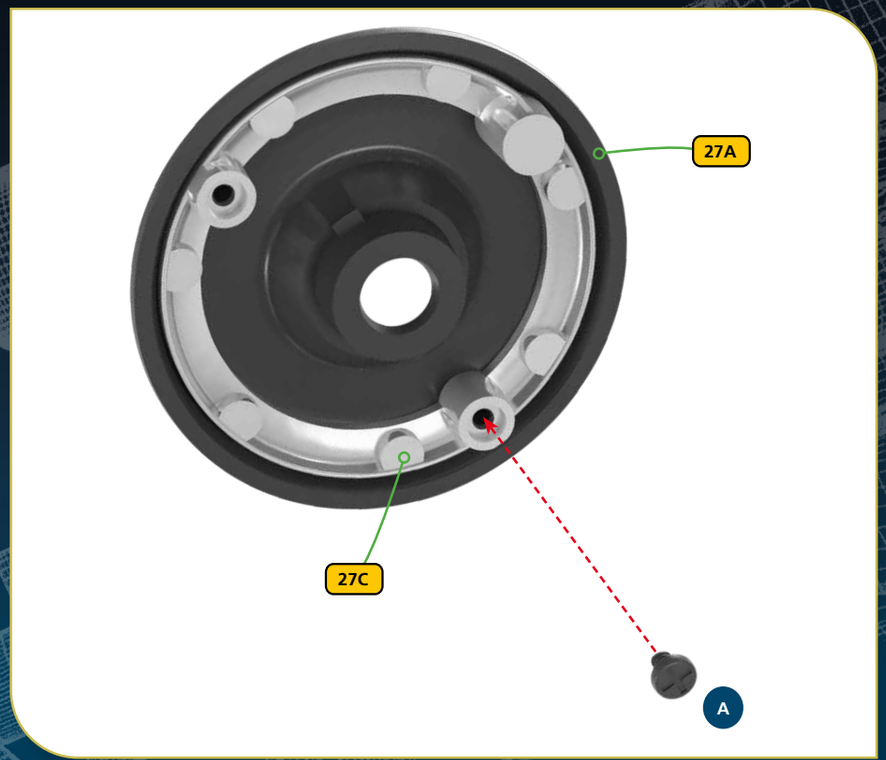
STEP 27–1

Align the two holes in the inner rim ring **27C** with the two screw posts on the front right wheel rim cover **27A**.



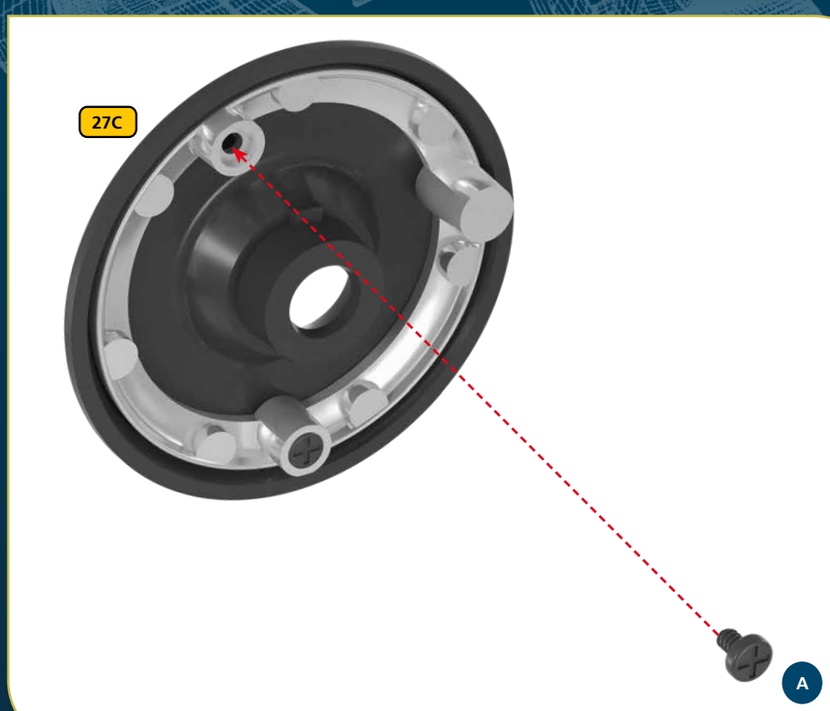
STEP 27–2

Insert an **A** screw into the inner rim ring **27C** to secure it to the wheel rim cover **27A**.



STEP 27–3

Finish securing the inner rim ring **27C** with another **A** screw.



Front right wheel (1)

STORAGE OF PARTS AND ASSEMBLIES

To store parts or partially assembled components for later assembly stages, you can use a screw storage box with compartments or small plastic bags with airtight closures. Don't forget to include a label with the number for each part so that it can be easily identified when it's time to use it.

FINAL RESULT





Keep the front right wheel outer rim ring **27B** aside for the next stage of assembly.