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Michelin Motorsport Technical Bulletin

Porsche Carrera Cup North America N3R Rear tire evolution

As we entered the inaugural season with the Porsche Carrera Cup North America, Michelin Motorsport continues to focus on delivering the highest level of performance and service with our race tires.

Michelin is introducing an evolution of the MICHELIN Pilot Sport N3 rear tire for the Porsche 992 race car, to be designated MICHELIN Pilot Sport N3R.

The N3R compared to the N3 is a minor evolution of the internal architecture of the tire which allows us to ensure the mileage potential of our products, while respecting the recommendations for use.

With an emphasis on continuous development of our race tire products, Michelin has listened to customer feedback and captured data through our global Porsche Motorsport involvement with this evolution.

The recommendations for use remain unchanged, the new product does not require a change of setup and does not modify the handling of the vehicle. The N3R is “plug and play”. We do not recommend mixing the N3 and the N3R on the rear axle.

The new MICHELIN Pilot Sport N3R will be introduced prior to the Porsche Carrera Cup North America race at Watkins Glen International in June. For testing purposes, the tire will be available beginning May 24 from Jackson Motorsports.

To account for this change, we will be increasing the allocation for the official Porsche Carrera Cup North America race event at Watkins Glen to 5 total sets (2 for practice; 3 for qualifying, race one and race two). Michelin will supply the two additional sets free of charge and work with the teams on an exchange of their existing unused N3 rear tires for the N3R on site at Watkins Glen. See below.

Porsche Carrera Cup North America N3R Tire exchange program

1. All 992 Cars who competed at an official event during the 2021 season may exchange, free of charge, any unused N3 spec rear tires for N3R spec rear tires at the official IMSA sanctioned race event at Watkins Glen (or their first official event following Watkins Glen).

2. To manage inventory of the new tire between now and the IMSA sanctioned race event at Watkins Glen, teams may purchase tires with the following limitations:
 - a. Cars that participated at the IMSA sanctioned race event at Sebring **AND** COTA, may purchase three (3) sets of the new N3R tire.
 - b. Cars that participated at only one IMSA sanctioned race event, may purchase two (2) sets of the new N3R tire.

3. Event tire allocation at the official IMSA sanctioned Watkins Glen race event is shown below:

Note: For all 992 Cars who competed at Sebring, Michelin will provide 2 sets of Dry tires (4 front tires and 4 rear tires) at Watkins Glen to be used in Practice (or their first official Event following Watkins Glen).

	Watkins Glen (or first official Event for a Car after Watkins Glen)
Practice	Qty max per entrant: - Dry Tires: 2 sets - Wet Tires: 1 set
Qualifying / Races	Qty max per entrant: - Dry Tires: 3 sets - Wet Tires: 2 sets + Joker Tires
Joker Tires	Qty max: - Dry Tires or Wet Tires: 1 set / season
Note: Tire sets are allocated to a Car not a Driver.	

4. Joker Tire allocations will be reset for all cars beginning at the IMSA sanctioned race event at Watkins Glen (or the first official event for a Car after Watkins Glen).
5. Beginning at the official IMSA weekend event at Watkins Glen, the only allowable rear tire is the N3R. Use of the N3 rear tire in official events is not permitted.
6. The new N3R tire will have a visual identification on the sidewall with the sticker below:



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