



Official TEST Report
2024/2/21~22 SUZUKA
1st Official test

The first official test at Suzuka Circuit, which is held in March annually, is scheduled one month earlier this season.

Not only because it is the only test before the season opener, but also because it is the first test wearing the new carbon neutral wet tires, this two-day test is extremely important for all teams.

DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING places Tadasuke Makino into Car#5 and Kakunoshin Ohta into Car#6, just like last season.

On Day1, as had been forecasted, it continued to rain all day.

In addition to testing the new wet tires for the first time, testing control dumper, set-ups and aerodynamics devices were contained in the programs.

The both drivers drove around enthusiastically to execute a lot of the test programs.

Ohta had trouble with the driving system in the afternoon session.

On the other hand, Makino proved that he has been in good shape continuing from the last season by recording the top time in both the morning and the afternoon.

On Day2, it stopped raining by the morning, however, the track surface was still wet. With 30 min remaining in the morning session, the condition became dry.

While Ohta recorded the third fastest lap, Makino became top, recording the best time with 15 min remaining. It meant that Makino recorded the top time in the three consecutive sessions.

In the afternoon session, in addition to the test programs, they practiced starting and making pit-stops.

During the QF simulation at the end of the session, Makino became 3rd and Ohta was 7th. Considering that the five other cars in the top group were using the overtake system (OT), practically, Makino was first and Ohta was 3rd.

They finished a meaningful test, learning good parts, bad parts and several issues to solve.



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Team Release

#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 4th overall (Day1 1st, Day2 4th)

I could finish both wet and dry tests without any troubles.

I mainly worked on the issues which have been bothering me since the latter half of the 2023 season.

I got certain feedback on them, and the test became more productive.

I think I was at the top among the drivers without using OT either on wet surface or on dry surface, and I am looking forward to the season opener.

It would be better if I could have finished first in all the sessions, though.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 7th overall (Day1 7th, Day2 7th)

On Day1, it was my first test under wet condition, so I focused on learning the condition rather than on set-ups.

I had trouble unfortunately, however, thanks to Makino who was at the top all the time, we could confirm the direction of car improvement.

I was afraid that it would also rain on Day2, but it was nice to drive under dry conditions for a while.

I could try a lot of things, and my attack times were not bad, so all things considered, it went well for my team.

I am sure we have to work on specifics for the season opener, and I will do my best to get off to a good start in the 2024 season.