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Test 2 in Barcelona – Day 3 First GP simulation with Ferrari for Leclerc

Montmelò, 28 February 2019 – For the third day of Test 2 at the Barcelona-Catalunya Circuit, Charles Leclerc was at the wheel of the SF90 for Scuderia Ferrari Mission Winnow. The Monegasque driver completed the planned programme, which consisted mainly of simulating key phases of a race weekend. Charles did a total of 138 laps.

Leclerc got down to work shortly after 9, trying various set-ups, before pitting to prepare for the simulation work. Before lunch, the SF90 was fitted with the soft compound tyres and Charles set his best time of 1'16"231.

Having done 56 laps in the morning, the team then began a race simulation in the afternoon. Charles took off from the starting place at the end of the pit lane and the full race distance went off without a hitch, with the mechanics getting in some pit stop practice. The car then pitted for routine checks, before getting on with the programme.

Shortly before the chequered flag to end the day, a small issue on one exhaust meant Charles had to park at the side of the track at Turn 9, but overall it had been a profitable day. "It didn't look as though today would be easy, given that we had to make up for yesterday's lost time, but we got it done and that was very positive, especially as this was my last day in the car before Australia," commented Charles. "I am very happy because we worked really well. It's been an encouraging start to the season and I feel about ready. Now, I can't wait to take part in my first real Grand Prix with Ferrari."

Leclerc also talked to the media during the lunch break and gave an overview of the tests. "The SF90 is solid and the balance is good and consistent," he said. "That's been the clear impression right from the first day and it hasn't changed. I've still got a lot to learn, but up until now, I can say I'm satisfied. My lap time? Of course it's nice to top the time sheet, but it doesn't mean anything. What matters is that, lap after lap, I am getting more and more dialled in to this car".

For tomorrow's final day of testing prior to the Australian Grand Prix, Sebastian Vettel will be once again at the wheel of the SF90.



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