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JEREZ TEST - DAY THREE

Jenson Button concluded the Brawn GP team's pre-season programme in Jerez this afternoon, topping the timesheets on the final day of testing ahead of the new Formula One season.

Jenson completed 114 laps of the Spanish circuit as the team continued its chassis set-up evaluations and performance development of the new car.

With seven valuable days of running completed with the BGP 001 car in Barcelona and Jerez, the team will now return to its Brackley base to complete the final preparations for the first race in Melbourne on 29 March.

JENSON BUTTON

"We have had a very useful test in Jerez this week, particularly today where we have been able to fine-tune the set-up of the car to my liking ahead of the first race. Even after such a short testing programme, I feel that we are ready for the challenge ahead in Melbourne, however we will still need every minute of the Friday practice sessions to make the most of our first race weekend."

ROSS BRAWN, Team Principal

"The conclusion of this week's test in Jerez brings our short pre-season testing programme with the BGP 001 to a successful conclusion. Our programme to date has been dominated by the requirement to prove the car's reliability however we are also pleased with the competitive lap times that we have seen from the car over the past two weeks. The test in Jerez has been particularly useful and allowed the drivers to complete valuable chassis set-up work and evaluate the Bridgestone Potenza tyre compounds which we will use in Melbourne. I would like to thank the team and our drivers for all their hard work over the past few weeks as we look forward to the first race and the opportunity to finally see the car in action in a competitive environment."

RESULTS *(All timings are unofficial)*

Pos	Driver	Team	Time	Laps
1.	Jenson Button	Brawn GP	1:17.844	114
2.	Nico Rosberg	Williams	1:18.071	66
3.	Nelson Piquet	Renault	1:18.382	133
4.	Lewis Hamilton	McLaren Mercedes	1:19.121	121