

F1 Technical Jargon Glossary

APEX

The innermost point on a corner where drivers aim for the most efficient line.

BACKMARKERS

The last drivers on the grid, often lapped by the leaders.

Rubber breaking off the tire due to temperature differences and incorrect settings.

BLISTERING

Signals for backmarkers to let faster cars pass

BLUE FLAGS

BOTTOMING

The car's bottom hitting the track, causing sparks.

BOUNCING/ PORPOISING

The car bouncing due to airflow issues.

BOX!

A team command for the driver to pit immediately.

An expression used by former F1 driver Kimi Raikkonen when someone asks annoying question.

BWOAH!

CARLANDO

A nickname for the duo of Lando Norris and Carlos Sainz Jr.

CHECO

Nickname for Sergio Perez.

A sequence of tight corners designed to slow down cars.

CHICANE

CONSTRUCTOR'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Determines the team's place based on their drivers' points.

Improved or Reduced downforce behind a car, affecting the following car.

DIRTY AIR

Activates the Drag Reduction System for higher top speed and easier overtaking.

DRS ENABLED

Following closely behind another car to gain a speed advantage.

DRAFTING/ SLIPSTREAMING



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F1 SHOHEY

Celebrating a podium finish by drinking champagne from a racing shoe

Governing body of Formula 1

FIA

The lap before the race where drivers warm up tires and set positions

FORMATION LAP:

GET IN THERE LEWIS!

A phrase used to praise Lewis Hamilton's performance

The force drivers experience during acceleration and braking

G-LOADS

GOAT

Greatest driver of all time.

Winning pole position, fastest lap, leading every lap, and winning the race

GRAND SLAM

GRAND PRIX

The main race of a Formula 1 weekend

Placed along corners to slow down cars that run wide

GRAVEL TRAPS

GRID

The formation of all cars on the starting line.

GRID PENALTY

A penalty that moves a driver back on the starting grid

A device that restricts head movement during high-g forces

HANS

A titanium safety device protecting the driver's head in crashes

HALO

HAMMERTIME

A command for Lewis Hamilton to push for maximum performance.

When tires stop rotating during heavy braking.

LOCK-UP



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MARBLES

Slippery pieces of tire rubber that reduce grip.

MARSHALS

Officials who manage the race and assist drivers in case of incidents.

MASTERBLAN

A meme referring to Ferrari's often unsuccessful strategies.

Max Verstappen's large and passionate fan base.

ORANGE ARMY

Braking later than usual.

OUT BRAKE

OVERCUT

Delaying a pit stop to gain an advantage later in the race.

OVERSTEER

When the car's rear wheels lose traction, causing the rear end to slide out.

The area behind the pits where teams and officials are based.

PADDOCK

A secure area where cars undergo post-race scrutineering.

PARC FERMÉ

PIT BOARD

A board displaying information to drivers.

The area where cars enter and exit the track for pit stops.

PIT LANE

The plan for how many pit stops a driver will make during the race.

PIT STOP STRATEGY

POLE!

Winning qualifying and starting the race in first position.

The driver who starts the race in first position.

POLE-SITTER

PRACTICE

One-hour sessions for drivers to test cars and teams to develop strategies.

PROTEST

A team or driver's claim that another team or driver broke the rules.

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PU

The engine used in Formula 1 cars.

Three sessions to determine the starting grid for the race.

QUALIFYING

When a driver leaves the race without finishing.

RETIREMENT

ROLLERCOASTER

Challenging racing conditions due to rain or collisions.

Intentionally driving slower than possible to hide true performance.

SANDBAGGING

SC (SAFETY CAR)

A Mercedes or Aston Martin car deployed during dangerous conditions to slow down the race.

SPRINT RACE

A separate 100km race with its own qualifying (Sprint Shootout).

Officials who make decisions regarding rules, regulations, and penalties.

STEWARDS

STRATEGY GROUP

A group of teams and the FIA that decides on rule changes.

Max Verstappen's motto, popularized by his fans.

SUPER MAX

TECHNICAL DIRECTIVE

A set of rules issued by the FIA to address technical concerns.

A system that transmits data about the car to the pit garage.

TELEMETRY

TIFOSI

Passionate Formula 1 fans, particularly those supporting Scuderia Ferrari.

TIRES GONE

When a driver loses grip due to tire wear.

Making a pit stop earlier than opponents to gain an advantage.

UNDERCUT

UNDERSTEER

When the car's front wheels lose grip, causing the car to turn less than intended.

VSC

A pre-safety car mode that requires drivers to slow down.

VALTTERI, IT'S JAMES

A phrase used by former Mercedes strategist James Vowles to instruct Valtteri Bottas.

