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Suzuki Announces New MotoGP Project for the 2019 Championship



#36 Joan Mir

#42 Alex Rins

Suzuki Motor Corporation has presented its new project for the Team SUZUKI ECSTAR, a team competing in the MotoGP class of the world's premier motorcycle racing series, the FIM* Road Racing Grand Prix (MotoGP).

*Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme

Team SUZUKI ECSTAR has further enhanced the cornering performance of its racing machine GSX-RR, which is installed with in-line four-cylinder engine. Alex Rins (Spain), who was ranked fifth in the MotoGP class last season, will be joined with new rider Joan Mir (Spain), who has stepped up from the Moto2 class, and compete aboard the GSX-RR.

Suzuki returned to MotoGP in 2015. Of the 19 races in the previous 2018 season, the team made four second place, and five third place appearances. The 2019 season will start from the Grand Prix of Qatar on 10 March, thru the final round in Valencia on 17 November. 19 races are to be held in 15 countries including the Grand Prix in Japan on 20 October.

Suzuki aims not only to surpass the previous season results, but to further enhance machine development to fight regularly for podiums, while developing more attractive products by giving technical feedback to the products, as well as improving the brand image.

SUZUKI-RACING.COM (<https://suzuki-racing.com/>)

<GSX-RR spec>

GSX-RR is installed with in-line four-cylinder engine that realises a strong, flexible engine character, fuel efficiency, and durability at a high level. The frame has a layout that keeps its width slim for both manoeuvrability and aerodynamic performances, and optimises body strength and weight balance. For the 2019 season, the machine was developed to balance cornering performance from the point where the machine decelerates to enter the corner, to the point where it accelerates at the corner exit, at a high level.

Overall length x width x height	2,096mm x 720mm x 1,140mm
Wheelbase	1,457mm
Body weight	157kg or more
Engine type	Water-cooled, four-stroke in-line four-cylinder, DOHC four-valve
Displacement	1,000cm ³
Maximum output	Over 176kw (240PS)
Maximum speed	Over 340km/h
Gearbox	Six-speed (seamless system)
Frame type	Twin-spar aluminum
Tires (front/rear)	17in/17in
Front suspension	Öhlins, inverted fork
Rear suspension	Öhlins
Brake (front/rear)	Carbon disk/steel disk, Brembo

<Team structure of the Team SUZUKI ECSTAR>

Rider profile

#42 Alex Rins



Country Spain
 Age 23 (8 Dec. 1995)
 Statistics 2016 Moto2 3rd
 2017 MotoGP 16th
 2018 MotoGP 5th

#36 Joan Mir



Country Spain
 Age 21 (1 Sept. 1997)
 Statistics 2016 Moto3 5th
 2017 Moto3 1st
 2018 Moto2 6th

Team Director and Managers

Team Director
 Shinichi Sahara



Team Manager
 Davide Brivio



Technical Manager
 Ken Kawauchi

