

# AUTO BUZZ



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## ROAD AHEAD

### VOLVO CARS CELEBRATES 90 YEARS AT TECHNO CLASSICA

ESSEN, Germany - Volvo Cars, the premium car maker, celebrated its 90th anniversary at the world's biggest show for classic vehicles, Techno Classica in Essen, Germany.

On April 14, 1927, the first Volvo Car drove out of the factory gate in Gothenburg, Sweden.

However, the Volvo Cars stand at Techno Classica did not only showcase the company's history. It also featured the company's latest product, the all-new XC60, launched at the Geneva Motor Show.

The new car replaces Volvo's highly-successful original XC60, which in the nine years since its launch became the bestselling premium mid-sized SUV in Europe with nearly a million units sold globally. The XC60 today represents around 30% of Volvo's total global sales.

The Volvo PV600 series came in 1929, only two years after the little Swedish car company had started its operations. It had a distinct American inspired design and a powerful 3-litre straight six cylinder engine.

A seven seater version was also made, mainly for taxi purposes.

### DODGE UNLEASHES DEMON WITH 840 HORSEPOWER

NEW YORK - Dodge has unleashed the Demon. The Fiat Chrysler brand is laying claim to the fastest production car in the US. The Demon Challenger is a freaky-fast 840-horsepower gasoline burner.

It can go from zero to 60 (97km per hour) in 2.3 seconds.

That beats the Tesla Model S P100D sedan, which hits 60 in 2.5 seconds. Dodge used explosions, burnouts and a small drag strip to roll out the car.

The company even brought in *Fast And Furious* star Vin Diesel for effect. The street-legal Demon also can hit 140 mph while running a quarter mile in 9.65 seconds, about two seconds faster than a typical muscle car. It's available in the fall. (AP)

## DO YOU KNOW?

- 1) When was Volvo founded?
- 2) True or false? Replacing a clogged air filter on modern cars can improve mileage.
- 3) The headquarters of Bentley is situated in which British town?

## Architecture of e mobility: Audi e-tron Sportback concept

INGOLSTADT, Germany - Design study and technology demonstrator, electric car and power pack in the guise of a coupé: Audi presents a versatile concept car. The four-door **Gran Turismo Audi e-tron Sportback** concept comes with a 320 kW electric drive. The formal idiom combines classic Audi elements with an array of trendsetting details: **an electrifying architecture**, tailored consistently to the technology and the package of the electric drive.

The **Audi e-tron Sportback** represents an important milestone for Audi along the road to electric mobility. Rupert Stadler, Chairman of the Board of Management of AUDI AG, confirmed: "Our Audi e-tron will be starting out in 2018 - the first electric car in its competitive field that is fit for everyday use."

In its consciously light-coloured interior the Audi e-tron Sportback concept offers a blend of functional clarity and reductive controls as a formal principle. Expansive **touch-sensitive screens** below the central display, on the centre console and in the door trims supply information and interact with the on-board systems.

The concept car's lighting technology is an innovation that is visible by both day and night. Digitally controlled **Matrix LED units** at the front and rear produce an excellent light yield. **Minuscule Digital Matrix projectors** literally make their mark on the road ahead, turning light into a versatile, dynamic channel of communication with the surroundings. The brand with the four rings was the first in the world to adopt full LED headlights, and gave Matrix LED technology, laser lighting and OLED technology a significant push towards their breakthrough.

### Auto show: SUVs of all sizes; Sonata aims for a comeback

NEW YORK, US - From high-performance muscle cars to hot-selling SUVs to cars hitting the US market for the first time, the 2017 New York International Auto Show features a diverse lineup of new vehicles.

Here are some of the buzz-worthy new cars and trucks at the show.

For its drive, the e-tron Sportback uses a configuration that will also be adopted in future production Audi models with all-electric drive: One electric motor on the front axle and two on the rear power all four wheels, transforming the high-performance coupé into a quattro in typical Audi style. **320 kW of power** - which can even reach 370 kW in the boost mode - provide a fitting level of propulsion, with the sprint from 0 to 100 km/h (62.1 mph) a done deal in just 4.5 seconds.

As previously on the e-tron quattro concept, the technology study's liquid-cooled lithium-ion battery is positioned between the axles below the passenger compartment. This installation position provides for a low centre of gravity and a balanced axle load distribution of 52:48 (front/rear).

The study vehicle's front end displays the familiar **octagonal Singleframe** with an overtly wide, horizontal cut - the greatly reduced amount of air required by the electric motor means the large opening can be omitted here. The sculptural surface painted in the body colour has a structured pattern emblazoned with the four-rings logo - just like the grille of the classic Singleframe.

The edges of the central surface are drawn back, allowing air to flow through at the top. The air inlet is bracketed again by an octagonal, black-painted frame that structures almost the entire width of the front end, the company said in a press release.

At the sides of the concept car, the wheel arches extending well out from the cabin with pointedly horizontal top edges define the conspicuous quattro architecture.

**Volvo XC 60:** Volvo raises its game in the hottest part of the US auto market with a new version of the XC 60 compact SUV. It looks like a shrunken version of Volvo's larger SUVs with sleek yet somewhat boxy Volvo styling on the outside and a simple but elegant interior. It also performs. The top version with a gasoline and plug-in hybrid combination makes 400 horsepower and can go from zero to 62 mph (zero to 100km per hour) in only 5.3 seconds.

**Mercedes AMG GLC63 SUV:** Here's a luxury SUV with pep in its step. Mercedes puts a 4-litre V-8 engine in this five-seater SUV, which goes from 0 to 60 in 3.9 seconds. That's sure to jolt the kids awake on the way to school or their morning soccer game. Mercedes offers an optional exhaust system that regulates the noise level of the V-8, something the neighbours should appreciate. The SUV goes on sale in June. There's also an S Coupe version that gets to 60 mph even faster.

**Jeep grand cherokee trackhawk:** Talk about fast SUVs. Call Fiat Chrysler nutty, but it's putting the 6.2-litre, 707-horsepower V8 engine from the Charger and Challenger Hellcat muscle cars into a Jeep Grand Cherokee called the Trackhawk. The company says it's the most powerful and quickest SUV ever built with a scary zero-to-60 mph (97km per hour) time of 3.5 seconds and a top speed of 180 mph (290 kph). The SUV has brakes to match the engine power made by stopping specialist Brembo.

**Toyota FT4X concept:** Toyota is aiming at the off-road, camp-in-the-woods crowd with a concept vehicle that likely will take on Jeep and Subaru and target Generation Y city dwellers. The RT4X four-wheel-drive Concept looks like a cross between the old Toyota FJ Cruiser off-road vehicle and a Jeep Renegade small SUV. The company says it's at home in the city but ready to deal with nature.

**Subaru Ascent:** The Ascent SUV concept, a three-row people hauler, is supposedly very close to the final product that goes on sale next year. The seven-passenger SUV looks like a big version of Subaru's highly successful Outback wagon. It'll get a turbocharged engine and sporty fender flares. The new vehicle should help Subaru continue its string of annual sales increases.

**Honda Clarity:** The Clarity is Honda's "triple play" for those who want a more environmentally-friendly ride. The Clarity fuel cell version is already available for lease in California. It has a range up to 366 miles, which helps considering hydrogen fueling stations aren't yet plentiful. The all-electric and plug-in hybrid versions debuted at the New York auto show. Both seat five adults. The electric version can charge in three hours, but the 111-mile combined city and highway range seems pedestrian.

**Hyundai Sonata:** Once the style leader in the midsize car category, the Sonata gets a complete makeover for the 2018 model year. The new version gets updated sheet metal on the front, side and rear with a lower, more athletic profile, a new grille and slim tail lights. Hyundai says it improved the ride and handling with a new chassis. It's also quieter than the outgoing version. The sportiest version gets a 245-horsepower 2.0-litre turbocharged engine with a new eight-speed automatic transmission.

## Volvo announces plans to export China-made electric car

SHANGHAI - Volvo Cars, the Chinese-owned Swedish automaker, said it plans to make electric cars in China for sale worldwide starting in 2019.

## APPLE GETS PERMIT TO TEST SELF-DRIVING CARS

SAN FRANCISCO, US - Apple has joined the list of companies with permits to test self-driving cars in California, according to an updated roster released by state officials.

The iPhone maker has disclosed little about its ambitions when it comes to self-driving vehicles, with chief Tim Cook hinting at plans but the company declining to comment for news reports on long-idling rumours.

Late last year, Apple revealed it is investing heavily in autonomous vehicles in a letter asking the government to make it easier to develop self-driving cars.

Apple issued the letter because it is "investing heavily in machine learning and autonomous systems," an Apple spokesman said in an email to AFP at the time.

The California-based tech giant is expected to focus on software systems, letting partners manufacture vehicles, but would understandably want to be able to test its navigation technology in cars.

Most major auto manufacturers and many technology groups are currently developing autonomous vehicles, considered to be the future of the automobile, along with electric power, with first production models promised for around 2020.

General Motors announced that its autonomous driving efforts, investing USD14 million and adding 1,100 jobs in a new research centre in San Francisco.

The announcement at the Shanghai auto show is among a flurry of automakers' plans for electric models in China, their industry's biggest market.

General Motors Co said it will produce a gasoline-electric hybrid version of its Chevrolet Volt in China. Ford, Volkswagen AG, Nissan Motor Co. and other brands also intend to sell electric models in China, adding to competition in a market that has been dominated by lower-cost Chinese producers.

Volvo said its first pure-electric model will be based on the economy-size CMA platform it shares with Chinese automaker Geely, which bought the Swedish brand from Ford in 2010. It said the name, size and other details were yet to be decided.

Chinese buyers have shown little enthusiasm for electric cars due to concern about cost, reliability and limited range. But Chinese authorities are using a mix of incentives and penalties to push for electric models. Automakers are scrambling to develop models with consumer appeal.

Models on display at Auto Shanghai 2017, the global industry's biggest marketing event of the year, reflect the conflict between Beijing's ambitions for environmentally friendly cars and Chinese consumers' love of hulking, fuel-hungry SUVs. (AP)

## NEW RELEASES

### Flying cars take off on French Riviera

MONACO - Flying cars might seem like the stuff of science fiction, but two prototypes were launched on the French Riviera, at an event showcasing "supercars" in Monaco.

Dutch and Slovak companies unveiled their designs as world premieres in the tiny well-heeled principality.

Bratislava-based **Aeromobil**, whose first prototype presented two years ago suffered an accident, is back with a "new generation" of flying vehicle named after the firm which makes it.

"We are taking reservations from today for deliveries expected in 2020, after the process of (regulatory) approvals is completed," the Slovak firm's spokesman Stefan Vadocz told AFP.

The **Aeromobil vehicle**, six metres long and with a fully-deployed span of nine metres, is a normal four-wheeled car which can unfold its wings to transform itself into a plane able to fly two passengers at a cruising speed of 260 km/h for up to 750km.

The price? Between EUR1.2 and 1.5 million, depending on options chosen.

Its Dutch rival for the futuristic vehicle type, the **Pal-V Liberty**, is the brainchild of Robert Dingemans, whose company is based near Breda in the south of the Netherlands.

His crossover car-plane is more compact, at four metres long, and should be deliverable as early as next year, once official approvals are secured. He is already taking orders for a vehicle which will cost between EUR299,000 and 499,000.

The **Dutch flying car** is in fact a gyrocopter with three wheels and a retractable rotor. It can carry two people at a cruising speed of 160 km/h for between 400-500km.

It is "one of the safest flying machines on the planet," able to fly "whatever the weather conditions," say its designers. (AFP)

### Bentley EXP 12 Speed 6e concept: Luxury electric vehicle

GENEVA - Bentley Motors has shared its ambition to define the electric luxury segment with the EXP 12 Speed 6e concept at the recently concluded Geneva International Motor Show.

Wolfgang Durheimer, chairman and chief executive of Bentley Motors, said: "The **EXP 12 Speed 6e** is a concept to show that Bentley is defining electric motoring in the luxury sector, with the appropriate technology, high quality materials and refinement levels you'd expect from a true Bentley. This concept enables us to engage with luxury customers and gather feedback on our approach."

**The Luxury of Electric: Effortless, Exclusive and Exhilarating:** An all-electric Bentley will not compromise the quality, refinement and high performance levels expected of the luxury brand. These renowned Bentley characteristics such as immediate, effortless surge of torque and grand touring range will be combined with new high performance technology such as rapid inductive charging and state-of-the-art on board concierge-style services for an effortless ownership experience.

A fusion of **cutting-edge technology** and beautiful materials is evident right throughout EXP 12 Speed 6e's luxuriously appointed cabin, ensuring that the brand's use of technology is not cold or emotionless. The entire central console, for example, is hewn from a solid piece of elegantly curved glass encompassing a **high-definition OLED screen**.

There are also two buttons featured at the top of the cut-away steering wheel, one offering an instant performance boost and the other the ability to limit speed, in urban areas for example, the company said in a press release.

Exquisite copper elements around the gear selector, **Bentley Dynamic Drive** dial and in the door veneer panels are integrated into the cabin to highlight the electric performance potential of the concept's advanced new **powertrain**.

**Designing the Future of Luxury:** On the outside, the iconic Bentley mesh grille features a complex **3D geometry** and smoked finish with copper highlights that identify the **Bentley EXP 12 Speed 6e** as a fully electric vehicle. When the car is running the '6e' logo illuminates in a striking, vibrant white.

## NEW DEVELOPMENTS

### Tesla's Musk announces plans for semi-truck launch

WASHINGTON - Tesla founder **Elon Musk** said the electric car startup is set to launch its **first semi-truck** in September, moving for the first time into that segment.

Musk made the announcement in a tweet, offering few details about the plan, although he has spoken in the past about moving into the truck segment.

"Tesla Semi truck unveil set for September. Team has done an amazing job. Seriously next level," he wrote on Twitter.

Tesla's rise reflects a belief in the market that it embodies the future of the industry and has a firmer grip than traditional players on technologies that will inject autonomous features into driving.

Tesla last year sold **84,000 cars**, generating USD7 billion in revenue.

Tesla, which has overtaken Ford in market capitalisation, is on track to begin production in July of the **Model 3**, which is aimed at the middle market, making the electric car accessible to a broader swath of consumers.

Last year, Musk announced Tesla plans to build a new pick-up truck, an urban bus, and launch a sharing system of self-driving cars. (AFP)

### Environmentally friendly vehicles from Pininfarina

TURIN, Italy - Pininfarina presents at the Shanghai Auto Show an entire range of **environmentally friendly vehicles** developed for the customer **Hybrid Kinetic Group**, demonstrating once again its ability to combine styling research to environmental sustainability.

It presented the five seater **SUV K550** and the seven seater **SUV K750** and Asian debut for the luxury **sedan H600**.

On the heels of the world debut of the H600 at the Geneva Motor Show, the unveiling of two electric drive SUV concept cars highlights Hybrid Kinetic Group's passion and endeavor towards environmental protection and clean energy vehicle development.

The three HK cars are all equipped with micro-turbine generator range extenders and super batteries. All three vehicles are equipped with highly efficient, energy conserving and environmentally friendly electric drivetrain systems that will help build emission-free cities.

The whole range of cars is designed following the concept of **elegance, purity and innovation**. The same smooth exterior lines and fine interior details show the same family DNA; the powerful functions, enhanced ergonomics, advanced materials and latest technology embody Hybrid Kinetic Group's philosophy of car making; the clean and simple design language present a timeless masterpiece.

The seamless integration of design and engineering give these cars both luxury comfort and top-notch performance, the company said in a press release.

The **micro-turbine generator** range extenders employ the latest aerospace technology, a masterpiece of precision industrial design that helps reducing environment impact. Hybrid Kinetic Group's **self-developed high-energy** and high-density super battery enables a unique energy recovery ability.

Compared with conventional new energy vehicles, HK new energy vehicles boast energy recovery rate over 30%, and range over 1,000km.

## MOTORSPORTS

### Bottas joins F1 Finnish stars with Russian GP win

SOCHI, RUSSIA - Formula One has a new Finnish iceman on top of the podium.

Valtteri Bottas kept his cool under pressure in Russian Grand Prix to claim his first F1 victory, swooping past Sebastian Vettel for the lead on the first lap, and keeping the hard-charging German behind him on the final lap.

## CREW TOO

### CREW LIFE

#### How to wrestle stress at sea

The idea of stress at sea is all the rage at the moment, but what is stress? Is it always bad and how can you spot the warning signs and deal with it?

#### MODERN LIFESTYLE IS RUBBISH:

Stress is not a modern day phenomenon, but it does sometimes feel that the pressures of technology, lack of shore leave, increased paperwork and working with fewer people can take a terrible toll. Interestingly one of the most often cited reasons for stress ashore is "information" overload from being constantly connected. At sea of course, this is different. Seafarers are, more often than not, completely disconnected.

So it seems that we shouldn't look to the land for an idea of stress - perhaps we need to look at a different time, and to historical stresses and woes to understand what is happening at sea.

Back in Victorian times, in the 19th century, stress came under a range of different names. Some writers equated stress to having an, "irritable heart". Stress was even termed a disease - and was considered to be brought on by "worry and mental strain". To read our full article on social media go to: [www.crewtoo.com](http://www.crewtoo.com)

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"When I drive, there's not much emotion in there," Bottas said after his win. "I'm just trying to get everything right and get every lap, every corner perfect."

Bottas joins an illustrious list of Finnish winners, including Kimi Raikkonen who joined Bottas on the podium after finishing third. Raikkonen has long been nicknamed "The Iceman" for his cool demeanor, but Bottas showed he can be just as chilled. Long considered a potential winner, he'd made the podium 11 times before with Williams and Mercedes, but the top step was always just out of reach.

Bottas doesn't go in for wild celebration, but he radiated calm satisfaction with a job well done.

"Hearing the Finnish national anthem is something quite special for me," he said. "I always trust in my ability but it's nice to get a confirmation."

**Russian Grand Prix results:** 1 Valtteri Bottas (FIN/Mercedes), 2 Sebastian Vettel (GER/Ferrari) at 0.617, 3 Kimi Raikkonen (FIN/Ferrari) 11.000, 4 Lewis Hamilton (GBR/Mercedes) 36.320, 5 Max Verstappen (NED/Red Bull) 1:00.416.

**World championship standings** (after four races): Drivers: 1 Sebastian Vettel (GER) 86 pts, 2 Lewis Hamilton (GBR) 73, 3 Valtteri Bottas (FIN) 63, 4 Kimi Raikkonen (FIN) 49, 5 Max Verstappen (NED) 35, 6 Daniel Ricciardo (AUS) 22, 7 Sergio Perez (MEX) 22, 8 Felipe Massa (BRA) 18, 9 Carlos Sainz (ESP) 11, 10 Esteban Ocon (FRA) 9.

**Constructors:** 1 Mercedes 136 pts, 2 Ferrari 135, 3 Red Bull 57, 4 Force India 31, 5 Williams 18, 6 Toro Rosso 13, 7 Haas 8, 8 Renault 6. (AP)

## Auto Racing: IndyCar champ Pagenaud notches first oval win

LOS ANGELES - France's reigning series champion Simon Pagenaud notched another milestone in his IndyCar career with his first win on a racing oval at the Phoenix Grand Prix.

"This is just incredible," the Penske driver said after a win that also saw him move to the top of the standings for the first time this season.

"For me, this is my best win because it's so strategic to win on an oval," Pagenaud said.

Things broke his way when teammate Will Power of Australia went into the pits just as a yellow caution flag waved in the wake of Takuma Sato's loss of a front tire.

The caution let Pagenaud seize the lead on the 137th of 250 laps on the 1.022-mile (1.64 Km) oval and he never relinquished it. He led by as many as 13 seconds and finished 9.1sec in front of Power.

Still, Pagenaud said, with the longed-for oval win in his sights "those were the longest 50 laps of my life."

American JR Hildebrand, driving with a brace on his broken left hand, finished third.

## ! NOW YOU KNOW!

- 1) 1927
- 2) False
- 3) Crewe

Pole-sitter Helio Castroneves finished fourth and New Zealand's Scott Dixon was fifth - his fourth top-five finish in four races this season.

**Phoenix Grand Prix results:** 1 Simon Pagenaud (FRA) 250 laps in 1hr 46min 24.9473sec (avg speed 144.058 mph, 231.84 Km/h); 2 Will Power (AUS) at 9.1028sec; 3 JR Hildebrand (USA) same lap; 4 Helio Castroneves (BRA) s.l.; 5 Scott Dixon (NZL) at 1 lap; 6 Tony Kanaan (BRA) at 1 lap; 7 Ed Carpenter (USA) at 2 laps; 8 Charlie Kimball (USA) at 2 laps; 9 Josef Newgarden (USA) at 2 laps; 10 Carlos Munoz (COL) at 3 laps.

**Season points standings** (after four races): 1 Simon Pagenaud (FRA) 159 pts, 2 Scott Dixon (NZL) 141, 3 Josef Newgarden (USA) 133, 4 Sebastien Bourdais (FRA) 128, 5 James Hinchcliffe (CAN) 120. (AFP)

## WSBK: Rea wins Assen double

ASSEN - Jonathan Rea of Kawasaki Racing Team edged out team-mate Tom Sykes to clinch his 13th career double by winning race two in the World Superbikes round at Assen.

The defending World Superbike champion finished ahead of Sykes by just 0.025s for his seventh consecutive win at the iconic Dutch circuit.

**Riders standings:** 1 Jonathan Rea (Kawasaki Racing Team) 195 points; 2 Tom Sykes (Kawasaki Racing Team) 131; 3 Chaz Davies (Aruba.it Racing Ducati) 111; 4 Marco Melandri (Aruba.it Racing Ducati) 97; 5 Alex Lowes (Pata Yamaha) 76.

**Manufacturer standings:** 1 Kawasaki 195 points; 2 Ducati 153; 3 Yamaha 87; 4 BMW 63; 5 Aprilia 55; 6 MV Agusta 54; 7 Honda 50.

## Rallying: Neuville clinches win by 0.7sec

BUENOS AIRES - Thierry Neuville of Hyundai edged Ford's long-time leader Elfyn Evans by just 0.7 seconds to win a thrilling Rally of Argentina on Sunday which left the beaten Welshman feeling "sick".

It was a second consecutive rally win for the 28-year-old Belgian after his success in Corsica last time out while Evans was denied a first career triumph after seeing his lead gradually whittled away over the weekend.

Estonia's Otto Tanak was third, 30 seconds back while defending world champion Sebastien Ogier of France was fourth at 1min 24sec behind the winner.

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"I gave it everything on the last stage," said Neuville. "My tyres were not in great shape because I had attacked a lot on the two previous stages. We gave it the maximum."

Ogier, racing for the private Ford M-Sport team after Volkswagen pulled out of the championship last year, still leads the overall standings after five rounds on 102 points.

He is 16 points ahead of Finland's Jari-Matti Latvala, in a Toyota, and 18 in front of Neuville.

**World championship standings (after five rounds): Drivers:** 1 Sebastien Ogier 102 points; 2 Jari-Matti Latvala 86; 3 Thierry Neuville 84; 4 Ott Tanak 66; 5 Dani Sordo 51; 6 Elfyn Evans 42; 7 Craig Breen 33; 8 Hayden Paddon 33; 9 Kris Meeke 27; 10 Andreas Mikkelsen 12.

**Team Standings:** 1 M-Sport World Rally Team 162 points; 2 Hyundai Motorsport 140; 3 Toyota Gazoo Racing WRT 99; 4 Citroen Total Abu Dhabi WRT 71. (AFP)

## MotoGP: Marquez wins fifth Grand Prix of the Americas

WASHINGTON - Spain's Marc Marquez captured his fifth consecutive Moto Grand Prix of the Americas, remaining perfect at the US race after beating Italy's Valentino Rossi by 3.069 seconds.

Honda rider Marquez, whose Americas wins have all come from the pole, won in 43min 58.770sec with Yamaha star Rossi second in his best-ever finish at the Texas track.

Spanish Honda rider Dani Pedrosa was third in his third podium finish over the 5.513km, 20-turn layout in Austin.

Marquez, who has won 11 starts in a row on US tracks, rebounded from an early crash out two weeks ago at Argentina as he tries to jump start his bid for a fourth world championship in five years and second in a row.

**Riders Standings:** 1 Valentino Rossi (Movistar Yamaha MotoGP) 56 points; 2 Maverick Vinales (Movistar Yamaha MotoGP) 50; 3 Marc Marquez (Repsol Honda Team) 38; 4 Andrea Dovizioso (Ducati Team) 30; 5 Cal Crutchlow (LCR Honda) 29; 6 Dani Pedrosa (Repsol Honda Team) 27; 7 Johann Zarco (Monster Yamaha Tech 3) 22; 8 Jonas Folger (Monster Yamaha Tech 3) 21; 9 Scott Redding (OCTO Pramac Racing) 21; 10 Jack Miller (EG 0,0 Marc VDS) 21.