

2026 Mexican Grand Prix - Friday

Mexico City, 30 October 2026

Nico Hulkenberg (Car 27):

FP1: 13th / 1:19.608 (27 laps)

FP2: 15th / 1:19.023 (35 laps)

"It wasn't the most straightforward Friday for us. A few things didn't quite work as expected, and there are still some open questions we need to get to the bottom of. We've got a bit of homework to do overnight, but hopefully we can find some answers and be in better shape tomorrow."

Gabriel Bortoleto (Car 5):

FP1: Did not take part

FP2: 22nd / 1:20.174 (12 laps)

"Not the easiest day for us. I sat FP1 out, as Freddie was in the car, but then we had a few issues before FP2 which meant I could not get much running in, completing only two laps right at the end of the session. Still, a big thank you to my mechanics for all the work they put in to get me back out on track for those final laps. It is a shame not to have had more time in the car today, but we will do our best to make up for it tomorrow in the last final practice session before Qualifying."

Freddie Slater (Car 98):

FP1: 21st / 1:20.945 (14 laps)

FP2: Did not take part

"It was such a special day for me to finally get my first taste of the R26, and I am very grateful to the team for giving me this opportunity. It is something I have been dreaming about since I was four or five years old; overall, it was an incredible experience and one I will take a lot from."

"We stuck to our plan and ticked the boxes we needed to, which is part of the job when stepping in for FP1. Even though our running was slightly limited, I also took some good learnings from the session and got my first feel of the 2026 cars, which was pretty amazing. I cannot wait for Brazil now."

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About Audi Revolut F1 Team

Audi Revolut F1 Team is the official factory team of Audi, as the brand enters the FIA Formula 1 World Championship for the first time in 2026. This project, in which Audi will create its own hybrid drive system ('power unit') developed in Germany, represents the ultimate expression of the manufacturer's 'Vorsprung durch Technik' philosophy and embodies a long-term commitment to compete at the pinnacle of motorsport with the clear objective of challenging for world championships by 2030. Audi Revolut F1 Team is based in three locations: the power unit is developed by Audi Formula Racing GmbH at the Audi Competence Center Motorsport in Neuburg, Germany; the chassis is engineered and race operations are managed from the state-of-the-art facilities of Audi Motorsport AG in Hinwil, Switzerland; while the Audi Motorsport Technology Centre UK in Bicester, United Kingdom, provides a foothold in the heart of 'Motorsport Valley', with direct access to top F1 talent and key strategic partners. This integrated structure provides complete control over the project, embedding a culture of precision, innovation, and relentless performance. Audi's entry is strategically timed to coincide with new Formula 1 regulations focused on increased electrification, as the electric share of the hybrid drive is raised to almost 50%, and the introduction of 100% sustainable fuels. The entry into Formula 1, one of the most important platforms in the world, serves as a high-tech catalyst for the entire Audi brand, acting as a global stage to demonstrate technological leadership and connect with new, diverse audiences by creating cultural impact that resonates far beyond the race track.

