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NICOLAS PROST SETS THE PACE IN BEIJING QUALIFYING

Lucas di Grassi & Daniel Abt round out top-three ahead of season opener

BEIJING, CHINA (September 13 2014) - Nicolas Prost (e.dams-Renault) clinched pole position for the inaugural Formula E Evergrande Spring Beijing ePrix ahead of both Audi Sport ABT drivers.

The Frenchman posted a 1.42.200s, a tenth of a second clear of Lucas di Grassi and a further two tenths quicker than Daniel Abt.

Prost managed to set a representative timed lap before locking up into Turn 14 forcing him to park in front of the tyre barrier. He returned to the pitlane and avoided any series damage to the car. The e.dams-Renault driver picked up three bonus points for claiming pole position.



Mahindra Racing's Karun Chandhok will line-up on the grid in fourth alongside Franck Montagny for Andretti.

German driver Nick Heidfeld clocked a 1.42.579 to start sixth ahead of Virgin Racing's Jaime Alguersuari.

Newly-announced Charles Pic put in an impressive performance in eighth with Sebastien Buemi and Nelson Piquet Jr rounding out the top-10.

Today's first ever ePrix gets underway at 16:00 (local time) with coverage on the official Formula E website www.fiaformulae.com

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1. Nicolas Prost, e.dams-Renault, 1:42.200s
 2. Lucas di Grassi, Audi Sport ABT, 1:42.306s
 3. Daniel Abt, Audi Sport ABT, 1:42.454s
 4. Karun Chandhok, Mahindra Racing, 1:42.461s
 5. Franck Montagny, Andretti, 1:42.530s
 6. Nick Heidfeld, Venturi, 1:42.579s
 7. Jaime Alguersuari, Virgin Racing, 1:42.683s
 8. Charles Pic, Andretti, 1:42.726s
 9. Sebastien Buemi, e.dams-Renault, 1:42.746s
 10. Nelson Piquet Jr, China Racing, 1:42.785s
 11. Oriol Servia, Dragon Racing, 1:42.847s
 12. Sam Bird, Virgin Racing, 1:42.918s
 13. Jerome d'Ambrosio, Dragon Racing, 1:44.056s
 14. Takuma Sato, Amlin Aguri, 1:44.129s
 15. Ho-Pin Tung, China Racing, 1:45.282s
 16. Katherine Legge, Amlin Aguri, 1:45.369s
 17. Michela Cerruti, Trulli, 1:46.170s
- Jarno Trulli, Trulli, no time set
 - Bruno Senna, Mahindra Racing, no time set
 - Stephane Sarrazin, Venturi, no time set

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constructors the opportunity to showcase their electrical energy innovations in a racing environment, designing cars to the technical specifications set out by the FIA.

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