



## Video 3 – Bahrain Preview

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**Chris:** Welcome to Sidepodcast TV. How cool is this? Anyway, today I'm gonna take you on a tour of the Bahrain International Circuit. Let's take a look at the lap.

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### Chris – Voiceover

The Bahrain lap starts with a nice, long straight, but don't be fooled. It leads straight into Turn 1, a key corner and the slowest of the lap with speeds down to 50mph. As the driver goes through Turns 2 and 3, both high speed corners, he'll be heading away from the civilisation of the paddock and into the desert. Turn 4 is bumpy at the braking points and can lead drivers astray being downhill, but it's important to get a good exit to cross the timing sector line quickly.

Turns 5, 6 and 7 form a high speed chicane, which requires agility and quick responses from the driver, and leads into a complete change in direction at Turn 8. The double left hander at Turns 9 and 10 can also prove tricky, and it's important to exit smoothly to make the most of the third long straight of the lap. Turn 11 is uphill with an entry speed of 180mph and an exit speed of 99mph. The braking time is 1.65 seconds. Turn 12 is flat out, no braking, to cross the line for Sector 2.

The final sector includes Turn 13 where drivers can struggle to find the apex, but they can smooth out their differences with the following final long straight. The last corner is Turn 14, which is down to second gear, and then a smaller straight to cross the finish line. Poll position in 2006 was 1 minute 31 seconds by Michael Schumacher.

[Cut to Christine.]

**Chris:** That's our Bahrain preview. As ever, qualifying is on Saturday, the race is on Sunday. Don't forget to check out the forums and the audio podcast for all our coverage of the weekend.

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