



## Video 4 – Barcelona Preview

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**Chris:** Welcome to Sidepodcast TV. This is our Barcelona preview. Everyone loves Barcelona for the beautiful beaches, gorgeous weather and... gherkin-shaped buildings, but we love it for the Formula 1. Fernando Alonso has done much to make the sport an event in Spain, and this year he'll be hoping to replicate his win from 2006. So let's take a look at one lap around the Circuit de Catalunya.

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### Chris – Voiceover

The drivers all know Barcelona well, as it's a primary testing track throughout the year. Just because they're well practiced, doesn't mean it's less of a challenge. Turn 1 comes off the back of the downhill straight, and is a 90 degree turn to the right, feeding into an open left. The long right hander of Turn 3 allows drivers to push full throttle and get up to 142 mph. Their speed extends through a short straight, before Turn 4, which is downhill on entry and uphill on exit. Braking time for this corner is 1.7 seconds, with drivers withstanding 4.4G. The slowest corner of the lap is next, with speeds down to 60mph in second gear. After that, there's a small kink before the chicane, with the braking time at 1.6 seconds and disc temperature as high as 750 degrees C.

Then the drivers prepare themselves for Campsa, a key corner. It's the highest point of the lap, and another tough section for G forces. The back straight immediately afterwards gives the drivers a chance to recover, and then it's into the tight Turn 10 where the track almost doubles back on itself. That is swiftly followed by four right handers before turning into the long, main straight and the start...

[Rewind sound effect. Video pauses. Christine appears on screen.]

**Chris:** Wait a minute, wait a minute. We have a problem here. That track has been changed for 2007 with the addition of a chicane instead of a long sweeping curve. No one knows how it's going to pan out but it should make things interesting. So just blink a few times and pretend this bit never happened.

[Video continues]

### Chris – Voiceover

Pole position in 2006 was 1 minute 14.648 seconds by Fernando Alonso.

[Cut to Christine.]

**Chris:** That's our Barcelona preview. Please let us know what you think of these videos and what you'd like to see in the future, because we are having great fun making them. As always, go to Sidepodcast.com for all the coverage of the race weekend and we'll see you soon.

[End credits.]