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## **FORMULA1-FERNANDO ALONSO WILL NOT RACE IN FIRST RACE OF 2015 SEASON**

### **DOCTORS SAY ITS BETTER FOR HIM TO REST**

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**USPA NEWS** - Fernando Alonso will not take part in Formula One's first race of the season, the Australian Grand Prix, McLaren has confirmed today in an official statement.

According to the British racing team, Alonso is perfectly healthy, but the doctors think it better that he rest a little more in order to avoid risks.

"Having performed an exhaustive series of tests and scans "" some of them as recently as yesterday evening "" McLaren-Honda driver Fernando Alonso's doctors have informed him that they find him asymptomatic of any medical issue; that they see no evidence whatsoever of any injury; and that they therefore describe him as entirely healthy from neurological and cardiac perspectives alike", McLaren's official statement assured.

However, Fernando's doctors have recommended to him that, following the concussion he sustained in a testing accident at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya on February 22nd, for the time being he should seek to limit as far as is possible any environmental risk factors that could potentially result in his sustaining another concussion so soon after his previous one, so as to minimise the chances of second impact syndrome, as is normal medical procedure when treating athletes after concussions", it explains.

"In order to limit those environmental risk factors, specifically, his doctors have advised that he should not compete in the imminent Australian Grand Prix meeting, which will take place on March 13th, 14th and 15th.

Fernando has understood and accepted that advice, and the two McLaren-Honda cars will therefore be driven in Australia by Fernando's team-mate Jenson Button and the team's test and reserve driver Kevin Magnussen."

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