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## **Andretti 13<sup>th</sup> in A1GP Free Practice at Sepang; Hildebrand Eighth in Rookie Practice**

**Sepang, Malaysia (Nov. 21, 2008)** – Marco Andretti turned a best-lap time of 1:51.358 seconds in the free practice posting the 13<sup>th</sup> quickest time. JR Hildebrand was eighth in the rookie practice with a best-lap time of 1:52.325 in the A1 Team USA entry.

Qualifying for the second race on the A1GP schedule takes place Saturday, Nov. 22, beginning at 1:15 a.m. EST and can be seen on A1GP TV at [www.a1gp.com](http://www.a1gp.com).

### **Marco Andretti, Andretti Green Racing, A1 Team USA:**

"Today was not a bad start. We still have some work to do to close the gap even further, but it really helped having JR (Hildebrand) in the car for the Rookie Practice. We've still got some work to do but it is showing that we are catching up to the quickest teams. The A1 Team USA crew has been working really hard and it is starting to show, so now we need to qualify better than we did in Chengdu to give us a shot at finishing on the podium."

### **JR Hildebrand, Andretti Green Racing, A1 Team USA:**

"I was new to using paddle shift so I had to learn that, but the A1GP car has great power. It would have been nice to have been out there on newer rubber, because you get sent out in the rookie session on race tires from the previous race, but it's the same for everyone. We can't be pleased with eighth on the time sheets, but I hope that I have provided the team with some good set-up information."

<b>Sepang International Circuit Rookie Practice Results</b>		
<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Time (sec)</b>
1	France	1:50.679
2	Great Britain	1:51.096
3	New Zealand	1:51.240
4	Malaysia	1:51.815
5	Italy	1:51.839
<b>8</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>1:52.325</b>

<b>Sepang International Circuit Free Practice Results</b>		
<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Time (sec)</b>
1	Great Britain	1:50.038
2	Switzerland	1:50.110
3	India	1:50.187
4	France	1:50.277
5	Netherlands	1:50.363
<b>13</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>1:51.358</b>

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