

After McLaren, BMW Sauber, Ferrari, Red Bull, Williams and Honda used the race track for testing in 2009 it has been reported by Autosport that the new venue is set to be included in the official testing roster.



The Portimao track in Portugal looks set to join the Formula 1 pre-season testing roster next year, AUTOSPORT has learned, as teams close in on finalising the build-up programme to the 2011 campaign. F1 teams agreed recently that there would remain four official pre-season tests next year from February until early March. And although this year's testing build-up took place exclusively in Spain, for 2011 teams are edging closer seeing Portugal and Bahrain added to the schedule. F1 teams met in Japan last weekend to make further progress in agreeing the tests, and they have all-but finalised that the four tests will take place in Barcelona, Jerez, Portimao and Bahrain. Although the order for the first three tests has not been agreed, AUTOSPORT understands that the Bahrain test will take place on March 3-6 – effectively the weekend before the opening race of the 2011 season.

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