



How Ayrton Senna helped set up the cars

“In the life of a Formula 1 pilot, there is no rest during the Grand Prix season which goes from March to November. And their work is not so easy. It isn’t enough that they complete all the laps with consistency and reliability, as it needs to be done in a critical manner, knowing how to identify the best solutions and using his utmost ability to communicate with the team about the reaction of the car to various adjustments.”

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