

THE CORKSCREW

The trickiest part of the Corkscrew is finding a way to challenge the blind braking zone without overdriving the initial drop-in phase of the Corkscrew. If you are too hot in, you will have a lot of understeer and be late to power at the completion which can affect your preparation and run through T9 thus having a very negative lap time effect. On the other hand, you can easily lose a lot of time at the top of the hill if you brake too early, so finding the compromise here is by far the hardest part.
-Alexander Rossi, no. 27 Napa Auto Parts Honda

THE CORKSCREW 8A

8A
8B

9 RAINEY CURVE

TURNS 9-10-11

Turn 9 is really tough on your arms. Turn 10 is very narrow and fast. Turn 11 is first gear, the slowest corner. It's the only corner that breaks the rhythm of this flowing track.
-Felix Rosenqvist

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The elevator drop from the top of the Corkscrew to the bottom of the Corkscrew from inside the car is amazing. I think you're dropping four stories in, like, a second or second-and-a-half. It happens really, really fast, so it's quite a sensation. The really unique thing about it from the driver's standpoint is when you're sitting down low inside that car, you turn in and you're driving off a cliff. You cannot see the road, you can't see the bottom, you can't see the corner at the bottom of the hill. So you're really, every lap, just kind of taking this leap of faith blind and trusting that the bottom's going to be down there and it's going to catch you.
-Bryan Herta, who famously lost in what's known as "The Pass" in 1996; winner 1998, 1999

RAHAL STRAIGHT

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Very tough braking here. The right front tire wants to lock up. Then the left front wants to lock up.
-Felix Rosenqvist

TURN 6

You try to carry good speed up the hill coming into one of the trickiest corners on the track, turn 6, which is really fast.
-Felix Rosenqvist, rookie of the year contender, driver of the NTT Data no. 10

TURN 2 (ANDRETTI HAIRPIN)

It's down to second or first gear, a slow, really long corner—almost too long for a driver's liking.
-Felix Rosenqvist

ANDRETTI HAIRPIN

TURN 3

It's a really tricky entry. It's easy to lose the rear of the car. You have to hold yourself back.
-Felix Rosenqvist

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TURN BY TURN

