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Dakar Rally 2019  
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## Dakar Rally 2019 – Stage 03, San Juan de Marcona - Arequipa

- **Stéphane Peterhansel takes his first stage win in a MINI John Cooper Works Buggy at Dakar 2019.**
- **Four MINI crews complete Stage 3 inside the top five.**
- **Five MINI crews inside the top six after day three of Dakar 2019.**

**Munich. Stéphane Peterhansel (FRA) and co-driver David Castera (FRA) put in a stunning drive today that ended with them winning Stage 3. Today's result now places the French duo and their MINI John Cooper Works Buggy third overall in the general ranking.**

The MINI John Cooper Works Rally of Jakub 'Kuba' Przygonski (POL) and co-driver Tom Colsoul (BEL) was the second MINI car to finish inside today's top five. Just over a minute later, Yazeed Al-Rajhi (KSA) and co-pilot Timo Gottschalk (GER) followed them across the finish point to secure fourth place. This result now places Al-Rajhi second overall.

Joan 'Nani' Roma (ESP) and co-driver Alex Haro (ESP) didn't have a great start to the day but quickly made up places in the second half of Stage 3. Their determined drive paid off by securing fifth place.

Cyril Despres (FRA) and Jean Paul Cottret (FRA) managed to finish Stage 3 in sixth place, which mirrors yesterday's (Stage 2) result. This consistency has paid off as they are now sixth in the general ranking. Boris Garafulic (CHI) and co-driver Filipe Palmeiro (POR) maintained their charge to get inside the top ten ranking by completing Stage 3 in 14<sup>th</sup> place.

Lady Luck wasn't riding today with Carlos Sainz and co-driver Lucas Cruz. Just 40 km into the Special Stage, the MINI crew had a racing incident that resulted in severe frontal damage to their MINI John Cooper Works Buggy. It was some time before they could get back into the race in order to be ready for tomorrow's Stage 4.

### **Stéphane Peterhansel**

"Today was a very challenging day with the complicated navigation of the big, soft dunes in Peru. It was not easy because we had to stay really focused for four hours;

if you lose just one piece of information, it is easy to get lost. It was very easy to make a mistake on today's stage, but David did a really good job. We drove well together and this is the first stage we have won together, so good news."

### Yazeed Al Rajhi

"Today was good. We had two small problems where we lost time, from a slow puncture where we hit a stone at the front but we managed to finish and everything is okay."

### Cyril Despres

"It was a really nice stage and we were enjoying it a lot, making good navigation and making our way through the dunes. But then we were looking for a GPS navigation that was clearly not on the right kilometre from the rule book. It's a place with a lot of ups and downs and lots of dunes; we passed 6 bikes..."

Next race is Stage 4, Arequipa - Tacna. For more information about Dakar 2019, please visit the host's event home page [here](#).

### Dakar Rally 2019: MINI standings after Stage 3

Pos	Driver	Co-driver	#	MINI	Team	Time
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yazeed Al-Rajhi (KSA)	Timo Gottschalk (GER)	314	MINI John Cooper Works Rally	X-raid MINI John Cooper Works Rally Team	008:40:56 +00:06:48
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stéphane Peterhansel (FRA)	David Castera (FRA)	304	MINI John Cooper Works Buggy	X-raid MINI John Cooper Works Team	008:41:11 +00:07:03
4 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Roma (ESP)	Alex Haro (ESP)	307	MINI John Cooper Works Rally	X-raid MINI John Cooper Works Rally Team	008:46:10 +00:12:02
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jakub Przygonski (POL)	Tom Colsoul (BEL)	303	MINI John Cooper Works Rally	Orlen X-raid Team	008:47:53 +00:13:45

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6 <sup>th</sup>	Cyril Despres (FRA)	Jean Paul Cottret (FRA)	308	MINI John Cooper Works Buggy	X-raid MINI John Cooper Works Team	008:58:48 +00:24:40
13 <sup>th</sup>	Boris Garafulic (CHI)	Filipe Palmeiro (POR)	321	MINI John Cooper Works Rally	X-raid MINI John Cooper Works Rally Team	009:38:27 +01:04:19
TBC	Carlos Sainz (ESP)	Lucas Cruz (ESP)	300	MINI John Cooper Works Buggy	X-raid MINI John Cooper Works Team	TBC

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