

Press Release.
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MINI dominates stage 9 at the 2014 Dakar Rally // Stéphane Peterhansel leads a pack of four MINI ALL4 Racing.

Munich (DE). Stéphane Peterhansel (FR) in his black MINI ALL4 Racing topped the timesheets on stage 9 at the 2014 Dakar Rally. The Monster Energy X-raid Team driver dominated today's 422km-long stage from Calama to Iquique (both CL) and finished 2:17 minutes in front of his MINI teammate Nasser Al-Attiyah (QT) in the predominantly white MINI ALL4 Racing car.

Today's route led to the most northerly point of the Dakar, the city of Iquique. The drivers had to tackle the infamous Atacama desert, the driest place on earth. A real challenge for the cars and drivers likewise. Once again, the MINI ALL4 Racing car, which is based on the MINI John Cooper Works Countryman, proved its reliability and competitiveness under tough conditions.

"I'm really satisfied with today's stage," Stéphane Peterhansel said after crossing the line in Iquique. "The Atacama desert is one of the biggest challenges at the Dakar Rally. It was a trouble free day for us and I'm really confident for the rest of the Dakar Rally. My co-driver Jean-Paul Cottret and the whole team are doing a great job."

Today, Peterhansel led a pack of four MINI ALL4 Racing cars. Joan "Nani" Roma (ES), who is still leading the overall classification in front of Peterhansel, finished in 3rd, Orlando Terranova (AR) was in 4th place.

On Wednesday the drivers will head south from Iquique to Antofagasta. The 631km-long stage 10 will be divided into two parts. The first 231 kilometres will be held on sand and soil. The second, 215km-long part will be characterised by gravel and sand, the so-called "fesh fesh" sand, which is extremely fine. Once again,

the drivers have to be really careful not to get stuck with their cars.

Dakar Rally Day 11 Quick Facts.

Date: 15th January, 2014

Start/finish: Iquique/Antofagasta (both CL) – Leg 10

Official starting time (cars): 9:48 PM ART (UTC -3)

Total distance: 689 km, Special stage: 631 km, Liaison: 58 km

MINI at the 2014 Dakar Rally.

A total of eleven MINI ALL4 Racing compete in the 2014 Dakar. All are based on the MINI John Cooper Works Countryman, modified by the factory-supported X-raid Team to meet the high demands of the Dakar Rally which is today's pinnacle of off-road motorsports. With a combination of power, reliability and efficiency the MINI ALL4 Racing proved its competitiveness right from its first Dakar start in 2011 while also winning the hearts of the fans from the word go.

On only its second Dakar appearance, the MINI ALL4 Racing made the big breakthrough by winning the 2012 Dakar Rally. In 2013 the MINI brand proved that its Dakar success was no flash in the pan by defending its title at the first attempt. This year, the X-raid Team and the MINI brand are aiming at clinching their third consecutive Dakar title when the 2014 Dakar ends in Valparaíso, Chile, on 18th January.



2014 Dakar MINI Driver Lineup.

#300 MINI ALL4 Racing.

Monster Energy X-raid Team

Stéphane Peterhansel/Jean-Paul Cottret (FR/FR)

#301 MINI ALL4 Racing.

X-raid Team

Nasser Al-Attiyah/Lucas Cruz (QT/ES)

#304 MINI ALL4 Racing.

Monster Energy X-raid Team

Joan "Nani" Roma/Michel Périn (ES/FR)

#307 MINI ALL4 Racing.

Monster Energy X-raid Team

Orlando Terranova/Paulo Fiúza (AR/PT).

#309 MINI ALL4 Racing.

Monster Energy X-raid Team

Krzysztof Holowczyc/Konstantin Zhiltsov (PL/RU)

#314 MINI ALL4 Racing.

X-raid Team

Vladimir Vasilyev/Vitaliy Yevtyekhov (RU/RU)

#317 MINI ALL4 Racing.

X-raid Team

Boris Garafulic/Gilles Picard (CL/FR)

#319 MINI ALL4 Racing.

X-raid Team

Zhou Yong/Pan Hong Yu (CN/CN)

#330 MINI ALL4 Racing.

X-raid Team

Federico Villagra/Jorge Perez Companc (AR/AR)

#332 MINI ALL4 Racing.

X-raid Team.

Martin Kaczmarek/Filipe Palmeiro (PL/PT)

#337 MINI ALL4 Racing.

X-raid Team

Stephan Schott/Holm Schmidt (DE/DE)



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