



1999 TOTAL - GRANADA - DAKAR

THE DAKAR IN FIGURES

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- **Departure:** 1st January 1999 from Grenada (Spain)
- **Arrival:** 17 January 1999 in Dakar (Lake Rose)
- **Rest:** 9 January 1999 in Bobo Dioulasso (Burkina Faso)
- **Length of rally:** 9,393 km
- **Number of special stage kilometres:** 5.638 km
- **Countries crossed:** Spain, Morocco, Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal



NUMBER OF COMPETITORS: 297

- **At the start :** 161 motorcycles
88 cars
29 trucks (in race)
19 trucks (assistance)
- **At the finish :** 110 vehicles
including 54 cars
40 motorcycles
16 trucks

OVERALL STANDINGS FOR CARS:

Schlesser/Monnet (Fra) **SCHLESSER**

OVERALL STANDINGS FOR BIKES:

Richard Saint (Fra) **BMW**

OVERALL STANDINGS FOR TRUCKS:

Loprais/Stachura/Kalina (Rtc) **TATRA**

MAIN COMPETITORS

Motorcycle

- **KTM** : Kinigadner, Magnaldi, Orioli, Meoni, Arcarons, Sala, Roma, Tianen, Bernard, Cox, Deacon, Von Zitzewitz, De Gavardo
- **BMW** : Saint, Gallardo, Mayer, Brucy, Loizeaux
- **Yamaha Espagne** : Sotelo
- **Muz** : Morales

Car

- **Mitsubishi** : Shinozuka-Magne, Fontenay-Picard, Prieto-Serieys, Kleinschmidt-Thorner, Alphand-Debron, Masuoka-Schultz, Strugo-Cattarelli, Souza-Alcaraz, Quandt-Tiefenbach, Smulevici-Falaise, Kolberg-Larroque
- **Buggy Schlesser** : Schlesser-Monnet, Servia JM-Delli-Zotti

- **Nissan** : Peterhansel-Cottret, De Lavergne-Dubois, Servia S.-Albiero, Housieaux-Dominella, Goutaland-Restoux, Bourgnon-Leneuve, Pescarolo-Guehenne

Truck

- **Tatra** : Loprais-Stachura-Kalina, De Azevedo-Tomecek-Neubarth
- **Kamaz** : Moskovskikh-Iakoubov-Chagin, Kabirov-Beliaev-Goloub
- **Iveco** : Biason-Siviero-Diamante
- **Mercedes** : Pelichet-Clement-Godeloup
- **Man** : Reif-Deinhofer-Roth

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Peter takes part in the car category:** Stéphane Peterhansel, six-time Dakar winner, takes part for the first time in the car category!
- **Comeback by Alphand-Restoux:** second time for champions Luc Alphand and Marie-Claire Restoux to take part, respectively on Mitsubishi and Nissan.



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- **Bourgnon starts out:** first time out for Laurent Bourgnon, recent winner of the Route du Rhum. Forced to pull out, he promises to be back.
- **Jutta, leading lady:** Germany's Jutta Kleinschmidt becomes the first woman in the history of the Dakar to lead the overall standings! What a performance.
- **Classic but...** the route, which a lot of people had derided as classic and easy, proves to be more difficult than many thought. The organisers have to cancel three stages in the motorbike category, including the Lake Rose stage.
- **Motorcycles transferred by plane:** for the first time in the history of the rally, even though a stage is cancelled, all the motorbikes and their riders are transferred by plane (Mopti – Timbuktu).
- **"11":** after taking part in 11 events, the long hours spent working on his buggies, which he prepares himself, finally pay off for Jean-Louis Schlesser when his dream of winning the "Dakar" finally comes true.
- **"5":** is the number of wins by the Czech at the wheel of his Tatra. (88-94-95-98-99)

THE ROUTE

- **Prologue : Armilla (Espagne) (5 km)**
- **1^{ère} étape : Granada - Rabat (531 km dont 5 km de spéciale)**
- **2^{ème} étape : Rabat - Agadir (654 km dont 100 km de spéciale)**
- **3^{ème} étape : Agadir - Tan Tan (510 km dont 230 km de spéciale)**
- **4^{ème} étape : Tan Tan - Bir Mogrein (515 km dont 451 km de spéciale)**
- **5^{ème} étape : Bir Mogrein - Atar (629 km dont 624 km de spéciale)**
- **6^{ème} étape : Atar - Tidjikja (492 km dont 458 km de spéciale)**
- **7^{ème} étape : Tidjikja - Nioro (625 km dont 434 km de spéciale)**
- **8^{ème} étape : Nioro - Bobo Dioulasso (936 km dont 384 km de spéciale)**
- **9^{ème} étape : Bobo Dioulasso - Mopti (743 km dont 304 km de spéciale)**
- **10^{ème} étape : Mopti - Tombouctou (1032 km dont 430 km de spéciale)**
- **11^{ème} étape : Tombouctou - Néma (548 km dont 539 km de spéciale)**
- **12^{ème} étape : Néma - Tichit (490 km)**
- **13^{ème} étape : Tichit - Atar (548 km dont 539 km de spéciale)**
- **14^{ème} étape : Atar - Nouakchott (504 km dont 433 km de spéciale)**
- **15^{ème} étape : Nouakchott - Saint Louis (257 km dont 151 km de spéciale)**
- **16^{ème} étape : Saint Louis – Dakar (260 km dont 20 km de spéciale)**

THE RACE

- **Prologue in Grenada (Spain) (5 km)**

For the third time in the history of the Dakar, the rally starts off in Grenada in Andalusia. 88 cars, 161 motorbikes and 50 trucks are authorised to start. Under a driving rain and in muddy conditions, Dirk Von Zitzewitz clocks up the best time on his KTM. In the car category, Shinozuka, whose Mitsubishi refuses to start, almost comes a cropper but the Japanese finally wins the stage. The trucks are excused from having to take part in the prologue so as not to damage the Armilla route which will be used again the next day for the first special stage of the rally.

- **1st stage: Grenada – Rabat (530 km including 115 km special)**

The rain continues to fall on the Spanish leg of this second stage before the cars embark for Rabat. Von Zitzewitz wins the stage ahead of Sala and Mayer. In the car category, Prieto is the man of the new year ahead of Shino and Fontenay.

- **2nd stage: Rabat – Agadir (654 km 99.5 km of special)**

In this special stage in the Khatouat mountain range, to the east of Casablanca, the 159 motorbikes, 85 cars and 50 trucks still in the race give it their all. In the motorbike category, Kinigadner is out on his own as is Fontenay in the car category. Alphand leads in the T1 category ahead of Strugo.

- **3rd stage: Agadir – Tan Tan (510 km including 230 km of special)**

This last Moroccan stage is marked by the victory of Jutta Kleinschmidt. The German driver kills two birds with one stone because she also goes to number one place overall in the rally. She also enters the history books as the first woman to lead the overall standings in the Dakar. In the motorbike category, Roma wins the stage. Fasola, in 2nd place overall, pulls out after a fall. In the truck category, the Kamaz still leads the crowd.

- **4th stage: Tan Tan – Bir Mogrein (515 km including 451 km of special)**

This long special takes in Mauritania and the desert. Gallardo wins the stage and goes to the top of the overall standings. In the car category, Servia finishes with a 3-minute lead over Kleinschmidt. Fontenay is the day's unlucky competitor with three punctures. In the T1 category, Guinot overtakes Alphand in the overall standings.

- **5th stage: Bir Mogrein – Atar (629 km including 624 km special)**

This, the longest stage in the rally, proves to be a nightmare for the bikers. Orioli and Roma pull out while Arcarons wins the day. In the car category, Shinozuka is the day's winner ahead of Prieto and Kleinschmidt. Alphand retakes the lead in the T1 category.

- **6th stage: Atar – Tidjikja (492 km including 458 km special)**

This rally is really one for the history books. For the first time, two buggies lead the overall standings. Servia and Schlesser, winners of the special stage, lead the rally. In the motorcycle category, Katrinak wins the stage. Gallardo and Saint still lead. The highlight of the day is that Kinigadner, suffering from crushed vertebrae, is forced to pull out.



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- **7th stage: Tidjikja – Nioro (622 km including 434 km special)**

The Nega pass has some surprises in store. In the motorcycle category, Saint takes the lead in the overall standings while Méoni wins the special stage. Former leader Gallardo pulls out on account of a flat battery. In the car category, Servia gets stuck in the dunes and loses 1 ½ hours. Prieto wins the special stage ahead of Schlesser.

- **8th stage: Nioro - Bobo Dioulasso (936 km including 384 km special)**

The organisers decide to neutralise the stage for the motorbikes. They will go to Bobo Dioulasso via the parallel route taken by the assistance trucks. Spain's Prieto chalks up his second stage victory since the beginning of the rally. France's De Lavergne confirms the potential of his car to come second in the special stage. On the day before the rest day, Schlesser maintains his lead in the overall standings with a tiny edge of 2'10 over Prieto and 5'40 over Kleinschmidt. Upset in the truck standings: Kabirow, who was second in the overall standings, is penalised 4 hours and plummets in the standings.

- **9th stage: Bobo Dioulasso - Mopti (743 km including 304 km special)**

Schlesser wins the stage and shores up his slight lead in the overall standings. In the motorcycle category, South Africa's Alfie Cox wins the day.

- **10th stage: Mopti - Timbuktu (1032 km including 430 km special)**

A dawn liaison start for the car and truck drivers and an additional mandatory rest day for the bikers. For the first time in the history of the Dakar, following the decision to cancel the stage, the drivers and the vehicles are transferred by aircraft! 46 cars and 20 trucks are still in the race leaving Mopti.

- **11th stage: Timbuktu - Néma (548 km including 539 km special)**

South Africa's Alfie Cox wins the stage, edging out Finland's Tianen. Richard Saint is still overall leader but his lead has been shortened. Magnaldi and Méoni finish third and fourth. In the car category, the special is won by Shinozuka, while Schlesser, who got off to a fast start in the special, stops on account of a puncture but nevertheless manages to increase his lead over Prieto in the overall standings. Luc Alphand climbs back to number 1 in the T1 Marathon category.

In the truck competition, Brazil's De Azevedo loses time and lets Moskovskik's Kamaz fight it out with the Czech Republic's Loprais on Tatra for first place in the category.

- **12nd stage: Néma - Tichit (490 km)**

Richard Saint increases his lead in the overall standings just a little bit more. Schlesser finishes the special stage with eleven seconds to spare over Prieto.

- **13th stage: Tichit - Atar (548 km including 539 km special)**

In the motorbike category, France's Thierry Magnaldi claws back almost two minutes from the leader Saint. The gap between the two men in the overall standings remains tiny: two minutes and fifty-two seconds, after twelve days racing and over 4,500 km of special stages. In the car category, Schlesser increases his lead over Prieto in the overall standings another little bit when the Spaniard has a puncture at the end of the special. In the truck category, Loprais climbs to number 1 in the overall standings.

- **14th stage: Atar - Nouakchott (504 km including 433 km special)**

Richard Saint wins the special stage. The two directly behind him, Magnaldi and Méoni, fall and see their last hopes of catching up on him disappear. Schlesser, also, is coming closer and closer to victory.

No change in the truck category. Theoretically, there should be no change by the end on the banks of Lake Rose.

- **15th stage: Nouakchott - Saint Louis (257 km including 151 km special)**

No surprise and no change: Schlesser wins the day's special and Saint wins in the motorbike category. Both maintain their lead in the overall standings.

- **16th stage: Saint Louis – Dakar (260 km including 20 km special)**

The famous Schlesser-Monnet tandem on Schlesser-Renault Buggy break open the champagne for their first win in the Dakar. In the motorbike category, Richard Saint wins a well-deserved victory on his sixth outing. The T1 Marathon category is won by Luc Alphand and the motorcycle Marathon by Chile's De Gavardo. In the truck category, the Czech team wins this 21st edition on Tatra ahead of Moskovskikh's Kamazh and another Tatra, driven by Brazil's De Azevedo. This is the fifth victory by Loprais in the category.



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SUBSIDIARY

• Stage victories

Num	Etape	km	Vainqueur Auto	Nat	Marque	Vainqueur Moto	Nat	Marque	Vainqueur Camion	Nat	Marque
P	Granada	5	Shinozuka/Magne	Jap	Mitsubishi	Von Zitzewitz	All	KTM			
1	Granada-Rabat	5	Prieto/Serieys	Esp	Mitsubishi	Von Zitzewitz	All	KTM	Chagin	Rus	Kamaz
2	Rabat-Agadir	100	Fontenay/Picard	Fra	Mitsubishi	Kinigadner	Aut	KTM	De Azevedo	Bre	Tatra
3	Agadir-Tan Tan	230	Kleinschmidt/Thörner	All	Mitsubishi	Roma	Esp	KTM	Kabirov	Rus	Kamaz
4	Tan Tan-Bir Mogrein	451	Servia/Delli Zotti	Esp	Schlesser	Gallardo	Esp	BMW	Kabirov	Rus	Kamaz
5	Bir Mogrein-Atar	624	Shinozuka/Magne	Jap	Mitsubishi	Arcarons	Esp	KTM	Sugawara	Jap	Hino
6	Atar-Tidjikja	458	Servia/Delli Zotti	Esp	Schlesser	Katrinak	Rtc	KTM	Chagin	Rus	Kamaz
7	Tidjikja-Nioro	434	Prieto/Serieys	Esp	Mitsubishi	Meoni	Ita	KTM	Kabirov	Rus	Kamaz
8	Nioro-Bobo Diolasso	434	Prieto/Serieys	Esp	Mitsubishi	Annulée			Chagin	Rus	Kamaz
9	Bobo Diolasso-Mopti	295	Schlesser/Monnet	Fra	Schlesser	Cox	Afs	KTM	De Azevedo	Bre	Tatra
10	Mopti-Tombouctou	460	Fontenay/Picard	Fra	Mitsubishi	Annulée			Kabirov	Rus	Kamaz
11	Tombouctou-Nema	539	Shinozuka/Magne	Jap	Mitsubishi	Cox	Afs	KTM	Chagin	Rus	Kamaz
12	Nema-Tichît	490	Schlesser/Monnet	Fra	Schlesser	Saint	Fra	BMW	Sugawara	Jap	Hino
13	Tichît-Atar	579	Kleinschmidt/Thörner	All	Mitsubishi	Magnaldi	Fra	KTM	Loprais	Rtc	Tatra
14	Atar-Nouakchott	433	Servia/Delli Zotti	Esp	Schlesser	Sala	Ita	KTM	Chagin	Rus	Kamaz
15	Nouakchott-Saint Louis	151	Fontenay/Picard	fra	Mitsubishi	Saint	Fra	BMW	Kabirov	Rus	Kamaz
16	Saint Louis-Dakar	20	Servia S. /Albiero	Esp	Nissan	Annulée			Chagin	Rus	Kamaz



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• Overall scratch standings

Clt	Concurrents	Marques	Nat				
OVERALL CAR STANDINGS				14	VERHOEF	KTM	Hol
				15	HAKATA	HON	Jap
				16	VILAR	KTM	Por
				17	KNUIMAN	KTM	Hol
1	SCHLESSER/MONNET	SCHLESSER	Fra	18	GRAZIANI	KTM	Ita
2	PRIETO/SERIEYS	MITSUBISHI	Esp	19	SIREYJOL	HONDA	Fra
3	KLEINSCHMIDT/THORNER	MITSUBISHI	All	20	BRUCY	BMW	Fra
4	SHINOZUKA/MAGNE	MITSUBISHI	Jap	21	SCHILCHER	KTM	All
5	SERVIA/DELLI - ZOTTI	SCHLESSER	Esp	22	FLICK	HONDA	Fra
6	MASUOKA/SCHULZ	MITSUBISHI	Jap	23	ROUCOURT	KTM	Fra
7	PETERHANSEL/COTTRET	NISSAN	Fra	24	FERRER	KTM	Esp
8	DE LAVERGNE/DUBOIS	NISSAN	Fra	25	BERNARD	KTM	Fra
9	FONTENAY/PICARD	MITSUBISHI	Fra	26	CRISTANELLI	KTM	Ita
10	SERVIA/ALBIERO	NISSAN	Esp	27	VERHEYDEN	KTM	Bel
11	PESCAROLO/GUEHENNEC	NISSAN	Fra	28	WARGNIER	HONDA	Fra
12	DE MEVIUS/DE LIEDEKERKE	NISSAN	Bel	29	CHEVALIER	KTM	Fra
13	HANCIAUX/REY	NISSAN	Bel	30	SACCHETTINI	KTM	Fra
14	LORA LAMIA /DI PERSIO	NISSAN	Ita	31	HEYMANN	KTM	Isr
15	MARCY/LURQUIN	NISSAN	Bel	32	MAYER	BMW	All
16	ALPHAND/DEBRON	MITSUBISHI	Fra	33	VERCOELEN	KTM	Hol
17	KOLBERG/LARROQUE	MITSUBISHI	Bre	34	CASTELA A LA MARTINS	KTM	Por
18	SOUZA/ALCARAZ	MITSUBISHI	Por	35	LUGASSY	KTM	Isr
19	GOMEZ/MARTIN	NISSAN	Fra	36	RONCO	KTM	Ita
20	WAUTERS/DAMEN	TOYOTA	Bel	37	FUMAGALLI	SUZUKI	Ita
21	FOJ/LEON	TOYOTA	Esp	38	MAISEY	KTM	Gbr
22	HOUSIEAUX/DOMINELLA	NISSAN	Fra	39	ROSSELET	HONDA	Fra
23	SARRAZIN/TROUBLE	TOYOTA	Fra	40	TRAMONTANA	MUZ	Fra
24	VILA/GONZALES	NISSAN	Esp	41	HAGUE	KTM	Gbr
25	ASAGA/FUJISAWA	TOYOTA	Jap	42	GRAHAM	KTM	Gbr
26	KADSHAI/SEGAL	TOYOTA	Isr	43	FERNANDES	KTM	Bre
27	WOOLRIDGE/SKJOLDHAMMER	MITSUBISHI	Afs	44	STANOVNIK	KTM	Slo
28	WAMBERG/ROBISON	HUMMER	Usa	45	FITZSIMON	CCM	Irl
29	DHONT/VELDEMAN	TOYOTA	Bel	46	DABERT	YAMAHA	Fra
30	DROUET/GUERTON	RANGE	Fra	47	POLIMAC LEVI	KTM	Cro
31	VANIER SCHOT/GRONITZ	TOYOTA	Bel	48	THOME	HONDA	Fra
32	STRUGO/CATTARELLI	MITSUBISHI	Fra	49	PILLOT	HONDA	Fra
33	RAYNAL/PANIS	TOYOTA	Fra	50	PAVEY	CCM	Gbr
34	SMULEVICI/FALAISE	MITSUBISHI	Fra	51	BOSCH	HONDA	Esp
35	ROMAGNY	TOYOTA	Fra	52	VAN DEVENTER	YAMAHA	Afs
36	STEENSMA/CAMESELLE	TOYOTA	Esp	53	ETARD	YAMAHA	Fra
37	SANTIVERI/TOURINAN	NISSAN	Esp	54	ROJON	YAMAHA	Fra
38	BOXOEN/LIEKENS	MITSUBISHI	Bel	OVERALL TRUCK STANDINGS			
39	NOSHIRO/ARGUELLES	NISSAN	Jap	1	LOPRAIS/STACHURA/KALINA	TATRA	Rtc
40	ZOETAERT/DHONDT	TOYOTA	Bel	2	MOSKOVSKI KH/IAKOUBOV/CHAGIN	KAMAZ	Rus
OVERALL MOTORCYCLE STANDINGS				3	DE AZEVEDO/TOMECEK/NEUBARTH	TATRA	Bre
				4	SUGAWARA/SUGAWARA/MATSUM	HINO	Jap
1	SAINCT	BMW	Fra	5	BIASION/SIVIERO/DIAMANTE	IVECO	Ita
2	MAGNALDI	KTM	Fra	6	BARBIER/BARBIER/BENBEKHTI	MITSUBISHI	Fra
3	COX	KTM	Afs	7	KABIROV/BELIAEV/GOLOUB	KAMAZ	Rus
4	ARCARONS	KTM	Esp	8	REIF/DEINHOFFER/ROTH HOLGER	MAN	Aut
5	SOTELO	YAMAHA	Esp	9	BOSONNET/GRANJON/BERGER	MERCEDES	Fra
6	DEACON	KTM	Gbr	10	GIMBER/MARCHEIX/BUI	MERCEDES	Fra
7	SALA	KTM	Ita	11	PELICHET/CLEMENT/GODELOUP	MERCEDES	Fra
8	DE GAVARDO	KTM	Chi	12	PATTONO/PIO ALESSANDRO	MERCEDES	Ita
9	GALLARDO	BMW	Esp	13	JUVANTENY/PARDO/CRADO	MERCEDES	Esp
10	MEONI	KTM	Ita	14	FERRI/REIFF/KORBER	MERCEDES	Fra
11	ESTEVE PUJOL	KTM	Esp	15	BOIN/LOUIN/GAMBILLON	MERCEDES	Fra
12	HUTTEN	KTM	Hol	16	TIBAU/HERRERO/GOTLIB	MERCEDES	Esp
13	MALETTI	KAWASAKI	Ita				