

## STAGE FLASH

**Date:** 18 August 2017  
**Day:** 2  
**Stage:** Mittelmosel 1  
**Weather:** 21 degrees, light rain  
**Track:** mostly dry

**Flash N°:** 3  
**Distance:** 22.00 km

1	OGIER Sébastien/INGRASSIA Julien	FRA/FRA	FORD FIESTA WRC
"It was more dry than expected. It wasn't fantastic. But it was an okay start and let's see what the others can do."			
2	TÄNAK Ott/JÄRVEOJA Martin	EST/EST	FORD FIESTA WRC
"I must say, it was actually very tricky. We expected it to be wet but it was mostly dry."			
3	EVANS Elfyn/BARRITT Daniel	GBR/GBR	FORD FIESTA WRC
"It was okay, a bit of a moment in one place but otherwise okay. Not a lot of grip in the dry. Early on I worked on getting heat in the tyres."			
4	PADDON Hayden/MARSHALL Sebastian	NZL/GBR	HYUNDAI i20 WRC
"Might have been just a hay bale, nothing major. There is no right choice for tyres here. In parts softs would be better, in others hards."			
5	NEUVILLE Thierry/GILSOUL Nicolas	BEL/BEL	HYUNDAI i20 WRC
"I went off 1 km from the start. The road was dry then suddenly wet section under braking and I went into the vines and lost the front (splitter) lip. Now I have no downforce at all. It makes it very tricky. It's changing all the time."			
6	SORDO Dani/MARTÍ Marc	ESP/ESP	HYUNDAI i20 WRC
"Difficult to control the car in the slippery sections."			
7	MEEKE Kris/NAGLE Paul	GBR/IRL	CITROËN C3 WRC
"I felt a bit uncomfortable with the tyre choices. Humid in parts, wet under the trees. Difficult to find a rhythm."			
8	BREEN Craig/MARTIN Scott	IRL/GBR	CITROËN C3 WRC
"I played a gamble on two hards and two softs. It rained since the gravel crew went through, so I didn't know what to expect. Each corner was like flipping a coin. All softs would have been better I think."			
9	MIKKELSEN Andreas/JÆGER Anders	NOR/NOR	CITROËN C3 WRC
"We are pushing hard and taking risks but we have to. There is so much gravel on the roads here and I'm trying to limit the lime loss. I like this stage. The car is really, really nice."			
10	LATVALA Jari-Matti/ANTTILA Miikka	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA YARIS WRC
"It was surprisingly dry. The first parts were a bit damp. I wasn't feeling very comfortable with it."			

11	HÄNNINEN Juho/LINDSTRÖM Kaj	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA YARIS WRC
"Quite soon after the start under braking I went wide into the vines and hit a wooden post. I have to go and check..."			
12	LAPPI Esapekka/FERM Janne	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA YARIS WRC
"Wrong tyres and a surprise in one braking point where we went into the vines. The engine stalled and we lost a lot of time."			
14	KREMER Armin/WINKLHOFER Pirmin	DEU/DEU	FORD FIESTA WRC
"It was fantastic. Not easy. So slippery, sometimes it was wet, sometimes dry, but really nice."			
31	TIDEMAND Pontus/ANDERSSON Jonas	SWE/SWE	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"Not any problems but drier than expected."			
32	SUNINEN Teemu/MARKKULA Mikko	FIN/FIN	FORD FIESTA R5
"In the end I was a bit careful because it was muddy."			
33	CAMILLI Eric/VEILLAS Benjamin	FRA/FRA	FORD FIESTA R5
"We tried to survive with these springs. We have very hard springs and we didn't have time to change them this morning, after we had the problem with the clutch. I hope we can finish this loop."			
34	KOPECKÝ Jan/DRESLER Pavel	CZE/CZE	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"We had the information that it would be completely wet. But it was almost entirely dry. I'm still a bit confused."			
41	GRIEBEL Marijan/KOPCZYK Stefan	DEU/DEU	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"It didn't go well at all. Wrong tyres."			
66	TANNERT Julius/HEIGL Jürgen	DEU/AUT	FORD FIESTA R2
"These were the wrong tyres. It was drier than expected."			
71	KREIM Fabian/CHRISTIAN Frank	DEU/DEU	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"I hit a kerb at the end of the stage."			
75	GASSNER Hermann/THANNHÄUSER Karin	DEU/DEU	MINI COOPER R5
"Everything okay for us so far."			
78	GASSNER JR. Hermann/KRAMER Jasmin	DEU/DEU	TOYOTA GT86 R3
"It was okay. The track was way too dry. We were too soft with the suspension and the tyres."			
82	SCHWINN Sebastian/GRIEBEL Felix	DEU/DEU	MINI COOPER R5
"It went well. The tyres are too soft but we can't complain."			
84	SCHWEDT Roman/DR. WICHURA Henry	DEU/DEU	OPEL ADAM R2
"It was difficult. I slightly touched a barrier but nonetheless, everything is okay."			