

SERVICE FLASH

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1	OGIER Sébastien/INGRASSIA Julien	FRA/FRA	CITROËN C3 WRC	<p>"We know we have an issue, and the longer the stages the worse it is getting. I have never felt as bad on this stage, it was really horrible. I couldn't make the car turn. I am fighting very hard, but there is not much we can do. We also had a puncture on the rear left. Luckily it was a slow puncture and we still finished the stage with some pressure in the tyre. I think I know what to do on the stage, but not what to do when the car is not turning. I can't perform a miracle."</p>
3	SUNINEN Teemu/LEHTINEN Jarmo	FIN/FIN	FORD Fiesta WRC	<p>"It was fine. I expected more loose rocks. On the first stage I was looking carefully for them. The long one was quite okay: I found a good rhythm and was able to get a good time. We can be happy with what we did."</p>
4	LAPPI Esapekka/FERM Janne	FIN/FIN	CITROËN C3 WRC	<p>"The landing after the jump was so heavy that the bodysell is a little bit bent. There is a hole and some oil. It is a bit surprising to have some oil on the chassis, which is coming from the inside. I couldn't really find any oil when I opened the bonnet, so I guess everything is fine."</p>
5	MEEKE Kris/MARSHALL Sebastian	GBR/GBR	TOYOTA Yaris WRC	<p>"We knew Panzerplatte could spring a surprise for any one of us, but Thierry was unfortunate. It's not over yet, we have another tough loop on the same roads this afternoon."</p>
6	SORDO Dani/DEL BARRIO Carlos	ESP/ESP	HYUNDAI i20 Coupe WRC	<p>"It is always difficult to drive on Panzerplatte. You don't know if you are fast or not."</p>
8	TÄNAK Ott/JÄRVEOJA Martin	EST/EST	TOYOTA Yaris WRC	<p>"The conditions were changing all the time. In the end we managed to make it through smoothly with no mistakes, but it was a big challenge. I don't plan to push on the second pass. I'd like to have a bit better balance on the car. Hopefully we can have another good, smooth run. It was quite bumpy and the surface was quite broken. In previous years we've had more smooth tarmac sections. This year, there is only one section in the forest. What happened to Thierry was very unfortunate, but there is still one loop to go and we have to do our best to make sure we don't hit the same trouble."</p>
10	LATVALA Jari-Matti/ANTTILA Miikka	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA Yaris WRC	<p>"The best surprise this afternoon was on the short stage on the Panzerplatte, when I didn't feel like I went very well. I looked at my time and saw that it was the fastest so far. I didn't feel like I was driving so specially. Even on the long Panzerplatte stage, I made some small mistakes, but the time was still reasonably good. It is nice to surprise yourself that way."</p>

11	NEUVILLE Thierry/GILSOUL Nicolas	BEL/BEL	HYUNDAI i20 Coupe WRC
<p>“The rally is not over, so we’ll continue. Nor is the season over. That is the only positive thing we have to say now. Obviously it is a shame, but we knew there was a risk. We didn’t expect it to be us who punctured, but it can happen to anyone. I had a feeling before the stage, but the tyre pressures on the dashboard were good. Then, as soon as we went onto the stage, we felt that something was wrong. Maybe it’s a problem with the valve, maybe it’s a hole in the tyre. We don’t know yet.”</p>			

17	KATSUTA Takamoto/BARRITT Daniel	JPN/GBR	TOYOTA Yaris WRC
<p>“It was an unbelievable stage for me. I have never experienced that kind of stage with a fast World Rally Car. The grip changes in every single corner. It was not easy, but I’m understanding how to drive.”</p>			

44	GREENSMITH Gus/EDMONDSON Elliott	GBR/GBR	FORD Fiesta WRC
<p>“Horrible. They are both stages that I have usually done well on, but it was just a disaster. I was trying to be smooth and look after the tyres. I was just too cautious and the time is just ebbing away for the entirety of the stage. So, it was fairly awful. However, it is not very hard to work out how to go faster. This is pretty much the furthest we have been off the pace.”</p>			

89	MIKKELSEN Andreas/JÆGER Anders	NOR/NOR	HYUNDAI i20 Coupe WRC
<p>“I know Dani Sordo always does well on this stage. We had an okay run, but obviously he was quite a bit faster. We have to try to step it up on the second pass. It is always quite difficult to know how much you can push the tyres. I felt midway through that I was losing the tyres a bit, so I backed down and they were not so bad towards the end. I think I can push them a bit more than I did.”</p>			

54	GRIEBEL Marijan/WINKLHOFFER Pirmin	DEU/DEU	ŠKODA Fabia R5 evo
<p>“Compared to this morning’s stages, I took at least 30 percent less risk and went at least 30 percent slower. Despite this, I still very quickly got a slow puncture on the rear left. That meant I had to drive really slowly. Then somehow, at some point, I got a puncture on the front right. I could not believe it. Then we had to drive four or five kilometres with two slow punctures. That was not so good for the car or the time. It was a bit stressful, having to change two wheels between the stages. I then just tried to drive a clean line and avoid anything else happening. I got through the whole stage without making any mistakes.”</p>			

55	KREIM Fabian/BRAUN Tobias	DEU/DEU	ŠKODA Fabia R5 evo
<p>“At least we did not get a puncture. But we were far too cautious. We lost a lot of time on the Panzerplatte. We had two or three contacts and thought we might have a puncture. But we actually lost a lot of time without a puncture. Having said that, we are still leading. We managed to survive, but we could have survived better. The goal for today is definitely to stay out in front. We have a lead of 23 seconds and will try to keep that. Maybe we can even increase it. It is important not to get a puncture and lose it all.”</p>			