



STAGE FLASH

Date: 24th August 2012
Day: 1
Special Stage: Mittelmosel 1
Weather: 20 degrees, overcast
Track: dry

Flash N°: 1
Distance: 24,90 km

1	LOEB, Sébastien / ELENA, Daniel	FRA/MCO	CITROËN DS3 WRC	"The stage was drier than predicted. Therefore I took it very cautiously. It was a good stage, however not perfect"
2	HIRVONEN, Mikko / LEHTINEN, Jarmo	FIN/FIN	CITROËN DS3 WRC	"I lost a lot of time. It was very slippery"
4	SOLBERG, Petter / PATTERSON, Chris	NOR/GBR	FORD Fiesta RS WRC	"I was driving very cautiously. Parts of the track were very slippery."
3	LATVALA, Jari-Matti / ANTTILA, Miikka	FIN/FIN	FORD Fiesta RS WRC	"I tried something with the tyres that did not work out. I was driving on hard and soft tyres diagonally. This was good at first, but then the tyres wore out. I still have two hard tyres with me. Now I can switch completely to hard tyres."
5	TANAK, Ott / SIKK, Kuldar	EST/EST	FORD Fiesta RS WRC	"I missed the first corner."
6	NOVIKOV, Evgeny / GIRAUDET, Denis	RUS/FRA	FORD Fiesta RS WRC	Stopped in the stage. The car seems to be damaged at the right rear
7	AL ATTIAH, Nasser / BERNACCHINI, G.	QAT/ITA	CITROËN DS3 WRC	"This stage was very nice, I am enjoying it, but I have to get used to the Tarmac."
8	NEUVILLE, Thierry / GILSOUL, Nicolas	BEL/BEL	CITROËN DS3 WRC	"I was driving cautiously as it was very slippery in the beginning. There is lots of mud on the track."
10	ÖSTBERG, Mads / ANDERSSON, Jonas	NOR/SWE	FORD Fiesta RS WRC	"Two km before the finish I overshot a junction because I had no brake, therefore I lost about 15 seconds."
12	ATKINSON, Chris / PRÉVOT, Stéphane	AUS/BEL	MINI John Cooper WRC	"My water bottle became loose and dropped. I had to keep it away from the pedals all the time."



21	PROKOP, Martin / HRUZA, Zdenek	CZE/CZE	FORD Fiesta RS WRC	"I went into the grass and it took me a while to get back on the track"
37	SORDO, Daniel / DEL BARRIO, Carlos	ESP/ESP	MINI John Cooper WRC	"I was going on soft tyres on the left side and hard ones on the right. This was no good choice."
14	NOBRE, Paulo / PAULA, Edu	BRA/BRA	MINI John Cooper WRC	Damaged right front
15	VANMERKSTEIJN JR.Peter/CHEVAILLIER,	NLD/BEL	CITROËN DS3 WRC	"I spun at the first hairpin as it was very slippery."
22	OGIER, Sébastien / INGRASSIA, Julien	FRA/FRA	SKODA Fabia S2000	"I had slight problems in the corners."
23	MIKKELSEN, Andreas / FLOENE, Ola	NOR/NOR	SKODA Fabia S2000	"I spun after five km, even though I drove cautiously. I lost about 10 seconds."
24	WIEGAND, Sebastian / GOTTSCHALK, T.	DEU/DEU	SKODA Fabia S2000	"This is the first outing in the new car. Everything is going well."
38	GUERRA, Benito / ROZADA, Borja	MEX/ESP	MINI John Cooper WRC	"The brakes overheated from the middle of the stage. Therefore I had problems in the corners."
42	TRIVIÑO BUJALIL, Ricardo / HARO, Alex	MEX/ESP	SUBARU Impreza WRX Sti	"I overshot a junction."
51	GASSNER JR., Hermann / WICHA, Klaus	DEU/DEU	SKODA Fabia S2000	"I stalled the engine in a corner. I had no brakes at the end."
52	ARZENO, Mathieu / JAMOUL, Renauld	FRA/BEL	PEUGEOT 207 S2000	Hit something at the rear left. Damaged wheel.