



## STAGE FLASH

**Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> August 2012  
**Day:** 1  
**Special Stage:** Graftschaft 1  
**Weather:** 23 degrees, partly cloudy  
**Track:** dry

**Flash N°:** 3  
**Distance:** 21,23 km

1	LOEB, Sébastien / ELENA, Daniel	FRA/MCO	CITROËN DS3 WRC
"It was a fast stage with many straight sections. I had no problems. Now we are halfway through. We'll see what happens today."			

2	HIRVONEN, Mikko / LEHTINEN, Jarmo	FIN/FIN	CITROËN DS3 WRC
"We will make slight chances in the service. The car needs to be improved."			

4	SOLBERG, Petter / PATTERSON, Chris	NOR/GBR	FORD Fiesta RS WRC
"This morning was not so bad. The tyres are okay, but we need to be careful."			

10	ÖSTBERG, Mads / ANDERSSON, Jonas	NOR/SWE	FORD Fiesta RS WRC
"I am careful because of the brakes. I hope that my car can be modified in the service."			

3	LATVALA, Jari-Matti / ANTTILA, Miikka	FIN/FIN	FORD Fiesta RS WRC
"I have recurring problems with the handling. It needs to be checked in the service."			

5	TANAK, Ott / SIKK, Kuldar	EST/EST	FORD Fiesta RS WRC
"I lost time as I went left instead of right in a corner."			

7	AL ATTIYAH, Nasser / BERNACCHINI, G.	QAT/ITA	CITROËN DS3 WRC
"It's very difficult. We have a long way to go in this Rally which is not easy."			

8	NEUVILLE, Thierry / GILSOUL, Nicolas	BEL/BEL	CITROËN DS3 WRC
"I overshot the first corner and lost a few seconds. Unfortunately I also have problems when shifting the gears."			

12	ATKINSON, Chris / PRÉVOT, Stéphane	AUS/BEL	MINI John Cooper WRC
"I am trying to push but I have no good feeling."			



21	PROKOP, Martin / HRUZA, Zdenek	CZE/CZE	FORD Fiesta RS WRC
Stopped in the stage. Car caught fire. Team okay.			

37	SORDO, Daniel / DEL BARRIO, Carlos	ESP/ESP	MINI John Cooper WRC
"I am not satisfied with my times."			

After accident of team number 21 the stage was stopped and later neutralised.