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# The 2015 ADAC Rallye Deutschland Taking Shape

- Planning for the German FIA WRC rally in full swing
- New Special Stage in the Eifel region planned
- The Dhrontal Special Stage to be the new Power Stage

Munich/Trier, 27 January 2015 – When the 2015 WRC season opens with the Rally Monte Carlo, rally fever is also on the rise in Germany. The community is looking forward to the ADAC Rallye Deutschland. This year, the German event of the FIA WRC will take place from 20 to 23 August. The organising team headed by Clerk of the Course Alfred Rommelfanger is very busy: For the time being, their focus is on schedule and itinerary planning. The itinerary in the Moselle region around Trier, the Eifel region, the Saarland and the legendary Panzerplatte military range is taking shape. World Champion Sébastien Ogier, 2014 winner Thierry Neuville, Jari-Matti Latvala, and the other WRC drivers – as well as their fans – may look forward to a few new challenges and some classic Rally Deutschland highlights.

The 2015 ADAC Rallye Deutschland will start off on Thursday (20 August) with the Shakedown at Konz, as redesigned last year. The fans can again anticipate the autograph session with all the top drivers at the "Hauptmarkt" square in the centre of Trier (main market). The traditional show start at the Porta Nigra in Trier will officially open the 2015 ADAC Rallye Deutschland. Again, the ancient Roman gate will be spectacularly lit to serve as a unique backdrop for the presentation of the teams and their high-tech rally cars.

On Friday (21 August), the ADAC Rallye Deutschland starts with the Sauertal Special Stage. The approx. 15km section near the Luxembourg border will be run the other way round than it was last year. Next on the schedule is the Waxweiler Special Stage near the Belgian border, first introduced in 2014. An all-new Special Stage in the Spangdahlem area near the A60 motorway is still on the drawing board. It will be the perfect transition from the Eifel to the Moselle region. The morning's action will conclude with the Moselland Special Stage. Then the circus will proceed from the vineyards back to the central Service Park in Trier, again to be located on the Trier fairgrounds. All four Special Stages again will be on the schedule for Friday afternoon.

Saturday (22 August) will begin with the Grafschaft Special Stage (approx. 18km long), with slight changes to the itinerary compared to last year. The next challenge will be a Special Stage in the Saarland. Then the gloves will come off on the Baumholder military range. Since the Sprint format introduced last year was so popular, in 2015 the Arena Panzerplatte will be the setting for two distinct tests: a Sprint, approx. 3km long affording the spectators' direct view of almost the complete track, and the usual approx. 47km "Marathon" that will be as exacting as ever on the drivers' skills. After the Bilstein regrouping in Mandern, the teams will head back to the Trier Service Park from where they will set out to the Special Stages in the afternoon.

The final day's schedule (23 August) has two Special Stages with slightly modified itineraries compared to 2014: the 20km Stein & Wein Special Stage and the Dhrontal Special Stage northeast of Trier. In 2015, the Dhrontal Special Stage and its (in)famous for hairpin turns will be the Power Stage, yielding extra points in the WRC standings. To get it in line with the WRC Rules and Regulations regarding Power Stages, it was reduced to approx. 15km. A regrouping along the Moselle river is also scheduled for Sunday. In the afternoon, the podium ceremony against the historic backdrop of the Porta Nigra gate in Trier will be the crowning conclusion of the 2015 ADAC Rallye Deutschland. Here, rally fans will have ample opportunity to once again celebrate the heroes of the German WRC event.





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## Get your pre-sale vouchers and passes now!

To make rally fans even more excited, ADAC has just opened the ticket pre-sale for the 2015 ADAC Rallye Deutschland: Rally passes/vouchers are now available for €69.00 (€64.00 for ADAC members) at <u>http://shop.rallye-deutschland.de</u>. Along with the pass, you can pre-order the official rally magazine at an extra €5.00.

## The rally pass at a glance:

The rally pass is the universal fan ticket to the entire four-day event of the ADAC Rallye Deutschland. It provides access to the Shakedown and to all spectator areas along the Special Stages. The pass also includes admission to the Service Park. As the hub of the event, the Service Park has numerous attractions in store for the fans. Here, they can watch the mechanics at work, admire the WRC stars along with their rally cars and obtain their autographs.

#### The pass includes:

- Access to all Special Stages on all days
- Access to the Service Park on all days
- Access to the Shakedown on Thursday
- A spectator map providing all the essential information about the rally
- An ADAC Rallye Deutschland pass lanyard
- An ADAC Rallye Deutschland sticker

## 2015 ADAC Rallye Deutschland information:

The ADAC Rallye Deutschland has a unique world-wide reputation. Its mix of hairpin stages in the Moselle vineyards, tough tracks on the Baumholder tank range and fast blacktop roads presents extreme challenges for both teams and drivers, putting their skill and versatility to the test. Diversity, high-class action and closeness to the fans are the ingredients that make the ADAC Rallye Deutschland such an attractive package for spectators as well. Year after year, this major event draws enthusiastic crowds from all over Europe, giving it a special, international atmosphere.

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