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# Konz Shakedown – Spectacular Dress Rehearsal and Final Toughness Test for the ADAC Rallye Deutschland

- 4.60 km warm-up at the German FIA WRC rally
- The WRC stars' last testing run an insider's tip for rally fans on Thursday
- Admission is included in the rally pass

Munich/Trier, 12 August 2015 – After six consecutive gravel rallies the WRC is back on asphalt at the ADAC Rallye Deutschland. So the Shakedown is doubly important: last chance for the drivers to adapt and to find the perfect setup for their WRC cars. The mandatory warm-up for the rally participants is scheduled for Thursday, 20 August. The 4.60 km section between Konz and the village of Kommlingen is a last toughness test before the Show Start at the illuminated Porta Nigra gate the same evening, which is the official opening of the German round in the FIA Rally World Championship.

For the fans, the Konz Shakedown is a spectacular opportunity to get a taste of the rally action they may expect over the next three days: Undiluted high-class rally action: World champion Sébastien Ogier, the 2014 Rallye Deutschland winner Thierry Neuville and the other WRC pros will take on their testing runs with maximum concentration and at full throttle. The Shakedown section anticipates typical elements of the upcoming Special Stages of the ADAC Rallye Deutschland: fast asphalt sections, the uphill-downhill in the vineyards with their tight switch-backs and narrow service roads.

Over the years, the Konz Shakedown has become a real insider tip among the rally fans. Other than the high level of sportsmanship, there are a number of reasons justifying this. For instance the opportunity to take an extensive look at the WRC cars, since the regulations require the drivers to run several passes of the Shakedown. Another big advantage is that the spectator areas are close one to the next. This gives the fans a good opportunity to watch their stars all day from different viewing points without having to move their own cars from the parking.

The four Shakedown spectator areas are Konz (Z1), Wiltinger Kupp (Z2), Arena Kommlingen (Z3), and Spitzkehre Kommlingen/finish (Z4). The Kommlingen Arena is the largest and most popular spectator area. Here the itinerary follows both slopes of a valley so that the WRC cars can be seen racing a longer distance.

This year, the Konz Shakedown will start at 09:30h on Thursday, 20 August. The starting order comprises several groups: The priority 1+2 drivers will have the Shakedown to themselves until 11:00h, which includes the stars of the WRC. Between 11:00h and 13:00h, the priority 3 drivers hit the course. Between 13:30h and 15:30h, it is the turn of additional WRC participants. And finally, the teams of the ADAC Opel Rallye Cup will conclude the Shakedown between 15:30h and 16:30h.

Rally pass holders will have free access to the Konz Shakedown. Fans will also be able to buy €15 Shakedown day tickets on site. Rally pass holders will get fast access to the spectator areas, especially during major fan arrival times.

### Get your tickets now!

The pre-sale for the 2015 ADAC Rallye Deutschland is in full swing. Rally passes will be available on-line at <http://shop.rallye-deutschland.de> for €69 (€64 for ADAC members) up until and including Sunday, 16 Aug. 2015. Along with the pass, you can pre-order the official rally magazine at an extra €5. If you order your rally pass in advance, you will be given exclusive and free access for one month to the WRC+ web and app platform. In addition, tickets will be available at

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the ADAC local offices in Trier, Koblenz, Idar Oberstein and Saarbrücken, at the Service Park Trier (fairgrounds), the rally headquarters in Trier (Hotel Park Plaza) and the tourist information at the Porta Nigra in Trier. Last-minute spectators may buy their tickets during the event from any on-site ticket office and info point.

### 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. It offers numerous attractions to the fans. And it is the hub of the event, its beating heart. Here, the fans 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 Mosel vineyards, tough tracks on the Baumholder tank range and fast asphalt roads presents extreme challenges for both teams and drivers. This mix requires excellent driving skills and versatility. 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.

### The ADAC Rallye Hub: up-to-date information at your fingertips!

The ADAC Rallye Hub is the official on-line communication tool of the ADAC Rallye Deutschland, reporting live from the German FIA WRC event around the clock. At [www.rallyehub.de](http://www.rallyehub.de), fans will find almost any information from the social media channels: Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Youtube on one central page. In addition to current news from the WRC and ADAC Rallye Deutschland, comprehensive coverage of the ADAC Rallye Masters and the Deutsche Rallye Meisterschaft DRM forms the core element of the new ADAC Rallye Hub.

### Now available: the official magazine of the 2015 ADAC Rallye Deutschland

Exciting, informative, indispensable – the official magazine of the 2015 ADAC Rallye Deutschland is out now! 84 pages of fascinating reading all about the German FIA WRC event. As a companion for fans at the event and at home, it covers everything you want to know about the drivers, teams, itinerary, spectator points and WRC Rules and Regulations. Detailed maps, exciting background stories, exclusive interviews, an attractive sweepstake and many fascinating rally topics round off the rally magazine. The magazine is available for €5 at [www.adac.de/rallye-deutschland](http://www.adac.de/rallye-deutschland) and [www.adrenalin-verlag.com](http://www.adrenalin-verlag.com). During the event, it will be available at the on-site ticket offices, info points and Special Stages of the ADAC Rallye Deutschland (20 to 23 August 2015).

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