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# Latest news about the ADAC Rallye Deutschland

- Shakedown Konz: Latvala posts fastest time in 'rally before the rally'
- Ceremonial start and autograph session in the Trier city centre this evening
- Prominent rally visitors range from Revolverheld to VfL Wolfsburg

Munich/Trier, 20 August 2015 – A successful dress rehearsal in excellent conditions – that is what fans and drivers were able to enjoy during today's shakedown for the 2015 ADAC Rallye Deutschland. At the 4.60 kilometres long route between Konz and the community of Kommlingen, Jari-Matti Latvala posted the fastest time of 2:21.4 minutes from his Volkswagen teammate Andreas Mikkelsen (2:21.6 minutes). Behind them, Kris Meeke (2:22.1 minutes) with his Citroën DS 3 WRC and world champion Sébastien Ogier (2:22.2 minutes) with his Volkswagen Polo R WRC followed in third and fourth place. Robert Kubica was the best-placed Ford driver with the fifth-fastest time (2:23.0 minutes) from his team-mate Ott Tänak (2:23.4 minutes) and Hayden Paddon (2:23.6 minutes) with his Hyundai i20 WRC. The other drivers in the top ten: Hyundai's Dani Sordo (2:23.7 minutes), Citroën drive Mads Østberg (2:23.8 minutes) and Elfyn Evans (2:23.9 minutes) with his Ford Fiesta RS WRC. Last year's winner, Hyundai driver Thierry Neuville just missed out on a top ten result with the eleventh-fastest time (2:24.3 minutes).

### Ceremonial start at the Porta Nigra

The world's top drivers meet world heritage: the ceremonial start in front of the historic backdrop of the Porta Nigra in Trier will mark the official getaway for the ADAC Rallye Deutschland on Thursday evening. From 19:30 hrs onwards, fans already have the opportunity to collect autographs from the WRC stars at the Hauptmarkt in Trier and to enjoy a spectacular BMX show with Red Bull professional Jorge 'Viki' Gómez. From 20:30 hrs onwards, all the participants in the rally will drive off the starting podium with their cars. The large illumination of the Porta Nigra will add to the unique atmosphere.

### Prominent rally guests range from Revolverheld to VfL Wolfsburg

This year, once again, the ADAC Rallye Deutschland is attracting numerous prominent visitors to Trier and its region. A live performance by the band Revolverheld is one of the highlights. The four red-blooded musicians from Hamburg will stage an exclusive live concert at the Panzerplatte on Saturday (August 22, 2015). The one-hour concert at the central Volkswagen stage will start at 14:00 hrs. Several other prominent guests have announced their presence at the rally as well. Among others, the Volkswagen Motorsport team will have Klaus Allofs and Dieter Hecking from Supercup winner, VfL Wolfsburg, among its visitors. Together with some players, they will be coming to Trier straight after their Bundesliga match against 1. FC Köln on Saturday to watch the ADAC Rallye Deutschland.

#### Tickets still available on-site

Anyone who does not yet have a rally pass need not miss out on the ADAC Rallye Deutschland. The rally pass can be purchased at a price of €69.00. In the ADAC offices in Trier, Koblenz, Idar Oberstein and Saabrücken as well as in Trier at the Servicepark Trier (Messegelände) and the Tourist Information office at the Porta Nigra, tickets can also be acquired. Moreover, tickets can also be bought throughout the ADAC Rallye Deutschland at all ticket sales booths and information points. Locations and business hours can be found at: <u>www.adac.de/rallye-deutschland</u> (click on "Zuschauer"). In addition to rally passes, fans can also buy tickets to individual Special Stages. The tickets are available at €15.00 in the spectator areas of the individual Special Stages. Single tickets for the Arena Panzerplatte Special Stage (Saturday, 22 August 2015) with its particularly comprehensive show and supporting programme including the Revolverheld concert are available at €20.00. One-day tickets for the Service Park are €5.00.





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#### 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

- 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 Rally Hub: up-to-date information at your fingertips!

The ADAC Rally 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 <u>www.adac.de/rallyehub</u>, 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 is the core element of the new ADAC Rallye Hub.

#### 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 <u>www.adac.de/rallye-deutschland</u> and <u>www.adrenalin-verlag.com</u>. 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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