



SERVICE FLASH

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Day: One

Service: Remote Service A (Whangarei)

Flash N°: 1

Car 1. Sebastien Loeb/Daniel Elena

This morning's stages were good. However my driving was not so good, as you can see by my door.

Car 11. Petter Solberg/Phil Mills

The stages were lovely. A bit slippery, but very nice to drive. My times are good and I am exactly where I need to be. I'm looking forward to this afternoon.

Car 3. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen

The stages were beautiful, but a bit slippery. Looking forward to the rest of the weekend.

Car 4. Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttila

First two stages I was not so happy, but stages 3 and 4 were really good.

Car 7. Sebastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia

It was good for us, but very slippery.

Car 2. Dani Sordo/Marc Marti

Everything was OK. I am happy with the car and the stages were really nice.

Car 5. Matthew Wilson/Scott Martin

No comment

Car 9. Federico Villagra/Jorge Perez Compagnon

They were ok. But they were slippery and it was difficult to find the right speed.

Car 6. Henning Solberg/Ilka Minor

It is not very good. Something is wrong with the car, but we will fix it tonight.

Car 28. Xavier Pons/Alex Haro

Ok. Very slippery this morning in the stages, but the car is OK. I am feeling good.

Car 21. Martin Prokop/Jan Tomanek

Very good. The car is perfect so we can go as fast as possible. We are really enjoying the rally.

Car 24. Patrik Sandell/Emil Axelsson

I hit an eagle on the second stage so I had a broken windscreen, so I had problems not having perfect vision from corner to corner, but apart from that it is OK

Car 27. Janne Tuohino/Risto Pietilainen

Quite OK. The stages are very nice. Maybe I can get a bit more speed, but I made a few mistakes. Maybe it will be better second time through.

Car 22. Nasser Al-Attiyah/Giovanni Bernacchini

Ok. We finish four stages. And now we enjoy some stages again. We'll see how it goes.

Car 29. Jari Ketomaa/Mika Stenberg

Very good. No problems.

Car 32. Toshi Arai/Daniel Barritt

I hit the same bridge as Seb. I have broken the rear cross member.

Car 38. Hayden Paddon/John Kennard

Going ok, it is pretty slippery out there. So I am just trying to control my pace and stay on the right lines. Unfortunately I lost quite a bit of time in the last couple of stages as I was stuck behind (someone?), but these things happen in these events. There is still a long way to go in this rally.

Car 40. Richard Mason/Sara Mason

Good start to the day. We did get held up a bit in the last stage. I think we are in a good position.

Car 50. Emma Gilmour/Glenn Macneall

Had a bit of an average morning. The car developed an exhaust leak on the first stage, which seemed to drain all the clutch fluid and also drained the car of power. Hopefully it is something the boys will be able to fix now.

Car 34. Kingsley Thompson/Malcolm Peden

Pretty good. The first stage we were a bit quiet, but came right at about stage 3 and 4. Our times are looking better so we are happy.

Car 42. Miguel Angel Baldoni/Jose Diaz

I am very happy to be here. It is a very good race.

Car 30. Albert Llovera/Borja Rozada

Good. Will have to make a few changes. But the stages are so fun, it is incredible.

Car 46. Chaodong Liu/Anthony McLoughlin

No comment

Car 54. Michel Jourdain/Oscar Sanchez

It was going pretty good, but I hit a bridge with the right rear so it is a little bit bent, so we are going to check it now. We'll have to change some suspension parts I suspect.

Car 33. Gianluca Linari/Massimo Salvucci

It is very good. It is nice. There are no problems for now.

Car 45. Rui Wang/Hongyu Pan

No comment.

Car 44. Paulo Nobre/Edu Paula

First time here in NZ racing. I can see that the rally is very pleasurable, very nice. The feeling in the specials stages is fantastic, but they are very tricky, so you have to pay attention.

Car 61. Mark Tapper/Jeff Cress

Not too bad. Had a spin in the first stage and a spin in the fourth stage, but I'm pretty happy really.

Car 62. Chris West/Chris Cobham

Ok. The car probably wasn't working as well as it should have this morning with its set up, so we have been refining that. Been progressively improving each stage. We're getting to where we need to be with the stage times. Through Cassidy was really good.

Car 63. Stewart Taylor/Warwick Searle

Started well. But as we got to stage 3 & 4 the tyre wear was so great that I was struggling to control the car. The Evo10 is quite heavy compared to the Evo nine that I normally drive; it puts so much heat into the tyres that they wear out faster than normal on the nine.

Car 64. Dean Sumner/Paul Fallon

Not too bad. Had a miss all day. Bad trying to change gears under load. Hopefully it is something we can fix now.

Car 68. Patrick Malley/Malcolm Read

Struggling with tyres and handling but so is everyone else. But lost 7 minutes. Tomorrow is a new day. So we are just trundling along today, making adjustments etc to get it all set up sweet, so we can really attack tomorrow.

Car 65. Glenn Smith/Campbell Ward

Quite conservatively. Had a big crash down south, so I've just been driving down the middle of the road. We might try a bit harder this afternoon to pick up a few places.

Car 66. Glenn Inkster/Glenn Goldring

Really good. Going well so far. Still getting used to the new car and stuff, but looking forward to this afternoon.

Car 67. Kieran Hall/Jamie Kibble

It's a brand new car, so we're still adjusting to it. And I have a new co-driver with James beside me, but he has some great experience and it is paying off and we are gelling together well. We have a bit of a problem with the centre diff; we can only get lock on centre diff, making it a wee bit tricky to drive. So we just have to drive it like it is, and hopefully get it sorted out for the next rally, so we'll be flying.

Car 69. Matt Jansen/Jason Farmer

Struggling a little bit this morning with some brake issues so hopefully we can rectify that at this service and try and pull some time back this afternoon.

Car 70. Sloan Cox/Tarryn Cox

Very up and down, when I've been going I've been happy. But I've had a few moments like I spun in the second stage this morning, and then half missed a bridge, so had to reverse out and then go again. But apart from that it has been a good rally. I just have to get my head in the game and not have moments.

Car 71. Josh Marston/David Calder

Good. Just getting into it. I'm having good spells and bad spells. Just trying to settle into a rhythm... it is a long rally. Just getting into the swing of things, so I can start pushing later on, but enjoying it so far.

Car 73. Dave Strong/Bruce McKenzie

Good so far. Lost brakes in the long stage. Just have to be careful of that next time

Car 74. Brent Taylor/Chris Ramsay

Been fantastic. Been great.

Car 75. Jean-Louis Leyraud/Benjamin Searcy

Not bad. We have to adjust some things on the car and then we will be OK.

Car 77. Dominick Unterberger/Sarah Coatsworth

Been pretty odd. We've had some problems in stage 2, but they seem to have disappeared. The notes, we could have made a few more adjustments to them, but they are OK. We are just trying to get as many kms under our belts as we can. So far, so good.

Car 78. Brian Green/Fleur Pedersen

So far so good. We would like to be a bit faster, but we are doing our best.

Car 79. Lee Stringer/Chris Davison

Not too bad so far. Had a half spin in Bulls and, in the last corner in Bulls we got stuck in a fence and stalled, so lost a little bit of time. But pretty good other than that. Still a long way to go yet, got to get motivated.

Car 80. Stephen Barker/Richard Ellis

Not too bad had a pretty good start. Started to catch the car in front in the last two long ones, but have a 2 min gap now, so shouldn't have that problem again. But other than that we are making sure we get to the finish as one of the other cars has dropped out because of a crash.

Car 81. Ben Hunt/Tony Rawstorn

Not going to bad. Had a few issues in the first couple of stages, engine over heating etc. But the last couple of stages went well. Have to sort out some new tyres as these ones are bugged.

Car 83. Alain Dalstein/Dale Perry

No comment

Car 84. Tony Burrowes/Michelle Parry

Pretty lucky to be here really. The stages have been getting quicker and quicker and then had quite a high speed spin in the last stage and took a while to get going again.

Car 85. Dermott Malley/Linzi Malley

Good. Excellent.

Car 86. Trevor Taylor/Tim Eddington

Going well. We're keeping it on the road so that is the main thing.