



STAGE FLASH

Date: 7 May 2010

Day: One

Special Stage: 5

Weather: Fine cloudy

Road Conditions: Dry and dusty

Flash No: 5

Distance: 9.87 km

Car 1. Sebastien Loeb/Daniel Elena

Left hand door skin dented (from this morning), but no major damage. Didn't appear to effect Loeb's time.

Car 11. Petter Solberg/Phil Mills

It is very lose and not such as good time. A little mistake and that's how it is.

Car 3. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen

It seems like everyone is going really flat out – I mean I can't go any faster – that's all I can do.

Car 4. Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttila

Two slight mistakes. One was a 90 right – my line was too late turning in so I went wide and was suffering in the lose stuff, which maybe lost me half a second, but generally it was alright.

Car 7. Sebastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia

Could not understand him before he took off.

Car 2. Dani Sordo/Marc Marti

No Comment

Car 5. Matthew Wilson/Scott Martin

It was OK – I was a little slow off the line and maybe slow in the first km or so, but after that it felt good – it's working alright.

Car 9. Federico Villagra/Jorge Perez Companc

No Comment.

Car 6. Henning Solberg/Ilka Minor

We did some changes at the service, which helped me drive it.

Car 28. Xavier Pons/Alex Haro

No Comment.

Car 27. Janne Tuohino/Risto Pietilainen

We had a problem with the windscreen washer. Water was coming onto the windscreen. We had to use the wipers maybe after every 30 seconds. But we will fix it on the service.

Car 22. Nasser Al-Attiyah/Giovanni Bernacchini

It OK still – we have three stages to go.

Car 29. Jari Ketomaa/Mika Stenberg

The road is not clean, but it's OK. But other than that everything is going OK.

Car 38. Hayden Paddon/John Kennard

It was a bit different. Obviously a lot more gravel in there. It's quite surprising how much the road hasn't swept. Obviously it's sweeping a bit, but not as much as I thought it would and losing time.

Car 32. Toshi Arai/Daniel Barritt

Damaged cross member. No No – we cannot fix it.

Car 50. Emma Gilmour/Glenn Macneall

Yes – the car seems to be going better.

Car 42. Miguel Angel Baldoni/Jose Diaz

Yes. I'm very happy to be here. It was an awesome stage for me.

Car 30. Albert Llovera/Borja Rozada

Everything happened in one moment, but we are OK now.

Car 46. Chaodong Liu/Anthony McLoughlin

No Comment

Car 54. Michel Jourdain/Oscar Sanchez

It was OK. Seems to have a problem with the right rear, so we did some adjustments. Other than that I'm very happy.

Car 33. Gianluca Linari/Massimo Salvucci

No Comment.

Car 45. Rui Wang/Hongyu Pan

So So – doesn't speak English.

Car 44. Paulo Nobre/Edu Paula

We're just about on time. We try not to make a mistake. Now we have another special stage for the first we will try and push a little bit more.

Car 61. Mark Tapper/Jeff Cress

I thought I drove like a pussy, but the time looks good.

Car 63. Stewart Taylor/Warwick Searle

Nice and careful. I was a bit worried about making my tires last the distance. So it was good – nice and easy.

Car 64. Dean Sumner/Paul Fallon

No Comment.

Car 68. Patrick Malley/Malcolm Read

It was good – nice. It's good to be back in the car. We are looking to try and test out for tomorrow and looking to make a couple of changes.

Car 65. Glenn Smith/Campbell Ward

Still a bit cautious we will just get through today. We have a long weekend ahead.

Car 66. Glenn Inkster/Glenn Goldring

It was grouse. It was really good and my time wasn't bad.

Car 67. Kieran Hall/Jamie Kibble It was good. We put new tires on the front. Its giving it that more grip, which is what we need.

Car 69. Matt Jansen/Jason Farmer It was good – we made a couple of changes at service. It's now pointing in the right direction. Haven't quite found the sweet spot yet, but we are working on it.

Car 70. Sloan Cox/Tarryn Cox

Quite a bit of damage on the car. I just noticed that for the first time. I don't even know where that happened. Front right as well – I don't know about that either.

Car 71. Josh Marston/David Calder

It's different. A lot of little traps in it. It's quite a cool stage as it flows quite well. Didn't quite get into the swing of things in there, but will get there.

Car 73. Dave Strong/Bruce McKenzie

Best stage of the rally so far. The cars going great.

Car 74. Brent Taylor/Chris Ramsay A big wakeup call after lunch sandwich. I'm a bit tired after lunch. It was good for the rest of the day. He likes the long stages better as he can get in and concentrate on the job.

Car 75. Jean-Louis Leyraud/Benjamin Searcy

No Comment

Car 77. Dominick Unterberger/Sarah Coatsworth

It's good to get back into it. We are still having a problem with a bit of noise in the left. The guys checked it at service and it seemed fine.

Car 78. Brian Green/Fleur Pedersen A big way of getting woken up. It was very good. He's looking forward to being back to Auckland.

Car 79. Lee Stringer/Chris Davison A good wakeup call after lunch. A lot better. Not looking forward to the long stages – finding them a bit tough. But I'll get there.

Car 80. Stephen Barker/Richard Ellis

We are just pushing along. Keep on keeping on. It was a good stage. We are just having fun.

Car 81. Ben Hunt/Tony Rawstorn

Still feeling a bit asleep half way through that stage after lunch. So we will have to try and do something in these next few stages.

Car 83. Alain Dalstein/Dale Perry

(Co-Driver) We never really did our notes good on it. But he is starting to trust himself in the corners and pushing harder than he started this morning. So let's see how he goes for the rest of the day.

Car 84. Tony Burrowes/Michelle Parry

Very slippery out there. I would have thought those WRC drivers would have swept the gravel away, but an awful lot still sitting on the top.

Car 85. Dermott Malley/Linzi Malley

Time was a very bit slow.

Car 86. Trevor Taylor/Tim Eddington

No Comment.