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- **Start:** 1 January 1987 from Versailles (Place d'Armes)
- **Finish:** 22 January 1987 in Dakar (Rose Lake)
- **Rest:** 11 January 1987 in Agadez
- **Length of rally:** 13,000 km
- **Number of kilometers of special:** 8,315 km
- **Countries crossed:** France, Algeria, Niger, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal



NUMBER OF COMPETITORS: 539

- **At the start:** 312 cars
154 motorcycles
73 trucks
- **At the finish:** 124 véhicules
including 98 cars/trucks
26 motorcycles

OVERALL CAR STANDINGS:

Ari Vatanen/Bernard Giroux (Fin) *PEUGEOT 205*

OVERALL MOTORCYCLE STANDINGS:

Cyril Neveu (Fra) *HONDA NXR*

OVERALL TRUCK STANDINGS:

De Rooy/Geusens/Van (Hol) *DAF*

MAJOR COMPETITORS

Motorcycle

- **Honda** : Lalay, Neveu, Terruzi, Balestrieri
- **Yamaha** : Charbonnier, Mass, Grasso, Picco, Bacou
- **Cagiva** : De Petri, Auriol, Picard, Gualdi
- **BMW** : Rahier, Findanno
- **Suzuki** : Rinaldi, Salvador

Car

- **Peugeot 205** : Vatanen-Giroux, Mehta-Toughty, Zanussi-Arena

- **Range Rover** : Tambay-Lemoine, Raymondis-Ferret, Zaniroli-Lopes, Colsoul-Bouvy
- **Lada** : Ickx-Tarin, Lartigue-Roy
- **Mistubishi Pajero** : Cowan-Syer, Da Silva-Oligo, Rigal-Maingret,
- **Toyota** : Pescarolo-Fourticq, Gabreau-Gabbay
- **Majorette** : Briavoine-Trossat
- **Peugeot proto** : les Frères Marreau

Truck

- **DAF** : De Rooy-Geusens-Van

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Groine goes crew:** with his Mercedes 87 prototype, Georges Groine gives up racing this year to devote himself to the quick service team of the Peugeot 205 Turbo 16.
- **Peugeot, the novice:** Peugeot arrives in full force at the rally with Jean Todt at the helm, 205 Turbo 16 cars and a large staff.
- **Vatanen too:** the first appearance for the Finnish driver Ari Vatanen, as well as for Patrick Tambay.
- **Ickx shuffles his deck:** Belgian Jacky Ickx is no longer competing in a Porsche, but in a Lada, and not with Claude Brasseur but with Christian Tarin.
- **Fetishists:** the Dakar's former winners are superstitious and faithful to their old rally numbers. "95" for Cyril Neveu, "185" for Jacky Ickx, "193" for Zaniroli, "100" for Auriol and "101" for Rahier. It should be noted that Vatanen choose "205" for his first attempt.
- **Take a chance...**and win big if you are Peugeot and Vatanen, who hit the jackpot on their first try in the race.
- **Is five enough?** Cyril Neveu wins his fifth rally on his Honda bike, after a wrenching duel with Auriol. Who will be able to stop him?



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THE ROUTE

- **Prologue : Cergy (6,7 km)**
- **1^{ère} étape : Versailles – Barcelone (liaison 1200 km)**
- **2^{ème} étape : Alger – Ghardaia (liaison 623 km)**
- **3^{ème} étape : Ghardaia – El Golea (455 km dont 256 km de spéciale)**
- **4^{ème} étape : El Golea – In Salah (679 km dont 492 km de spéciale)**
- **5^{ème} étape : In Salah – Tamanrasset (819 km dont 560 km de spéciale)**
- **6^{ème} étape : Tamanrasset – Arlit (705 km dont 648 km de spéciale)**
- **7^{ème} étape : Arlit – Arbre Thierry Sabine (712 km dont 692 km de spéciale)**
- **8^{ème} étape : Arbre Thierry Sabine – Dirkou (506 km)**
- **9^{ème} étape : Dirkou – Agadez (702 km de spéciale)**
- **Repos à Agadez**
- **10^{ème} étape : Agadez – Tahoua (518 km dont 358 km de spéciale)**
- **11^{ème} étape : Tahoua – Niamey (600 km dont 350 km de spéciale)**
- **12^{ème} étape : Niamey – Gao (645 km dont 500 km de spéciale)**
- **13^{ème} étape : Gao – Tombouctou (418 km de spéciale)**
- **14^{ème} étape : Tombouctou – Nema (590 km de spéciale)**
- **15^{ème} étape : Nema – Tidjikja (735 km dont 458 km de spéciale)**
- **16^{ème} étape : Tidjikja – Atar (458 km dont 343 km de spéciale)**
- **17^{ème} étape : Atar – Nouadhibou (571 km dont 525 km de spéciale)**
- **18^{ème} étape : Nouadhibou – Richard Toll (716 km dont 486 km de spéciale)**
- **19^{ème} étape : Richard Toll – Saint-Louis (357 km)**
 - La sucrerie du Sénégal (15 km de spéciale)
 - Richard Toll-Dara (160 km de spéciale)
 - Dara-Saint-Louis (liaison 182 km)
- **20^{ème} étape : Saint-Louis – Dakar (250 km de spéciale)**

THE RACE

- **Prologue : Cergy-Pontoise (6.7 km)**

498 vehicles embark on an artificial piste dug out in sweeping strokes by bulldozers and quickly transformed into a mud hole. Cowan and Syer, at the wheel of a Mitsubishi Pajero, arrive the fastest. Lalay (Honda) and De Rooy (DAF) are already the most effective.

- **1st and 2nd stages: Versailles – Barcelone – Algiers - Ghardaia (liaison 1823 km)**
- **3rd stage: Ghardaia – El Golea (455 km)**

Over the 256 km of the first special of the rally, between Ouarga and Goudron, the Kenyan Shekhar Mehta wins the scratch helming his 205 Turbo 16. Italian Balestrieri does the same on his Hondo motorcycle.

- **4th stage: El Golea – In Salah (679 km)**

Mehta turns in a repeat performance and nests at the top of the overall standings. Mired in 274th place two days earlier, Vatanen finishes second and continues his climb in the overall standings. For the bikes, Cyril Neveu, a four-time Dakar champion, has taken charge of operations. The special is won by De Petri's Cagiva.

- **5th stage: In Salah – Tamanrasset (819 km)**

Another day, and the race goes on with Mehta winning for cars and Petri for motorcycles. Neveu passes Lalay in the overall motorcycle standings while Mehta leads in the car class ahead of Raymond's Range Rover.

- **6th stage: Tamanrasset – Arlit (705 km)**

Desert experience lets Mehta down as he gets lost and sacrifices an hour. Zaniroli seizes the opportunity to take over the overall top spot over Vatanen, who wins his first special. Peugeot counts its blessings with four victories in four specials. Auriol "The African" wins the scratch and inflicts more than 16 minutes on Italy's Findanno. Nothing changes for Cyril Neveu, who is still dominating the motorcycle race.

- **7th stage: Arlit – Thierry Sabine Tree (712 km)**

The Rigal-Maingret tandem on a Mitsubishi finally steals Peugeot's thunder. Or almost anyway, since the world's top rally champion, Ari Vatanen, has taken control over all the specialists. Another scratch for Auriol, who ascends to the number two position in the overall standings.

- **8th stage: Thierry Sabine Tree – Dirkou (506 km)**

Belgian Ickx and Britain's Cowan, trapped in the sand, are the primary victims of a day marked by the second straight scratch for Rigal. More Peugeot predominance, with Vatanen, Zanussi and Mehta, taking slots 2, 3 and 4. On bikes, Lalay finishes ahead of Auriol and Neveu. The overall standings see no changes. The day is memorable for the homage paid to Thierry Sabine, at the foot of the lost tree where his ashes were scattered.

- **9th stage: Dirkou – Agadez (ss 702 km)**

The fifth win for Peugeot and the second for Vatanen. The Finn is still ahead of Zaniroli in the overall standings.

As for the motorcycle class, Rahier secures his first scratch and settles into third place overall behind Neveu and Auriol.

- **10th stage: Agadez – Tahoua (518 km)**

Mehta rediscovers his winning ways and Rahier also repeats. There are no changes in the general rankings.



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- **11th stage: Tahoua – Niamey (600 km)**

Peugeot hits a triple as Italy's Zanussi wins. Another Italian, Picco finishes ahead of the rest on his Yamaha. Nicole Bassot is the only woman remaining in the motorcycle competition. The Marreau brothers quit the race at Niamey.

- **12th stage: Niamey – Gao (645 km)**

A major first for F1 driver, Patrick Tambay, who kicks up a lot of dust and wins his first scratch in the Dakar. On the downside, Jacky Ickx gives up on the last Lada still in the race. Terruzzi and his bike score a win, but the diabolical trio of Neveu, Auriol and Rahier cannot be budged from the top of the standings.

- **13th stage: Gao – Timbuktu (ss 418 km)**

Still on the attack, Vatanen avoids near disaster. The flying Finn, victim of a roll-over, loses half of his progress in the rankings. Rahier, Auriol and Neveu arrive in just that order. In the overall standings, it is the same three, but in reverse order.

- **14th stage: Timbuktu – Nema (ss 590 km)**

Auriol is on the run. In a maze of parallel pistes, the Cagiva driver speeds ahead of all the others and grabs the lead in the overall standings with more than 30 minutes on Neveu. Mehta wins scores his sixth special. In the truck class, De Rooy continues to rock the race and in the overall standings has amassed an 11-hour lead over Loprais's Tatra.

- **15th stage: Nema – Tidjikja (735 km)**

Another scratch for Auriol, who has not ceased to leave his mark on the race. Cyril Neveu seems unable to believe his eyes and loses 41 minutes in this special. The Tambay-Lemoyne duo, winning their second scratch, beat out the Vatanen-Giroux 205.

- **16th stage: Tidjikja – Atar (458 km)**

A wall of dunes and a pass that is not so easy to find: the co-pilots are put to the test. In this navigational puzzle, the leaders lose their way, but remain unharmed in terms of the overall standings. Except for the Ratet/Vantouroux pair, sixth in the special with their Toyota, which is rocketed into third place overall and first in the Marathon category.

- **17th stage: Atar – Nouadhibou (571 km)**

Shinozuka (Mitsubishi) and Picco (Yamaha) take the scratch. In the overall standings, Vatanen still has an hour's lead. Auriol is under pressure, as Neveu is now just 10 minutes behind.

- **18th stage: Nouadhibou – Richard Toll (716 km)**

A third scratch for Tambay, who has finally found his African rhythm. Neveu, winner of the special, gains another 33 seconds on Auriol and is now just nine minutes behind the Cogiva pilot.

- **19th stage: Richard Toll – Saint-Louis (357 km)**

Drama and emotion on the Dakar. Just 20 km from the finish, Auriol falls hard after hitting a tree stump. He breaks both his ankles, thereby losing all hope of victory. He finishes the stage in heroic fashion despite his injuries. So on the eve of the race's conclusion, Neveu takes the top spot. Vatanen continues to patiently stay the course and lets Zaniroli take the day's specials.

- **20^{ème} étape : Saint-Louis – Dakar**

The heroes of the day are Masuoka (Mitsubishi) and Bacou (Yamaha). They win the final two scratches of the 1987 edition. Peugeot and Vatanen are already part of the history of the rally for the way they dominated their first rally. As for Cyril Neveu, he wins his fifth Dakar title behind the handlebars of his Honda. De Rooy (DAF) blows away the truck competition with a more than 14-hour lead on his vehicle. Vassard finishes 14th overall but first in the motorcycle Marathon while for cars, the Ratet-Vantouroux Toyota team suffer the same fate.



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SUBSIDIARY

- Stage victories

| Nu m | Etape | Spéciale | Km | Vainqueur Auto | Nat | Marque | Vainqueur Moto | Nat | Marque |
|---------|--|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-----|------------|-------------------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Cergy Pontoise | Prologue | 6,7 | Cowan/Syer | GB | Mitsubishi | Lalay | Fra | Honda |
| 2 | Versailles-Barcelone | Liaison | 1200 | | | | | | |
| 3 | Alger-Ghardaïa-El Golea | Ouargla-Goudron | 256 | Mehta/Doughty | Ken | Peugeot | Balestrieri | Ita | Honda |
| 4 | El Golea-In Salah | Chebaba-Fogaret | 492 | Mehta/Doughty | Ken | Peugeot | De Pétri | Ita | Honda |
| 5 | In Salah-Tamanrasset | Khoenig-In Ecker | 560 | Mehta/Doughty | Ken | Peugeot | De Pétri | Ita | Honda |
| 6 | Tamanrasset-Arlit | Tagahouhaout-Arlit | 648 | Vatanen/Giroux | Fin | Peugeot | Auriol | Fra | Cagiva |
| 7 | Arlit-Arbre Thierry Sabine | Arlit-TEXACO | 692 | Rigal/Maingret | Fra | Mitsubishi | Auriol | Fra | Cagiva |
| 8 | Arbre Thierry Sabine-Dirkou | Arbre Thierry Sabine-Dirkou | 506 | Rigal/Maingret | Fra | Mitsubishi | Lalay | Fra | Honda |
| 9 | Dirkou-Agadez | Dirkou-Anoumekerene | 702 | Vatanen/Giroux | Fin | Peugeot | Rahier | Bel | BMW |
| 10 | Agadez-Tahoua | Agadez-Tchin Tabaradene | 358 | Mehta/Doughty | Ken | Peugeot | Rahier | Bel | BMW |
| 11 | Tahoua-Niamey | Tahoua-Abala | 350 | Zanussi/Arena | Ita | Peugeot | Picco | Ita | Yamaha |
| 12 | Niamey-Gao | Mangaize-Gao | 500 | Tambay/Lemoyne | Fra | R Rover | Terruzzi | Ita | Honda |
| 13 | Gao-Tombouctou | Gao-Tombouctou | 418 | Mehta/Doughty | Ken | Peugeot | Rahier | Bel | BMW |
| 14 | Tombouctou-Nema | Tombouctou-Nema | 590 | Mehta/Doughty | Ken | Peugeot | Auriol | Fra | Cagiva |
| 15 | Nema-Tidjikja | Ayoum el Atrous-Tidjikja | 458 | Tambay/Lemoyne | Fra | R Rover | Auriol | Fra | Cagiva |
| 16 | Tidjikja-Atar | Tidjikja-Chinguetti | 343 | Boussier/Faucher | Fra | R Rover | Charbonnier | Fra | Yamaha |
| 17 | Atar-Nouadhibou | PK 46-Nouadhibou | 525 | Shinozuka/Fenouil | Jap | Mitsubishi | Picco | Ita | Yamaha |
| 18 | Nouadhibou-Richard Toll | Nouadhibou-Nouakchott | 486 | Tambay/Lemoyne | Fra | R Rover | Neveu | Fra | Honda |
| 19 | Richard Toll-Saint Louis | La Sucrierie du Sénégal | 15 | Vatanen/Giroux | Fin | Peugeot | Neveu | Fra | Honda |
| 19 | Richard Toll-Saint Louis | Richard Toll-Dara | 160 | Masuoka/Takahashi | Jap | Mitsubishi | Boudou | Fra | BMW |
| 20 | Saint Louis-Dakar | Saint-Louis-Dakar | 250 | Masuoka/Takahashi | Jap | Mitsubishi | Rahier | Bel | BMW |



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• Overall scratch standings

| Clt | Concurrents | Marques | Nat | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| OVERALL CAR-TRUCK STANDINGS | | | | | | |
| 1 | VATANEN/GIROUX | PEUGEOT | Fin | 60 | FERRI/BAUMGARTNER/RI | MERCEDES Fra |
| 2 | ZANIROLI/LOPES | RANGE ROVER | Fra | 61 | DUSSER/DEROUARD | LAND ROVER Fra |
| 3 | SHINOZUKA/FENOUIL | MITSUBISHI | Jap | 62 | BELOTTI/PEZZOTTA | MERCEDES Ita |
| 4 | RATET/VANTOUROUX | TOYOTA | Fra | 63 | TRAGLIO/PIO | MERCEDES Ita |
| 5 | MEHTA/DOUGHTY | PEUGEOT | Ken | 64 | CONSONNI/TRIPODI | MERCEDES Ita |
| 6 | SEPPI/ARRIVABENE | MERCEDES | Ita | 65 | VANMARIS/VAN LOEVEZI | DAF Fra |
| 7 | CANELLAS/FERRAN | RANGE ROVER | Esp | 66 | GRASSI/BELCASTRO | MERCEDES Ita |
| 8 | COWAN/SYER | MITSUBISHI | GB | 67 | BOCANDE/DE ROISSARD | MITSUBISHI Fra |
| 9 | PRIETO/TERMENS | NISSAN | Esp | 68 | BOUILLE/LARDEAU/GIRA | TATRA Fra |
| 10 | PORCAR/TOURINAN | RANGE ROVER | Esp | 69 | GERMANETTI/ANFOSSI | MITSUBISHI Ita |
| 11 | DE ROOY/GEUSENS/VAN | DAF | Hol | 70 | RAIMONDI/RICHARD/KER | TATRA Fra |
| 12 | TIJSTERMAN/TIJSTERMAN | MITSUBISHI | Hol | 71 | MARTINEZ/VERSINO/MAG | MERCEDES Fra |
| 13 | DELADRIRER/BERTHUEL | RANGE ROVER | Bel | 72 | KAHANEK/MERINSKY/BUC | TATRA Tch |
| 14 | BOUSSIER/FOUCHER | LAND ROVER | Fra | 73 | SMULEVICI/FALAISE | MITSUBISHI Fra |
| 15 | SARRAZIN/TROUBLE | TOYOTA | Fra | 74 | LALEU/LEVIEUX | MERCEDES Fra |
| 16 | BOUCHET/VILLEPIGUE | TOYOTA | Fra | 75 | ROUSSEL/FRANCIOLI | MERCEDES Fra |
| 17 | HOUOT/BONDENET | TOYOTA | Fra | 76 | MARSAULT/CABRAL | RANGE ROVER Fra |
| 18 | MICHEL/THOMAS | MITSUBISHI | Fra | 77 | JOUBERT/DALCHE | MERCEDES Fra |
| 19 | ISHIHARA/YOKOTA | TOYOTA | Jap | 78 | SILLARD/VIDAL | MITSUBISHI Fra |
| 20 | TAMBAY/LEMOYNE | RANGE ROVER | Fra | 79 | MEIGNEN/LUTENAUER | MERCEDES Fra |
| 21 | MITATY/DELETANG | MERCEDES | Fra | 80 | DEL VAL/SIEGENTHALER | PEGASO Esp |
| 22 | BOIN/LADAURADE | PEUGEOT | Fra | 81 | HOUSSAT/LACOUR/MAIMO | MERCEDES Fra |
| 23 | HERVE/RIVIERE | TOYOTA | Fra | 82 | MILANOLO/KLEIN/GERAR | MERCEDES Fra |
| 24 | KORO/BERLIET | TOYOTA | Fra | 83 | TRAVAGLIA/MARIANO/SO | MERCEDES Ita |
| 25 | LIGNERES/CHAMINADE | MITSUBISHI | Fra | 84 | KIES/GRAAFSTRA | MERCEDES Hol |
| 26 | TROSSAT/BRIAIVOINE | MAJORE | Fra | 85 | ROSSI/AIMONETTI | MITSUBISHI Ita |
| 27 | BELVEZE/GIRAUD | MITSUBISHI | Fra | 86 | BOSONNET/BROGLIA/MON | MERCEDES Fra |
| 28 | LOPRAIS/KRPEC/STACHU | TATRA | Tch | 87 | SUGAWARA/MARUYAMA | MITSUBISHI Jap |
| 29 | MASUOKA/TAKAHASHI | MITSUBISHI | Jap | 88 | BERTRY/DAGUZAN | MITSUBISHI Fra |
| 30 | MILLER/RACIONERO | RANGE ROVER | GB | 89 | LAFFONT/LEVINE | MERCEDES Fra |
| 31 | CAILLON/FOUCHET | RANGE ROVER | Fra | 90 | LENORMAND/LENORMAND | MITSUBISHI Fra |
| 32 | EL ABDI.DUCHAUSSOY | TOYOTA | Fra | 91 | BRUBACH/BOUTEVILLAIN | MERCEDES Fra |
| 33 | MOSKAL/JOKLIK/ZALESK | LIAZ | Tch | 92 | BOUREMAD/BOURGOIN | MITSUBISHI Fra |
| 34 | CADORET/GICQUEL/GUIL | MERCEDES | Fra | 93 | LACOURT/MOLLET/AIGUI | MAN Fra |
| 35 | PASCAL/URBIHA | LAND ROVER | Fra | 94 | GROUARD/MICHARD | TOYOTA Fra |
| 36 | SERVAN/DE CASTRO | MERCEDES | Fra | 95 | SAVARY/VENTURINI/SCH | MERCEDES Fra |
| 37 | VILLA/DELFINO | MERCEDES | Ita | 96 | BOSTEELS/DESRUMEAUX | TOYOTA Fra |
| 38 | ANQUETIL/LACAZE | LAND ROVER | Fra | 97 | CHAUMONT/SCANDELLA/B | MAN Fra |
| 39 | LAVILLE/TROUPEL | TOYOTA | Fra | 98 | GRANJON/LATOUR/CLERI | MERCEDEX Fra |
| 40 | FONTENAY/MUSMARRA | MITSUBISHI | Fra | OVERALL MOTORCYCLE STANDINGS | | |
| 41 | VISMARA/POZZETTO/MIN | MERCEDES | Ita | 1 | NEVEU | HONDA Fra |
| 42 | LAISNEY/GOBEAUX | RANGE ROVER | Fra | 2 | ORIOLI | HONDA Ita |
| 43 | SEGONNE/CHAMPART | MERCEDES | Fra | 3 | RAHIER | BMW Bel |
| 44 | KUBOTA/YAMAMOTO | TOYOTA | Jap | 4 | PICCO | YAMAHA Ita |
| 45 | BEGGI/SAVIO | MITSUBISHI | Ita | 5 | MAS CARLOS | YAMAHA Esp |
| 46 | PAINVIN/GIRARD | RANGE ROVER | Fra | 6 | CHARLIAT | HONDA Fra |
| 47 | GROINE/MALFERIOL/GRA | MERCEDES | Fra | 7 | BACOU | YAMAHA Fra |
| 48 | ALIPHAT/BOUNEY | TOYOTA | Fra | 8 | CHARBONNIER | YAMAHA Fra |
| 49 | BOCHET/DELETTRE | LAND ROVER | Fra | 9 | JOINEAU | SUZUKI Fra |
| 50 | COTEL/VINCENT | BUGGY | Fra | 10 | KARSMAKERS | HONDA Hol |
| 51 | GIMBRE/LANGLOIS | MERCEDES | Fra | 11 | OLIVIER | YAMAHA Fra |
| 52 | THIJS/VELDEMAN/THIJS | MERCEDES | Bel | 12 | MALETTI | YAMAH Ita |
| 53 | LEONARD/CHAMBON/PERA | MERCEDES | Fra | 13 | GIATTI | "PONOMA Fra |
| 54 | MORITZ/ELENBAAS | DAIHAT | Hol | 14 | VASSARD | HONDA Fra |
| 55 | MITCHELL/MARTINEZ | TOYOTA | Fra | 15 | LOIZEAUX | BMW Fra |
| 56 | DIEKER/KETELAARS/TES | DAF | Hol | 16 | BOUDOU | BMW Fra |
| 57 | ESPITALLIER/WEHRLE | TOYOTA | Fra | 17 | WINKLER | HONDA Ita |
| 58 | IVENS/BONNET | TOYOTA | Fra | 18 | PIBERNAT | SUZUKI Esp |
| 59 | SERRIER/GEZ PHILIPPE | TOYOTA | Fra | 19 | FERNANDEZ | SUZUKI Esp |
| | | | | 20 | GUALINI | YAMAHA Ita |
| | | | | 21 | COURTOIS | HONDA Fra |



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YAMAHA
SUZUKI
HONDA

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BMW
KAWASAKI

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Fra