



1991 PARIS - TRIPOLI - DAKAR

THE DAKAR IN FIGURES

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- **Start:** 29 December 1990 from Paris (Chevilly)
- **Finish:** 17 January 1991 in Dakar (Rose Lake)
- **Rest:** 9 January 1991 in Agadez
- **Length of rally:** 9,186 km
- **Number of kilometers of specials:** 6,747 km
- **Countries crossed:** France, Libya, Niger, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal



NUMBER OF COMPETITORS: 406

- **At the start :** 184 cars
113 motorcycles
109 trucks
- **At the finish :** 174 véhicules
including 128 cars/trucks
46 motorcycles

OVERALL CAR STANDINGS:

Vatanen/Berglund (Fin) *CITROËN ZX*

OVERALL MOTORCYCLE STANDINGS:

Stéphane Peterhansel (Fra) *YAMAHA*

OVERALL TRUCK STANDINGS:

Houssat/De Saulieu/Bottaro (Fra) *PERLINI*

MAJOR COMPETITORS

Motorcycle

- **Suzuki :** Rahier, Wagner, Watanabe, Loizeaux
- **Yamaha :** Peterhansel, Laporte, Magnaldi, Picard, Lalay, De Pétri, Mas, Pascual
- **Cagiva :** Arcarons, Neveu, Orioli
- **Honda :** Hau, Boluda, Pilet, Boano, Alvarez
- **Kawasaki :** Charbonnel, Sainct
- **Gilera :** Medardo, Sotelo, Surini

Car

- **Citroën ZX :** Vatanen-Berglund, Waldegard-Gallagher, Ambrosinno-Guéhenec, Ickx-Tarin
- **Mitsubishi :** Lartigue-Destailats, Shinozuka-Magne, Fontenay-Musmara, Wambergue-Couillet
- **Lada :** Auriol-Monnet, Rivière-Bondenet, Tambay-Lemoyne
- **Range Rover :** Raymondis-Lafeuillade, De Lavergne-Favre
- **Buggy :** Schlessler-Da Silva, Arnoux-Lapeyre

HIGHLIGHTS

- **After Peugeot... Citroën:** after the departure of Peugeot, Citroën takes up the reins with the ZX model under the leadership of Guy Fréguelin. With the exception of Wambergue, three drivers defect from Peugeot to Citroën: Vatanen, Ambrosino and Waldegard.
- **Make way for youth:** the littlest ones of the Dakar are Christophe Morange and Patrick Piegay. They are just 19 years old.
- **Duke Schlessler:** Jean-Louis Schlessler will compete in a device of his own making, a buggy bearing the colors of the "Duke of Burgundy".
- **13/13:** the Marreau brothers line up for their 13th straight Paris-Dakar on a Mitsubishi Pajero.
- **Japan with a vengeance:** the Japanese ranks are growing. There will be 51 Nippons on the starting line.
- **Five on the road:** there are just five women in the starting blocks. Patricia Schek will be the only female on a bike. In the car class, four women compete, but only one team is all female: Nanouk de Belabre and Carole Vergnaud (first woman to win an off-road rally during the 1987 Atlas) on a Toyota. Kaori Okamoto and Naoko Matsumoto will also be in on the journey.
- **Harley shows up:** the rally had already seen a Rolls Royce, but now it is a Harley-Davidson ridden by Jean-Gilles Soupeaux, that will attempt the Paris-Dakar.
- **Michel Hidalgo made a promise:** the old scout for the French national soccer team also set out on the rally.



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- **Monnet on board:** Philippe Monnet, the navigator, will also be in on the fun alongside Auriol in a Lada.
- "67": this is the record number of Mercedes trucks entered in this edition.
- "6": this is the number of specials won by Mitsubishi and Citroën during this year's rally, or 12 victories for the two brands out of 14 specials total.

THE ROUTE

- **Prologue : Clermont-Ferrand (5km)**
- **1^{ère} étape : Tripoli – Ghadamès (liaison 604 km)**
- **2^{ème} étape : Ghadames – Ghat (1095 km)**
 - Ghadames-Idri (594 km de spéciale)
 - Idri-Ghat (501 km de spéciale)
- **3^{ème} étape : Ghat – Tumu (681 km de spéciale)**
- **4^{ème} étape : Tumu – Dirkou (601 km de spéciale)**
- **5^{ème} étape : Dirkou – Agadez (840 km)**
 - Dirkou-Gossololom (350 km de spéciale)
 - Gossololom-Agadez (490 km de spéciale)
- **Repos à Agadez**
- **6^{ème} étape : Agadez – Gao (1146 km)**
 - Agadez-Assouas (liaison 60 km)
 - Assouas-Tillia (456 km de spéciale)
 - Tillia-Gao (630 km de spéciale)
- **7^{ème} étape : Gao – Tombouctou (410 km en convoi)**
- **8^{ème} étape : Tombouctou – Néma (672 km de spéciale)**
- **9^{ème} étape : Nema – Kiffa (1014 km)**
 - Nema-Tichit (482 km de spéciale)
 - Tichit-Kiffa (532 km de spéciale)
- **10^{ème} étape : Kiffa – Tambacounda (572 km dont 283 km de spéciale)**
- **11^{ème} étape : Tambacounda – Dakar (536 km dont 60 km de spéciale)**

THE RACE

- **Prologue: Clermont-Ferrand (5 km)**

After a departure from the Château de Vincennes, the prologue takes place at Pérignat-sur-Allier, near Clermont-Ferrand.

Already a winner of two prologues in 1990, enduro competitor Charbonnel strikes again. As is his custom, Ari Vatanen flaunts his ambition from the start by turning in the best car time. Tambay distinguishes himself with a roll-over right off the bat.

- **1st and 2nd stages: Tripoli – Ghadamès – Ghat**

During this year's first special between Ghadamès and Idri, Jacky Ickx records the best time. In the motorcycle class, De Pétri bests Peterhansel. Bad luck hounds Tambay, who loses a tire off his Lada and 2h35 in the overall standings. Between Idri and Ghat, Morales prevails in the scratch. Vatanen, the winner at Ghat, takes the top spot in the rally. The ZX's establish their domination. They take the first four positions in the stage.

- **3rd stage: Ghat - Tumu (681 km of special)**

A first for Hubert Auriol as he takes his first car win on the Dakar. This victory, won with smarts and finesse, further reinforces the renown of "the African" among the other competitors. Carole Vergnaud and Nanouk, who have to contend with ten flat tires, finish exhausted. On his bike, Medardo finished before Wagner.

- **4th stage: Tumu - Dirkou (601 km of special)**

After Citroën, Mitsubishi finishes win, place, show with a key victory by Shinozuka-Magne. In the motorcycle class, De Pétri beats Wagner, who comes in second yet again. Orioli and Vatanen sit at the top of the general rankings.

- **5th stage: Dirkou - Agadez (840 km)**

Mitsubishi achieves its second stage win thanks to Eriksson. In the overall standings, Vatanen still has a solid lead. As for the motorcyclists, Wagner celebrates his first victory. Arcarons takes the lead ahead of Orioli and Magnaldi, but just 44 slim seconds separate them. Between Gossololom and Agadez, Vatanen drives a flawless stage at the wheel of his ZX. Peterhansel takes the special and the top overall position.

- **6th stage: Agadez - Gao (1146 km)**

The first part of the marathon stage (Agadez-Tillia) allows Mitsubishi to capitalize on its wins with a second scratch for Eriksson. And though De Pétri prevails in the special, the most winning performance belongs to Peterhansel, who tightens his hold on the lead. Between Tillia and Gao, the Sahel stage, Arcarons domates, as well Prieto-Juventeny at the wheel of a Nissan. The race is still too close to call among the motorcyclists, where Magnaldi is just behind Peterhansel.

- **7th and 8th stages: Gao – Timbuktu – Néma**

Moved by the curse of Gao, where a Citroën crew driver was killed by a bullet, and by Mauritanian syndrome, the Dakar hesitates at the doors of this mysterious city before continuing on its course.

- **9th stage: Nema - Kiffa (1014 km)**

The first part of this marathon stage headed for Tichit is marked by Eriksson's fourth scratch on his Pajero. In the motorcycle class, Orioli turns in the best time of the special. Between Tichit and Kiffa, Eriksson racks up specials like pearls on a strand while Magnaldi, the motorcycle winner, moves in on Peterhansel in the overall standings.



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- **10th stage: Kiffa - Tambacounda (572 km, including 283 km of special)**

It is the second scratch for Auriol, who finishes ahead of his pal Patrick Tambay. Magnaldi gets lost and loses his number two spot in the overall standings to Lalay, who finishes the special ahead of Peterhansel.

- **11th stage: Tambacounda - Dakar (536 km, including 60 km of special)**

Arcarons and Vatanen put in strong finishes. They carry the day's scratches. Vatanen records his fourth victory and the first for Citroën. As for Peterhansel, he takes his first title, thereby gifting Yamaha with a triple feat as Lalay and Magnaldi round out the top spots in the maker's first official appearance in the rally. Houssat triumphs in the truck class on a Perlini. The team of Bouchet-Leran (Nissan) is crowned in the car marathon class.

SUBSIDIARY

- **Stage victories**

Num	Etape	Spéciale	Km	Vainqueur Auto	Nat	Marque	Vainqueur Moto	Nat	Marque
1	Clermont Ferrand	Prologue	5,5	Vatanen/Berglund	Fin	Citroën	Charbonnel	Fra	Kawasaki
2	Tripoli-Ghadamès	Liaison	604						
3	Ghadamès-Ghat	Ghadamès-Idri	594	Ickx/Tarin	Bel	Citroën	De Pétri	Ita	Yamaha
3	Ghadamès-Ghat	Idri-Ghat	501	Vatanen/Berglund	Fin	Citroën	Morales	Fra	Cagiva
4	Ghat-Tumu	Ghat-Tumu	681	Auriol/Monnet	Fra	Lada	Medardo	Ita	Gilera
5	Tumu-Dirkou	Tumu-Dirkou	601	Shinozuka/Magne	Jap	Mitsubishi	De Pétri	Ita	Yamaha
6	Dirkou-Agadez	Dirkou-Gossololom	350	Eriksson/Parmander	Sue	Mitsubishi	Wagner	Fra	Suzuki
6	Dirkou-Agadez	Gossololom-Agadez	490	Vatanen/Berglund	Fin	Citroën	Peterhansel	Fra	Yamaha
7	Agadez-Gao	Assouas-Tillia	456	Eriksson/Parmander	Sue	Mitsubishi	De Pétri	Ita	Yamaha
7	Agadez-Gao	Tillia-Gao	630	Vatanen/Berglund	Fin	Citroën	Arcarons	Esp	Cagiva
8	Gao-Tombouctou	Convoi	410						
9	Tombouctou-Nema	Tombouctou-Nema	672	Eriksson/Parmander	Sue	Mitsubishi	Lalay	Fra	Yamaha
10	Nema-Kiffa	Nema-Tichit	482	Eriksson/Parmander	Sue	Mitsubishi	Orioli	Ita	Cagiva
10	Nema-Kiffa	Tichit-Kiffa	532	Eriksson/Parmander	Sue	Mitsubishi	Magnaldi	Fra	Yamaha
11	Kiffa-Tambacounda	Kiffa-Kayes	283	Auriol/Monnet	Fra	Lada	Lalay	Fra	Yamaha
12	Tambacounda-Dakar	M'Boro-Lac Retba	60	Vatanen/Berglund	Fin	Citroën	Arcarons	Esp	Cagiva



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• Overall scratch standings

Clt	Concurrents	Marques	Nat			
OVERALL CAR-TRUCK STANDINGS						
1	VATANEN/BERGLUND	CITROEN	Fin	59	BOUVET/GOUVIEZ	TOYOTA Fra
2	LARTIGUE/DESTAILLATS	MITSUBISHI	Fra	60	CHOMAT/ROCH	PEUGEOT Fra
3	FONTENAY/MUSMARRA	MITSUBISHI	Fra	61	FOURRIER/TRAINOIR	TOYOTA Fra
4	ERIKSSON/PARMANDER	MITSUBISHI	Sue	62	SAUMET/COQUATRIX	TOYOTA Fra
5	AURIOL/MONNET	LADA	Fra	63	WEBER/DELFERRIER	MITSUBISHI All
6	AMBROSINO/GUEHENNEC	CITROEN	Fra	64	VEYSSET/DURIER	MITSUBISHI Fra
7	TAMBAY/LEMOYNE	LADA	Fra	65	ROOSE/POLLINI	RANGE ROVER Ita
8	BOUCHET/LERAN	NISSAN	Fra	66	MOSKOVSKIKH/PETOUKMOV/BLINOV	KAMAZ Rus
9	SARRAZIN/TROUBLE	TOYOTA	Fra	67	DORONINE/BELOV/CHAGIN	KAMAZ Rus
10	RATET/VANTOUROUX	TOYOTA	Fra	68	KIES/SCHRAM/KORENY	TATRA Hol
11	SERVIAL/SABATER	LAND ROVER	Esp	69	SAVOLDELLI/TRIPOLI	LAND ROVER Ita
12	COLSOUL/LOPEZ	MITSUBISHI	Bel	70	BOIN/OLHAGARAY	PEUGEOT Fra
13	DE LAVERGNE/FAVRE	RANGE ROVER	Fra	71	MOREAU/DURAND	TOYOTA Fra
14	GAMBILLON/CORBET	NISSAN	Fra	72	PETIT/DUBUC	HIND RANGER Bel
15	LA CAZE/FIEUW	TOYOTA	Fra	73	VERGNAUD/NANOUC	TOYOTA Fra
16	TIJSTERMAN/TIJSTERMAN	TOYOTA	Hol	74	KAKRDA/LAMA	LIAZ Tch
17	SERVIA/PUIG	LAND ROVER	Esp	75	MALFERIOL/COULLAULT/TIBAUD	MERCEDES Fra
18	FREIDER/DE LICHTERVE	RANGE ROVER	Fra	76	BLANC/BENQUEY	TOYOTA Fra
19	FRETET/THEOLEYRE	RANGE ROVER	Fra	77	VERSINO/BAUGE/VERSINO	MERCEDES Fra
20	HOUSSAT/DE SAULIEU/BOTTARO	PERLINI	Fra	78	MARREAU/MARREAU	MITSUBISHI Fra
21	STRUGO/DUCOUTUMANY	NISSAN	Fra	79	POZZOLI /POZZOLI/ANFOSSI	MERCEDES Ita
22	DELLI-ZOTTI/HIDALGO	MITSUBISHI	Fra	80	VAN CAUWENBE/DEVOS	TOYOTA Bel
23	SUGAWARA	MITSUBISHI	Jap	81	FRANQUESA/RAFALEL/PAIMI	PEGASO Esp
24	VISMARA/FOGAR	RANGE ROVER	Ita	82	LEVEQUE/ANDRIEUX	TOYOTA Fra
25	BOSTEELS/BOSTEELS	TOYOTA	Fra	83	CONTI/CREMA	TOYOTA Ita
26	DELADRIERE/XAHOT	NISSAN	Bel	84	JOURDAN/THIBAUT/CHEVALIER	TATRA Fra
27	GOLTSOV/KABROV.STRAKHOV	KAMAZ	Rus	85	BONVICINI/SANTINI	TOYOTA Ita
28	CABANIOLS/TREVILLOT	TOYOTA	Fra	86	TAKAHASHI/YAMAMOTO	NISSAN Jap
29	TAMMENKA/ANOUPYLO/PIRSALOU	KAMAZ	Rus	87	MONTEVIL/MONTEVIL	TOYOTA Fra
30	LOPRAIS/KALINA/STASHURA	TATRA	Tch	88	OGAWA/YOKOMATSU	NISSAN Jap
31	BOUNEY/ALIPHAT	TOYOTA	Fra	89	LOUP/DE RE	TOYOTA Fra
32	YOKOKAWA/AKAO	MITSUBISHI	Jap	90	MOGLI/MOGLI/TOURNIER	MERCEDES Ita
33	REGAS/RIUS	LAND ROVER	Esp	91	SMULEVICI/LENORMAN	MITSUBISHI Fra
34	KAHANEK/MERINSKY	TATRA	Tch	92	BEZEMER/DE BRUYN/CNUJDE	MAN Hol
35	MELOCCO/HUMILY	NISSAN	Fra	93	MARECHAL/BERRY/SARLIEVE	MERCEDES Fra
36	CHIARAVITA/ALCARAZ	LAND ROVER	Fra	94	CATTANEN/PASSONI/CAPFERRI	MERCEDES Ita
37	TARTARIN/BARBOTIN	TOYOTA	Fra	95	MASUOKA/OLIGO	MITSUBISHI Jap
38	ALI DEVECI/GALIP	RANGE ROVER	Tur	96	MORANGE/PIEGAY	TOYOTA Fra
39	BULTO/TERMENS	LAND ROVER	Esp	97	BERTRY/BOUSQUET	MITSUBISHI Fra
40	COTTRET/CAT	TOYOTA	Fra	98	JUKKA/ZALESKY/LIAZ	LIAZ Fin
41	RAYNAL/PANIS	MITSUBISHI	Fra	99	ANCEMENT/KLEISTER	MERCEDES Fra
42	MARCHENKOV/KOUZMINE/KHARLANOV	KAMAZ	Rus	100	CHARLES/GENIUS/LAUNAY	MERCEDES Fra
43	BESNAULT/MORIN	RANGE ROVER	Fra	101	HIMEJI/KUROKAWA	TOYOTA Jap
44	ASAGA/SUGIHARA	TOYOTA	Jap	102	PALACIOS/BOSCH	RANGE ROVER Esp
45	YVORRA/HARDY	NISSAN	Fra	103	KLEIN/DECLA	MERCEDES Fra
46	CHIONNI/MINELLI	LAND ROVER	Ita	104	BECCARIS/COSSU	MERCEDES Ita
47	ASAI/AOYAGI/AKIRA	ISUZU	Jap	105	PALLADINI/ANSALONI	MERCEDES Ita
48	ROBIN/COUZYN	TOYOTA	Fra	106	BRUBACH	MERCEDES Fra
49	TERRIYN/LURQUIN	MITSUBISHI	Bel	107	MARTINEZ/SMULEVICI	MITSUBISHI Fra
50	OKAMOTO/CHAUSSEON	TOYOTA	Jap	108	CHAMPART/PAINEAU/BAUDIOT	MERCEDES Fra
51	VAN TUYL/TIJSTERMAN	TOYOTA	Hol	109	MAIMI/CONTI	MERCEDES Esp
52	JAUSSAUD/HUYNEN	HIND RANGER	Fra	110	REBOUX/VAN LANDER	TOYOTA Fra
53	LEONARD/DUGUE/CASTAGNIE	MERCEDES	Fra	111	MITCHELL/SERREAU	MITSUBISHI Fra
54	Berliet	TOYOTA	Fra	112	HAHARI	MERCEDES Fra
55	CANELLAS/RACIONERO/RUBIE	PEGASSE	Esp	113	PAELOTTI/LAURENT	TOYOTA Ita
56	CROISIER/ARMANDET	TOYOTA	Fra	114	GLAUCO/PETTRO/PETRINI	MERCEDES Ita
57	MATTI/HARRY	TOYOTA	Fin	115	CHANRION/TISSERAND/DESHAYES	RENAULT Fra
58	REIF/DEINHOFFER	HIND RANGER	Fra	116	SAVARY	MERCEDES Fra
	SASAKI/AOKI	ISUZU	Jap	117	BRUZZI/PONZINI	MERCEDES Ita
				118	KITAMURA/KIKUCHI	TOYOTA Jap
				119	GROSSI/CLAS	MITSUBISHI Fra
				120	OKABE	TOYOTA Jap
				121	PATTANO/LDARIO/PATTANO	MERCEDES Ita
				122	BOUILLE/BONY	TATRA Fra



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123	JOYET/CROZET/SANTINI	TATRA	Fra	126	LEVET/KUMULEC/TARDIVEL	TATRA	Fra
124	TAKEDA/ENEE	NISSAN	Jap	127	FARINA/GALBANI	MERCEDES	Ita
125	FLEURY/VEIL	MERCEDES	Fra	128	PIROLA/TAGLIA	MERCEDES	Ita



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Clt **Concurrents** **Marques** **Nat**

OVERALL MOTORCYCLE STANDINGS

1	PETERHANSEL	YAMAHA	Fra
2	LALAY	YAMAHA	Fra
3	MAGNALDI	YAMAHA	Fra
4	MORALES	STALAVEN	Fra
5	ARCARONS	CAGIVA	Fra
6	MAS	YAMAHA	Fra
7	MEDARDO	GILERA	Fra
8	ORIOLE	CAGIVA	Fra
9	MANDELLI	GILERA	Fra
10	BOLUDA	HONDA	Fra
11	BOANO	HONDA	Fra
12	MEREL	STALAVEN	Fra
13	RAHIER	SUZUKI	Fra
14	CHARBONNEL	KAWASAKI	Fra
15	PASCUAL	YAMAHA	Fra
16	SIREYJOL	HONDA	Fra
17	BRUNNER	SUZUKI	Fra
18	GIL	YAMAHA	Fra
19	HAU	HONDA	Fra
20	MONTEBELLI	YAMAHA	Fra
21	DE AZEVEDO	YAMAHA	Fra
22	PILET	HONDA	Fra
23	WATANEBE	SUZUKI	Fra
24	MARTENS	KTM	Fra
25	NEVEU	CAGIVA	Fra
26	BENNEROTTE	KASAWAKI	Fra
27	MARCACCINI	YAMAHA	Fra
28	QUAGLINO	GILERA	Fra
29	LOIZEAUX	SUZUKI	Fra
30	CAVANDOLI	YAMAHA	Fra
31	PICARD	YAMAHA	Fra
32	BIGNARDI	GILERA	Fra
33	WINKLER	GILERA	Fra
34	PEGORARO	HONDA	Fra
35	PERINELLE	YAMAHA	Fra
36	SURINI	GILERA	Fra
37	FERNANDEZ	SUZUKI	Fra
38	CABINI	YAMAHA	Fra
39	PESCHEUR	YAMAHA	Fra
40	PESCHEUR	YAMAHA	Fra
41	SCHEK	SUZUKI	Fra
42	SCHEK	SUZUKI	Fra
43	TSUKASHI	HONDA	Fra
44	CULTRERA	YAMAHA	Fra
45	YAMADA	SUZUKI	Fra
46	CATELOY	YAMAHA	Fra