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THE DAKAR IN FIGURES

19th DAKAR - DAKAR

- **Departure:** 4 January 1997 from Dakar
- **Arrival:** 19 January 1997 in Dakar (Lake Rose)
- **Rest:** 12 January 1997 in Agadez
- **Length of rally:** 8,049 km
- **Number of special stage kilometres:** 6,509 km
- **Countries crossed:** Senegal, Mali, Niger, Mali, Mauritania, Guinea, Senegal



NUMBER OF COMPETITORS: 280

- **At the start :** 99 cars
126 motorcycles
55 trucks
Assistance plane this year
- **At the finish :** 141 vehicles
including 61 cars
58 motorcycles
22 trucks

OVERALL STANDINGS FOR CARS:
Shinozuka/Magne (Jap/Fra) *MITSUBISHI*

OVERALL STANDINGS FOR BIKES:
Stéphane Peterhansel (Fra) *YAMAHA*

OVERALL STANDINGS FOR TRUCKS:
Reif-Deinhofer (Aut) *HINO*

MAIN COMPETITORS

Motorcycle

- **Yamaha :** Peterhansel, Castera
- **KTM :** Kinigadner, Arcarons, Magnaldi, Meoni, Laporte, Sainct, Lewis, Jimmink
- **Cagiva :** Gallardo, Sotelo, Steuri
- **BMW :** Loizeaux,

- **Buggy Schlessler :** Schlessler-Monnet, Kleinschmidt-Boutaire
- **Nissan Patrol :** De Lavergne-Arguelles, Servia-Picard, Guedes-Dubois
- **Ssang Yong :** Tambay-Occelli, Rivière-Siviero
- **Toyota Land :** Wambergue-Cotteret

Car

- **Mitsubishi Pajero :** Saby-Serieys, Shinozuka-Magne

Truck

- **Tatra :** Loprais-Kucera-Stachura
- **Hino :** Sugawara-Hamura-Matsumoto, Reif-Deinhofer

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Citroën out:** owing to a change in the rules, the t3 category factory prototypes are disallowed, with the result that Citroën is unable to take part.
- **A Greek at the departure:** Thanassis Choundras is the first Greek to take part in the Dakar. He sets off on a KTM.
- **Jacky and Vanina almost took part:** the lckx father and daughter team had promised to take part but a last-minute health problem forces them to pull out.
- **Jutta opened the ball:** Germany's Jutta Kleinschmidt, in her Schlessler buggy, becomes the first woman to win a special stage in the Dakar.
- **"Shino 1st":** Shinozuka is the first Japanese driver to be among the Dakar prize winners and, in doing so, hands Mistubishi its 4th Dakar win.

THE ROUTE

- **1^{ère} étape :** Dakar – Tambacounda (587 km dont 275 de spéciale)
- **2^{ème} étape :** Tambacounda – Kayes (594 km dont 505 de spéciale)
- **3^{ème} étape :** Kayes – Nara (592 km dont 552 de spéciale)



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- 4^{ème} étape : Nara – Tombouctou (658 km dont 650 de spéciale)
- 5^{ème} étape : Tombouctou – Gao (482 km dont 415 de spéciale)
- 6^{ème} étape : Gao – Ménaka (332 km de spéciale)
- 7^{ème} étape : Ménaka – Tahoua (396 km de spéciale)
- 8^{ème} étape : Tahoua – Agadez (820 km dont 575 de spéciale)
- 9^{ème} étape : Agadez – Oclan (460 km dont 457 de spéciale)
- 10^{ème} étape : Oclan – Kidal (537 km de spéciale)
- 11^{ème} étape : Kidal – Tombouctou (577 km dont 568 de spéciale)
- 12^{ème} étape : Tombouctou – Nema
- 13^{ème} étape : Néma – Kiffa (604 km dont 308 de spéciale)
- 14^{ème} étape : Kiffa – Saint-Louis – Dakar (751 km dont 166 de spéciale)

THE RACE

- **1st stage: Dakar – Tambacounda (587 km including 275 km of special stage)**

This nineteenth Dakar gets off to a flying start with two special stages. Fontenay wins the stage in the car category and Peterhansel in the motorcycle category.

- **2nd and 3rd stage: Tambacounda – Kayes – Nara**

Third stage and third stage victory in a row for Peterhansel who consolidates his first-place lead over Magnaldi. Bad day for Toyota and Nissan, submerged under a mound of problems. Shinozuka and Magne dominate the Schlesser Buggy, both in this special and in the overall standings.

- **4th stage: Nara – Timbuktu (658 km including 650 km of special)**

As the population is particularly dense around the village of Kourouma, the organisation decided to neutralise the race to avoid accidents. The bikers are exhausted by the long special stages, the heat and the falls. Among those who drop out are Saint, Kinigadner (knee injury) and Laporte (dislocated shoulder).

- **5th stage: Timbuktu – Gao (482 km including 415 km of special).**

A grand classic that used to end in the other direction. After four strenuous stages, the caravan catches its breath along the Niger river and witnesses the victory of Fontenay and of the escapee from the KTM stable, Thierry Magnaldi. Saby and Peterhansel dominate the overall standings.

- **6th stage: Gao – Ménaka (332 km special)**

Schlesser pulls out after his buggy summersaults. Mitsubishi has four cars at the head of the overall standings. The Shinozuka-Magne team snatches the lead from Saby-Serieys. Peterhansel wins his fifth special stage, thus slightly consolidating his lead over Arcarons.

- **7th stage: Ménaka – Tahoua (396 km special stage)**

Mitsubishi comes in first, second and third. Fontenay wins the stage but Shinozuka retains his overall lead. In the motorbike category, Sotelo wins for Cagiva. Peterhansel remains in control.

- **8th stage: Tahoua – Agadez (820 km including 575 km of special stages)**

Mitsubishi cars account for all first four places in the special stage and in the overall standings. Shinozuka and Peterhansel win the day's special stages thus strengthening their lead at the head of the race.

- **9th stage: Agadez – Oclan (460 km including 457 km of special)**

Highlight of the day is Jutta Kleinschmidt's victory at the wheel of her Schlesser buggy. She becomes the first woman to win a "Dakar" special stage. It is also the second stage victory for a Schlesser buggy. In the motorbike category, Magnaldi wins the special stage. Peterhansel is still solidly ensconced at the head of the rally.

- **10th stage: Oclan – Kidal (537 km special)**

A day full of surprises with a first victory for Guedes and Nissan. Shinozuka, having suffered a puncture, surrenders his place as leader to Fontenay's Pajero.

Arcarons wins in the motorbike category and Magnaldi drops out after the engine of his KTM gives up the ghost.

- **11th stage: Kidal – Timbuktu (577 km including 568 km of special)**

Strugo-Catarelli wins on Mitsubishi but the day is marked by the attitude of Saby and Fontenay, who pull back to hand the victory to Shinozuka, despite the claims of the Japanese stable. In the motorcycle category, the American Lewis wins the day.

- **12th stage: Timbuktu – Nema**

Long resigned to coming in in second place, Spanish rider Arcarons drops out after a fall. Peterhansel has a lead of over two-and-a-half hours over his protégé, another Spaniard, Gallardo riding a Cagiva.

A new Mitsubishi 1-2-3 in the car category with a new victory by Fontenay.

- **13th stage: Néma – Kiffa (604 km including 308 km of special)**

The dunes of Mauritania do not upset the classification. Masuoka, in the car category, and France's Bernard in the motorcycle category win the special stage.

- **14th stage: Kiffa – Saint-Louis – Dakar (751 km including 166 km of special)**

Two special stages to finish up (Kiffa - Saint-Louis and Saint-Louis - Dakar). Fontenay and Kleinschmidt win the two stage victories in the car category while Marques and Brucy, both on KTM, are winners in the motorbike category. Mitsubishi dominates the race to take 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place. First place goes to Shinozuka, who is also the first Japanese driver to win. Fifth win by Peterhansel who equals Cyril Neveu's record. Finally, Reif-Deinhofer wins the truck category for Hino.



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SUBSIDIARY

- Stage victories

Num	Etape	Spéciale	Km	Vainqueur Auto	Nat	Marque	Vainqueur Moto	Nat	Marque
1	Dakar-Tambacounda	Dakar-Tambacounda	275	Fontenay/Musmara	Fra	Mitsubishi	Peterhansel	Fra	Yamaha
2	Tambacounda-Kayes	Tambacounda-Kayes	505	Schlesser/Monnet	Fra	Buggy	Peterhansel	Fra	Yamaha
3	Kayes-Nara	Kayes-Nara	552	Shinozuka/Magne	Jap	Mitsubishi	Peterhansel	Fra	Yamaha
4	Nara-Tombouctou	Nara-Tombouctou	658	Saby/Serieys	Fra	Mitsubishi	Peterhansel	Fra	Yamaha
5	Tombouctou-Gao	Tombouctou-Gao	415	Fontenay/Musmara	Fra	Mitsubishi	Magnaldi	Fra	KTM
6	Gao-Tahoua	Gao-Menaka		Shinozuka/Magne	Jap	Mitsubishi	Peterhansel	Fra	Yamaha
6	Gao-Tahoua	Menaka-Tahoua	396	Fontenay/Musmara	Fra	Mitsubishi	Sotelo	Esp	Cagiva
7	Tahoua-Agadez	Tahoua-Arlit	575	Shinozuka/Magne	Jap	Mitsubishi	Peterhansel	Fra	Yamaha
8	Agadez-Oclan	Agadez-Oclan	457	Kleinschmidt/Boutaire	All	Buggy Sch	Magnaldi	Fra	KTM
9	Oclan-Kidal	Oclan-Kidal	537	Guedes/Dubois	Fra	Nissan	Arcarons	Esp	KTM
10	Kidal-Tombouctou	Kidal-Tombouctou	568	Strugo/Catarelli	Fra	Mitsubishi	Lewis	Usa	KTM
11	Tombouctou-Nema	Tombouctou-Nema	577	Fontenay/Musmara	Fra	Mitsubishi	Peterhansel	Fra	Yamaha
12	Nema-Kiffa	Ayoun El Atrous-Kiffa	308	Masuoka/Schulz	Jap	Mitsubishi	Bernard	Fra	KTM
13	Kiffa-Saint Louis	Kiffa-Saint Louis	166	Fontenay/Musmara	Fra	Mitsubishi	Marques	Por	KTM
14	Saint Louis-Dakar	Saint Louis-Dakar	18	Kleinschmidt/Boutaire	All	Buggy Sch	Brucy	Fra	KTM



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• Overall scratch standings

Clt	Concurrents	Marques	Nat			
OVERALL CAR-TRUCK STANDINGS						
1	SHINOZUKA/MAGNE	MITSUBISHI	Jap	55	VANDIEREND/HURTECANT	TOYOTA Bel
2	FONTENAY/MUSMARRA	MITSUBISHI	Fra	56	FERRI/PLATEAU/AUVRAY	MERCEDES Fra
3	SABY/SERIEYS	MITSUBISHI	Fra	57	MICHELARD/REDON	TOYOTA Fra
4	MASUOKA/SHCULZ	MITSUBISHI	Jap	58	UME/ADRIEN	TOYOTA Bel
5	KLEINSCHMID/BOUTAIRE	SCHLES	All	59	TOMOKAWA/ASADA	MITSUBISHI Jap
6	SERVIA/PICARD	NISSAN	Esp	60	ISAO/TAKAYUKI	TOYOTA Jap
7	STRUGO/CATTARELLI	MITSUBISHI	Fra	61	MALFERIOL/CROSET/RODRIG	MERCEDES Fra
8	GUEDES/DUBOIS	NISSAN	Por	62	NOBUYKI/TAKASUKE	NISSAN Jap
9	ARGAZZI/ARGAZZI	NISSAN	Ita	63	WAUTERS/VAN PUYEN	TOYOTA Bel
10	SOUZA/REY	MITSUBISHI	Por	64	GAMBILLON/LOUIN/PRIVE	MERCEDES Fra
11	LHOTELLERIE/LEHERON	MITSUBISHI	Fra	65	BRAULT/CIRAVEGNA/ADAM	MERCEDES Fra
12	PRIETO/MAS	MITSUBISHI	Esp	66	GARCIA APA/GINES JIME	LAND ROVER Esp
13	VAN CAUWE/DEVOS	TOYOTA	Bel	67	TIBAU/LOPEZ/HEBERT	MERCEDES Esp
14	VISMARA/CAMBIAGHI	VISMAR	Ita	68	DRION/MOQUET/SILVANI	MERCEDES Fra
15	VILA ALTIMIR/GONZALES	MITSUBISHI	Esp	69	TATSU/KOJI	TOYOTA Jap
16	ALCARAZ/BORSOTTO	NISSAN	Fra	70	JUVANTENY/ESPERTO/CRiado	MERCEDES And
17	HANCIAUX/GEROME	NISSAN	Bel	71	OLIVERAS ELI/CAMPA/KORBER	MERCEDES And
18	PORCAR/TOURINAN	NISSAN	Esp	72	GOVAERE/CNUUDE/ESPEEL	MAN Bel
19	ASAGA/ITOH	TOYOTA	Jap	73	MAIMI/JUNCOSA O/BOLUDA	MERCEDES All
20	GEORGET/BOCANDE	NISSAN	Fra	74	YUTAKA/KAZUMA	TOYOTA Jap
21	ALLIOT/LANDEREAU	NISSAN	Fra	75	REEDTZ-THOT/PEDERSEN	PEUGEOT Dan
22	POLLINI/ROOSE	ROVER	Ita	76	PARTRIDGE/PARKER	ISUZU GB
23	REIF/DEINHOFER	HINO	Aut	77	FOJ/MAYMO/ESTEVE	MERCEDES And
24	ARNOUX/MATHIAS	BUGGY	Fra	78	SAUMET/LACAVAL/YOKOSH	SCANIA Fra
25	CASSEGRAIN/CASSEGRAIN	MITSUBISHI	Fra	79	GINESTA/MONTANO/PRADES	MERCEDES And
26	PESCAROLO/BOUSSIER	TOYOTA	Fra	80	RENDERS/LONGIN/DE GRO	MERCEDES Bel
27	HASEMI/YOKOKAWA	NISSAN	Fra	81	LASSERE/DAVID	TOYOTA Fra
28	SUGAWARA/HAMURA/MATSUM	HINO	Jap	82	INAGAKI/MITSUNARI	TOYOTA Jap
29	DHONT/KAKET	MITSUBISHI	Bel	83	LURQUIN/BARTHOLOMDEDRIC	MERCEDES Bel
30	MARTIN/DUBOST	NISSAN	Fra	OVERALL MOTORCYCLE STANDINGS		
31	PETIT/WAGNER/HASHIM	HINO	Bel	1	PETERHANSEL	YAMAHA Fra
32	ARAI/GOUVIEZ	ISUZU	Jap	2	GALLARDO	CAGIVA Esp
33	COTTRET/GARCIN	TOYOTA	Fra	3	CASTERA	YAMAHA Fra
34	BERTRY/GUERRIN	MITSUBISHI	Fra	4	LEWIS	KTM EU
35	BOUNEY/ALIPHAT	TOYOTA	Fra	5	VON ZITZEWIT	KTM Aut
36	PELICHET/MOLINA	MERCEDES	Fra	6	MAYER	KTM All
37	KOLBERG/MESQUITA	MITSUBISHI	Bre	7	BRUCY	KTM Fra
38	VERSINO/LACOURT/VERSIN	MITSUBISHI	Fra	8	MARQUES	KTM Por
39	VANIERSCHO/GRONITZ	TOYOTA	Bel	9	SCHILCHER	KTM All
40	LEMONS/DURET	NISSAN	Por	10	BERNARD	KTM Fra
41	GRANJON/IMAI/MARTINE	MITSUBISHI	Fra	11	SOTELO	CAGIVA Esp
42	PLAUCHUT/MONTIGNY	TOYOTA	Fra	12	GIL	KTM Esp
43	LO CURTO/DAL ZOTTO/PICCO	TOYOTA	Ita	13	SIREYJOL	HONDA Fra
44	MAESSEN/MAESSEN	TOYOTA	Bel	14	DE AZEVEDO	KTM Bre
45	FORTHOMME/GOTLIB	TOYOTA	Bel	15	DE AZEVEDO	KTM Bre
46	SERVIA I COS/PUJOLAR	TOYOTA	And	16	YOSHIO	HONDA Jap
47	BEAUJEAN/CHALLOY	TOYOTA	Fra	17	DEACON	KTM GB
48	DUNAND/CHOLLET	TOYOTA	Sui	18	MEILLAT	KTM Fra
49	BABIER/ANDRE/BERGER	MERCEDES	Fra	19	HUTTEN	KTM Hol
50	FESSY/MORELLO	NISSAN	Fra	20	RAMOS MART	KTM Esp
51	SMULEVICI/SERREAU	MITSUBISHI	Fra	21	"BENNEROTTE	KAWAS Fra
52	DUCROUX/CHARTREZ	TOYOTA	Fra	22	SANNA COCC	KTM Ita
53	NEMOTO/TSUBAI	ISUKU	Jap	23	VERHOEF	KTM Hol
54	MARCO/MARCO	TOYOTA	Esp	24	FUMAGALLI	SUZUKI Ital
				25	AUBREE	KTM Fra
				26	STANOVNIK	KTM Slo



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27	KASTAN	SUZUKI	Tch
28	ZLOCH	SUZUKI	Tch
29	GRAHAM	KTM	GB
30	DUMONTIER	YAMAHA	Fra
31	AUTHIER	KTM	Fra
32	DUFOUR	HONDA	Fra
33	PALIX	HONDA	Fra
34	FARGES	KTM	Sen
35	KASHIWA	HONDA	Jap
36	MARTIN	KTM	Fra
37	MILLET	HONDA	Fra
38	DBERT	YAMAHA	Fra
39	FRANCRU	SUZUKI	Fra
40	CHEMELLO	YAMAHA	Ita
41	DE MEGNI	YAMAHA	Ita
42	VICINO	YAMAHA	Ita
43	LOIZEAUX	BMW	Fra
44	VERZELETTI	HONDA	Ita
45	RICHARD	YAMAHA	Fra
46	LOPES COLL	KTM	Esp
47	STEFANINI	KAWAS	Ita
48	DEL PALACIO	HONDA	Esp
49	URBACH	HONDA	All
50	GIROUD	YAMAHA	Fra
51	HIROAKI	KAWAS	Fra
52	KOBAYASHI	KAWAS	Jap
53	VILLENAVE	SUZUKI	Fra
54	CHAMAGNE	SUZUKI	Fra
55	MONS	YAMAHA	Fra
56	DELCROS	SUZUKI	Fra
57	YAMAMURA	HONDA	Jap
58	YAMAMURA	HONDA	Jap