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2018 MICHELIN

WRC FIA WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

RALLYE MONTE-CARLO 2018

MONACO, GAP (FRANCE)

JANUARY 25»28 2018

86th RUNNING

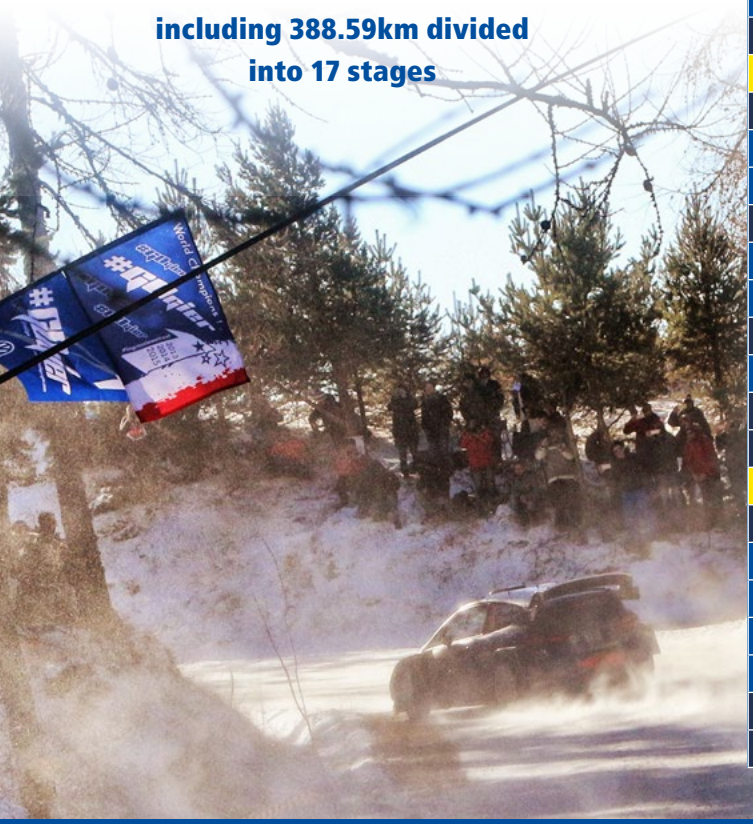
2018 FIA WRC: ROUND 1

68 ENTRIES

TOTAL DISTANCE:

1642.40KM

including 388.59km divided into 17 stages



TIMETABLE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24			
4:00pm		Shakedown	3.35km
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25			
5:50pm		Start, Monaco, Place du Casino	
		Tyre change, Digne-les-Bains	15min
9:43pm	SS1	Thoard-Sisteron	36.69km
10:51pm	SS2	Bayons-Breziers	25.49km
11:56pm		Service Gap	45min
FRIDAY, JANUARY 26			
8:00am		Service/Tyre change, Gap	15min
8:51am	SS3	Vitrolles-Oze	26.72km
10:04am	SS4	Roussieux-Eygalayes	30.54km
11:37am	SS5	Vaumeilh-Claret	15.18km
12:52pm		Service/Tyre change, Gap	30min
1:58pm	SS6	Vitrolles-Oze	26.72km
3:11pm	SS7	Roussieux-Eygalayes	30.54km
4:44pm	SS8	Vaumeilh-Claret	15.18km
5:49pm		Service, Gap	45min
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27			
6:57am		Service/Tyre change, Gap	15min
8:08am	SS9	Agnières en Dévoluy-Corps	29.16km
9:16am	SS10	St Léger-les-Mélèzes-La Bâtie Neuve	16.87km
10:31am		Service/Tyre change, Gap	30min
11:57am	SS11	Agnières en Dévoluy-Corps	29.16km
1:08pm	SS12	St Léger-les-Mélèzes-La Bâtie Neuve	16.87km
2:23pm		Service/Tyre change, Gap	30min
4:09pm	SS13	Bayons-Bréziers	25.49km
5:29pm		Service, Gap	45min
10:17pm		Leg finish, Monaco	
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28			
6:49am		Service/Tyre change, Monaco	15min
8:32am	SS14	La Bollène-Vésubie-Peira Cava	18.41km
9:08am	SS15	La Cabanette-Col de Braus	13.58km
10:55am	SS16	La Bollène-Vésubie-Peira Cava	18.41km
12:18pm	SS17	La Cabanette-Col de Braus	13.58km
1:58pm		Finish, Monaco	
3:00pm		Podium ceremony, Monaco (Place du Palais Princier)	

TIME (GMT +1) - SOURCE: wrc.com - INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MICHELIN

JACQUES MORELLI,

(WRC Programme Manager, Michelin Motorsport)

"The Monte Carlo Rally is undoubtedly the toughest round of the World Rally Championship for the crews and tyre manufacturers because of the sheer variety of conditions you can face. You can come across dry and wet asphalt, frost, ice and snow all on a single stage. Tyre choices can give rise to long debates between Michelin's technicians, the teams' engineers and ice-note crews, weather advisors, etc. The WRC and WRC2 drivers have a choice of four different tyres: a soft and a super-soft asphalt tyre, plus a studded and non-studded snow tyre. This year we will have an evolution compound for our two WRC asphalt tyres."

MICHELIN TYRES FOR THE 2018 RALLYE MONTE-CARLO

✓ QUOTA FOR WRC DRIVERS: **80 TYRES,** FROM AN ALLOCATION OF 24 SS6S, 20 S6S, 24 STUDDED A41S AND 12 NON-STUDDED A41S

MICHELIN AND THE RALLYE MONTE-CARLO

20 years ago (1998): victory for Sainz/Moya (Toyota Corolla WRC/Michelin)

40 years ago (1978): a surprise one-two-three finish for Michelin with privateer Porsche entrant Jean-Pierre Nicolas and factory Renault 5 Alpine drivers Ragnotti and Fréquelin

Michelin has won the Rallye Monte-Carlo **26 TIMES** as a WRC round

Michelin tyres have won 476 of the 802 Rallye Monte-Carlo stages contested as a WRC round

Michelin has won the Rallye Monte-Carlo with 13 different manufacturers

2018 FORMAT

Route is 50 percent new compared with 2017

Competitive action begins with two night-time stages

The Rallye Monte Carlo returns to Digne-les-Bains for a Tyre Fitting Zone on Thursday evening

Thoard-Sisteron being used for the first time in this direction

Roussieux-Eygalayes and Vaumeilh-Claret are essentially new

Agnières-en-Dévoluy has been modified compared with 2017

St-Léger-les-Mélèzes and Bayons-Bréziers are identical to 2017

There will be four stages – including two attempts at the infamous Col de Turini test – with no servicing on the Sunday

RALLYE MONTE-CARLO TRIVIA

The inaugural Rallye Monte-Carlo (1911) was won by Henri Rougier driving a Turcat-Mery 25 HP

The 1973 Rallye Monte-Carlo was the very first round of the newly-created World Rally Championship

The Rallye Monte-Carlo's most successful driver is Sébastien Loeb (seven wins)

Gap is hosting the Rallye Monte-Carlo for the fifth straight year

The Rallye Monte-Carlo is organised by the prestigious Automobile Club de Monaco (ACM)

Rallye Monte-Carlo prize-winners are invited to attend the post-event gala dinner at the Sporting Monte-Carlo

This is the first time since 1993 that the Rallye Monte-Carlo has started so late in January

RALLYE MONTE-CARLO INFORMATION

The 2018 rally visits five French 'departments': Hautes-Alpes, Drôme, Isère, Alpes de Haute-Provence and Alpes-Maritimes

The route passes through several French regions that are popular with tourists: Massif des Ecrins, Mercantour, Vallée de la Durance, Sisteron, etc.

Saturday's stages pass through the Dévoluy and Champsaur regions which are famous for skiing

Gap is situated on Route Napoléon which runs from the Mediterranean to Grenoble. Napoléon 1 travelled along it on his return from the island of Elba

At the finish of SS10/12, competitors will be handed apple juice and tourton fritters, two local specialities

WRC NEWS

The 2018 FIA World Rally Championship was presented at the Autosport International 2018 show at Birmingham's NEC, England, on January 11

The official entry list for 2018 WRC features five manufacturers: Citroën, Ford, Hyundai, Skoda and Toyota

ENTRY LIST

M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM — WRC
 # 1 OGIER Sébastien / INGRASSIA Julien — *FRA / FRA*
FORD FIESTA WRC

M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM — WRC
 # 2 EVANS Elfyn / BARRITT Daniel — *GBR / GBR*
FORD FIESTA WRC

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 # 3 BOUFFIER Bryan / DEGOUT Jérôme — *FRA / FRA*
FORD FIESTA WRC

HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WRT — WRC
 # 4 MIKKELSEN Andreas / JAEGER Anders — *NOR / NOR*
HYUNDAI i20 COUPE WRC

HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WRT — WRC
 # 5 NEUVILLE Thierry / GILSOUL Nicolas — *BEL / BEL*
HYUNDAI i20 COUPE WRC

HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WRT — WRC
 # 6 SORDO Dani / DEL BARRIO Carlos — *ESP / ESP*
HYUNDAI i20 COUPE WRC

TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT — WRC
 # 7 LATVALA Jari-Matti / ANTTILA Miikka — *FIN / FIN*
TOYOTA YARIS WRC

TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT — WRC
 # 8 TANAK Ott / JARVEOJA Martin — *EST / EST*
TOYOTA YARIS WRC

TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRC — WRC
 # 9 LAPPI Esapekka / FERM Janne — *FIN / FIN*
TOYOTA YARIS WRC

CITROEN TOTAL ABU DHABI WRT — WRC
 # 10 MEEKE Kris / NAGLE Paul — *GBR / IRL*
CITROEN C3 WRC

CITROEN TOTAL ABU DHABI WRT — WRC
 # 11 BREEN Craig / MARTIN Scott — *IRL / GBR*
CITROEN C3 WRC

THE FULL ENTRY LIST HERE

FLASHBACK TO 2017

WINNERS:
Sébastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia
(Ford Fiesta RS WRC/Michelin)

STAGE WINNERS:
Neuville 6 – Ogier & Evans 3 – Tanak, Sordo, Lefebvre 1

RALLY LEADERS:
Neuville (SS2-SS12), Ogier (SS13-Finish)

- ✓ *Tyre choices made complex by difficult wintry conditions*
- ✓ *The entire range of Michelin WRC tyres was used*
- ✓ *Rally sadly marred by a spectator death*
- ✓ *Sébastien Ogier's fifth Monte Carlo victory*
- ✓ *A mistake on SS13 ended Thierry Neuville's comfortable lead*

DRIVERS' STANDINGS

		Monte-Carlo 25/01 > 28/01	Sweden 15/02 > 18/02	Mexico 8/03 > 11/03	France 5/04 > 8/04	Argentina 26/04 > 29/04	Portugal 17/05 > 20/05	Italy 7/06 > 10/06	Finland 26/07 > 29/07	Germany 16/08 > 19/08	Turkey 13/09 > 16/09	Britain 4/10 > 7/10	Spain 25/10 > 28/10	Australia 15/11 > 18/11	TOTAL
1	SÉBASTIEN OGIER														
2	THIERRY NEUVILLE														
3	OTT TÄNAK														
4	JARI-MATTI LATVALA														
5	DANI SORDO														
6	ELFYN EVANS														
7	CRAIG BREEN														
8	HAYDEN PADDON														
9	ESAPEKKA LAPPI														
10	ANDREAS MIKKELSEN														
11	KRIS MEEKE														
12	BRYAN BOUFFIER														

THE 2018 WRC REGULATIONS

START ORDERS

Day 1 in 2017 Drivers' championship order, then reverse order of overnight classification

MANUFACTURERS CAN NOMINATE UP TO THREE CARS

with the two best-placed cars to score Manufacturer points.

POINTS

1st, 25 points • **2nd**, 18 points

3rd 15 points • **4th**, 12 points

5th, 10 points • **6th**, **8** points

7th, 6 points • **8th**, 4 points

9th, 2 points • **10th**, 1 point

POWER STAGE POINTS

1st, 5 points • **2nd**, 4 points

3rd, 3 points • **4th**, 2 points

5th, 1 point.

MICHELIN WRC RANGE
2018 SEASON

ASPHALT TYRES : MICHELIN PILOT SPORT

H5 (HARD COMPOUND)

Size : 20/65-18
Conditions: dry stages

S6 (SOFT COMPOUND)

Size : 20/65-18
Conditions: wet, cold conditions

SS6 (SUPER SOFT COMPOUND)

Size : 20/65-18
Conditions: icy, frosty, damp, cold conditions

FW3 (FULL WET)

Size : 18/65-18
Conditions: showers, standing water or heavy rain

WINTRY ASPHALT: MICHELIN PILOT ALPIN A4

NON-STUDDED

STUDDED

Size : 18/65-18
Conditions: ice and/or snow

GRAVEL TYRES : MICHELIN LTX FORCE

H4 (HARD COMPOUND)

Size : 17/65-15
Conditions: rough, rocky, abrasive surfaces

S5 (SOFT COMPOUND)

Size : 17/65-15
Conditions: smooth, loose surfaces, mud

SNOW/ICE TYRE : MICHELIN X-ICE NORTH

X-ICE NORTH 3

Size : 15/65-15
Conditions: ice and/or snow

WRC TYRE-RELATED REGULATIONS

- ✓ The FIA has registered three different tyre manufactures for the 2018 WRC: Michelin, DMack and Pirelli
- ✓ Car manufacturers must register the tyre brand they have chosen with the FIA
- ✓ Only moulded tyres are authorised
- ✓ Tyres must be identifiable by a barcode and RFID chip
- ✓ Re-cutting or otherwise modifying the tread pattern is not permitted
- ✓ Only marked tyres are allowed to be used on stages
- ✓ Tyre pre-heating systems are prohibited
- ✓ Cars may carry up to two spares
- ✓ Tyres may only be inflated using air
- ✓ Only one type of dry-weather asphalt tyre (construction + pattern) and two compound options are authorised for the season (a third compound option is allowed for the Rallye Monte-Carlo)
- ✓ Just one type of asphalt rain tyre is authorised
- ✓ Only one type of gravel tyre (construction + tread pattern) and two compound options (three from Rally Finland) are authorised for the season (choice of two compounds per event)
- ✓ A single type of snow/ice tyre (one compound only) to be fitted to 7x15-inch rims
- ✓ A single 'joker' change is allowed per manufacturer in the course of the season
- ✓ Tyre quotas per event for priority drivers are calculated on the basis of four tyres per tyre-change opportunity (plus four tyres for shakedown)