



2018 MEDIA GUIDE



Rally de España

October 25 - 28, 2018

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HYUNDAI'S HELLO

Welcome to Rally de España for round 12 of what has become an enthralling 2018 FIA World Rally Championship – and to an event where Hyundai Motorsport must make up lost ground.

Wales Rally GB proved to be a difficult weekend for our team. We went there hoping to fight for a podium, or even the win, but it wasn't to be and, in the end, we had to salvage what points we could.

Unfortunately, we failed to get the correct set-up for our Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC on this tricky event and although we made improvements during Friday that really helped us the following day, Thierry's off meant we could not fight for the victory. Thankfully he managed to regain some positions to finish fifth, with Andreas and Hayden following him home. And Jari also showed promise with his fine run to fourth in the WRC2 class.

But the fact remains that we have allowed ourselves to fall behind in the championship and we now have just this rally and the final round in Australia from which we can bounce back. We have to accept the result in Wales, learn from the experience and move on. It will be an uphill battle but we have to give it everything possible.

With Sébastien Ogier now trailing Thierry by just seven points in the Drivers' championship, he knows he must push for the win on the mixed road surfaces of Spain. But Thierry has made the podium here in the past so there is everything to play for. Andreas and Dani should also be on good form – Andreas took his maiden win here in 2015 and Dani will of course have the support of his home fans.

A good result will also help Hyundai Motorsport to make up ground to Toyota in the Manufacturers' championship – and this will be the final event of the year for Jari and Antti to show what they have learned in WRC2 this season.

We have a good car, good crews and a strong team – now is the time to make all those elements work for us as this year's WRC nears what is sure to be a thrilling climax.

Michel Nandan

Team Principal, Hyundai Motorsport



ON STAGE WITH... DANI SORDO

Just how much would you like to win this rally?

"I would love to win because it's really a special one for me. It's my home rally and we have a lot of supporters. I enjoy this event a lot, so yes, a win would be amazing."

What do you need to be successful?

"You need to have the feeling with the car on gravel and tarmac. It's a long time between Portugal, my last event on gravel, and this rally so it will be difficult to start again on the first day, which is obviously mainly on a loose surface. But on the other side I have a really good road position on the first day."

How confident are you of a strong result based on car performance and your preparations?

"I need to have a really strong first day with everything working well and no problems. After that if I have the confidence I am sure we can take a good result."

What are the strengths of the Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC on this rally?

"We have a good engine and we know the car performs well on gravel. We also have some evolutions on tarmac so hopefully we can be a bit stronger than in Germany."

While Salou is a long way from where you live it's still your home round of the WRC so how much pressure are you under?

"Salou is a long way from my home but it's still the 'Rally of Spain'. The people want you to be fighting for the victory. I have always been close but I have never taken the win. I would like to do this for the fans and when you want to do better in something you always have extra pressure."

How much extra motivation do the fans give you?

"The fans give me a lot of motivation. It's very difficult to describe but when you are in the car and you see all these people in the stages pushing you a lot it's amazing, one of the best feelings ever. I am really happy to have this support."

What's your earliest memory of this rally as a fan and as a driver?

"I have a lot of memories from when I was younger going to the rally with my father, my mother and friends to see drivers like Colin McRae, Tommi Mäkinen, Carlos Sainz and Jesus Puras. They were really nice moments. I have done the rally myself many times now, winning the Junior world championship and getting my first podium in a World Rally Car."



DANI SORDO

TEAM POSITION: Driver

AGE: 35

WRC STARTS: 158



@DaniSordo



/DanielSordo

HYUNDAI HAPPENINGS

- Thierry Neuville still leads the World Rally Championship Drivers' standings despite a tough weekend for Hyundai Motorsport on Wales Rally GB, where the Belgian came back from an off on day two to finish fifth. Andreas Mikkelsen and Hayden Paddon were sixth and seventh respectively after the team struggled to reach the right set-up for the Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC on the demanding stages.
- Neuville heads the Drivers' championship by seven points from GB winner Sébastien Ogier, while Hyundai Motorsport has a 20-point deficit to the Toyota Gazoo team in the Manufacturers' standings.
- There was better news for Hyundai Motorsport Driver development Program (HMDP) crew Jari Huttunen and Antti Linnaketo, who were quickest in WRC2 on the last stage in Wales to finish a fine fourth in class. They will now contest their final event of the season on Rally de España.
- Hyundai Motorsport tested in Spain in mid-October with all three drivers preparing for Rally de España with a day of running on asphalt, plus there was one day of gravel testing for Neuville and Sordo.
- The i30 N TCR remains the leading car in the FIA World Touring Car Cup after back-to-back events in China, where the Hyundai became the first car to win all three races over a weekend. At the Race of China-Ningbo (September 28-30), MRacing-YMR driver Thed Björk dominated Races 1 and 3, while teammate Yvan Muller won Race 2. For the following weekend at the Race of China-Wuhan a change in compensation weights meant the i30 N TCR was up to 100kg heavier, but despite this BRC Racing Team's Gabriele Tarquini remains ahead in the overall standings.
- The i20 R5 has taken arguably its biggest victory with Hyundai-supported Diego Dominguez and Hector Nunes winning the 45th Transchaco Rally in their native Paraguay. The pair were quickest on nine stages over three days to build a 90-second advantage. The rally is the blue-riband event of the national series, covering nearly 900km over 25 stages this year.
- Hyundai España-supported i20 R5 customers scored a double podium at the Rallye Villa de Llanes (September 28-29), the latest round of the Spanish Tarmac championship. José Antonio Suárez and Iván Ares set top times on eight of the event's 10 stages, but following the former's retirement it was series leader Ares and Surhayen Pernía who claimed second and third behind winner Miguel Fuster.
- Armindo Araújo still leads the Portuguese rally championship after the penultimate round of the series, the Rali de Amarante Baião (September 21-22). The Hyundai Portugal-supported driver finished third overall, the best of four i20 R5s entered for the event.

HYUNDAI IN NUMBERS

1967: Company founded in Korea and has gone on to establish sales networks in 190 countries and employs over 110,000 people.

10,000: Of those global employees some 10,000 people work at Hyundai's R&D base in the Korean city of Namyang.

3: Across 11 rounds of the 2018 WRC, Hyundai Motorsport has so far scored three victories on Rally Sweden, Rally de Portugal and Rally Italia Sardegna. Sweden has proved the most successful hunting ground where the team took a double podium finish, with Thierry Neuville the winner and Andreas Mikkelsen in third. Neuville and Dani Sordo were then second and third in Argentina.

60: Hyundai crews have so far amassed 60 stage wins during the 2018 season following Wales Rally GB, as well as 49 Power Stage points.

10: Hyundai Motorsport claimed its 10th podium finish of the 2018 season with Hayden Paddon's third place on Rally Turkey. The team finished on the podium in every round between Sweden and Sardinia.

3: As its name suggests, the Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC comes with three doors compared to the five in its predecessor. But while there are two doors less, the new-for-2017 challenger has a power output of 380hp thanks to the introduction of a larger turbo restrictor – up from 33mm to 36mm.

1: With the current regulations allowing manufacturers to nominate three point-scoring drivers rather than two, the three Hyundai i20 Coupe WRCs are entered under one banner: Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team.

6,000: Prior to the launch of the Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC, some 6,000 kilometres had been covered during extensive development testing.

50: Hyundai Motorsport's Alzenau base is located within a 50-kilometre radius of Hyundai Motor Europe's base in Offenbach and Hyundai Motor Europe's Technical and Design Centre in Rüsselsheim.

29: There are 29 nationalities represented at Hyundai Motorsport GmbH, with more than 200 employees based in Germany.

0.7: Thierry Neuville's 0.7-second victory over Sébastien Ogier on Rally Italia Sardegna matched his winning margin over Elfyn Evans in Argentina last year – one of the closest in WRC history. It was also his ninth and Hyundai Motorsport's 10 victory so far in the WRC.

5.3: Hyundai Motorsport has fans all around the world who follow its efforts in the WRC and Customer Racing through social media, with over 5.3 million likes on Facebook. The team also has 65,200 followers on Twitter and more than 140,700 on Instagram.

- First announced in 2015, the N line-up showcases Hyundai's engineering expertise, offering high-performance models that are equally at home on the road, or out on a race circuit.
- N was born in Namyang, Korea in Hyundai's global R&D centre and honed at the famous Nürburgring circuit, home to the Hyundai Test Centre. The close working relationship between the engineers in Korea and Germany created the foundations for the development of the line-up. The N logo also symbolises a chicane, where the models carrying the badge are most at home.
- N is Hyundai's answer to emerging customer preferences, calling for uncompromising innovation and technology-driven performance. Designed to deliver the perfect combination of feedback, precision and predictable response, the models of the N line-up are made for driving enthusiasts, bringing a unique character to the road and further enhancing the image of the Hyundai brand.
- Inspired by Hyundai Motorsport competing at the highest possible level, the creation of N has drawn on our experience of testing the i30 N TCR, and racing on the tarmac, gravel and snow of the World Rally Championship. From the knowledge taken from the stages and the circuit Hyundai's engineers were able to identify further handling and performance refinements during the development of the N line-up. With all this experience, N delivers exhilarating driving pleasure for everyone – pure emotions.
- The i30 N was the first road-going model to be launched from the N line-up in July 2017. The car is based on the New Generation i30. However, it was developed from the ground up in order to deliver maximum driving pleasure for everyone. Under the theme 'Fun to Drive', the i30 N has been developed on the basis of three cornerstones: Corner Rascal, Everyday Sports Car and Race Track Capability. It offers segment-leading high-performance elements that can be selected individually by the driver in order to tailor the car for any scenario, from a comfortable daily commute to a day at the track.
- Like the i30 N TCR the road-going i30 N is powered by a two-litre, turbocharged engine. The i30 N develops up to 275 horsepower, with a maximum torque of 353 Nm, delivered through a six-speed gearbox to the front wheels. The road-going car can reach a maximum speed of 250km/h and accelerate from 0 to 100 km/h in just over six seconds.



HYUNDAI I20 R5 UNCOVERED

Engine: Hyundai Motorsport turbocharged engine with direct injection 1,600cc and fitted with a 32mm air restrictor

Power: 285hp at 5,000RPM with a maximum torque of 420NM at 4,000RPM

Transmission: Six-speed Ricardo Sequential gearbox, four-wheel drive, mechanical front and rear differentials

Suspension: MacPherson struts with three-way adjustable dampers

Steering: Hydraulic power-assisted rack and pinion

Brakes: Ventilated Brembo disc brakes (355mm on asphalt, 300mm on gravel) and air-cooled, four-piston calipers, hydraulic handbrake

Tyres: Team partner Michelin will supply five different tyre types for Rally de España: the Latitude Cross H90 is the first choice of gravel tyre for warm and dry weather, with the Latitude Cross S80 as the alternative in the event of cold temperatures and damp conditions. For Saturday and Sunday's asphalt stages, Michelin will supply the Pilot Sport R H3 (hard) and R S (soft), plus the Pilot Sport FW3 in the event of wet weather. Teams can use a maximum of 14 tyres during Friday and 16 on Saturday and Sunday for a combined total of 30, including those used in shakedown.

Electronics: Magneti Marelli ECU and power management system

Safety: Sabelt seats and multiple fixing points with adjustable straps

Chassis: FIA conformant reinforced steel body with Hyundai Motorsport-designed welded multi-point roll cage

Dimensions: length: 4,035mm, width: 1,820mm, track width: 1,610mm, wheel base: 2,570mm

Weight: 1,230kg (1,390kg with driver and co-driver on board)

Fuel: FIA approved



HYUNDAI HEROES

Andreas Mikkelsen and Anders Jæger

#4 Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC (chassis 009)



ANDREAS MIKKELSEN

Date of birth: June 22, 1989

Place of birth: Oslo, Norway

Nationality: Norwegian

WRC starts: 98

WRC wins: 3

Mikkelsen joined Hyundai Motorsport for three late-season events in 2017, passing his audition with flying colours by earning a long-term deal with the team. Having initially flown in skiing, he switched to rallying when injury curtailed his promising career on the slopes. Relocating to the UK for 2006, he was a winner shortly after getting his driving licence following his 17th birthday. Fifth on the 2008 Rally Sweden then made him the youngest driver to score a WRC point. Mikkelsen won back-to-back Intercontinental Rally Challenge titles in 2011-12. Having joined Volkswagen's WRC line-up, he took his maiden win on the 2015 Rally de España, and won in Poland and Australia in 2016. Mikkelsen also scored his first podium finish for Hyundai with third on this year's Rally Sweden.

RALLY DE ESPAÑA RECORD:

Starts: 8, 2017 result: 18, Best result: 1



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ANDERS JÆGER

Date of birth: July 29, 1989

Place of birth: Oslo, Norway

Nationality: Norwegian

WRC starts: 42

WRC wins: 2

A relative latecomer to co-driving, Jæger has enjoyed a rapid rise to the WRC ranks having started his career in 2014 in his native Norway alongside Bernt Kollevold. He made his world championship debut that year with Ole Christian Veiby in Spain before going on to contest a mix of mainly Junior WRC and European championship events the following season, scoring five podiums including a win in the former. Jæger's partnership with long-time friend Mikkelsen began in fine style in 2016 when they were second on Rallye Monte-Carlo, one of six podium visits that included two victories.

RALLY DE ESPAÑA RECORD:

Starts: 4, 2017 result: 18, Best result: 18



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HYUNDAI HEROES

Thierry Neuville and Nicolas Gilsoul

#5 Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC (chassis 010)



THIERRY NEUVILLE

Date of birth: June 16, 1988

Place of birth: Sankt Vith, Belgium

Nationality: Belgian

WRC starts: 96

WRC wins: 9

Neuville is a firm title contender for Hyundai Motorsport – following wins in Sweden, Portugal and Sardinia – having finished a close second in 2017. His successes last year included four victories – the most of any driver – and he finished with a win in Australia. Having enjoyed huge success at junior level before stepping up to the WRC in 2009, the Belgian finished second in the 2013 standings after a highly competitive season. Those performances caught the eye of Hyundai's fledgling WRC team and he was signed for its debut campaign. Alongside co-driver Nicolas Gilsoul, Neuville scored the team's debut podium in Mexico 2014 and led a memorable one-two (ahead of Dani Sordo) on Rallye Deutschland – the squad's maiden victory. Although German is Neuville's first language, French is used on events as the shorter words make communication more efficient.

RALLY DE ESPAÑA RECORD:

Starts: 7, 2017 result: Retired, Best result: 3



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NICOLAS GILSOUL

Date of birth: February 5, 1982

Place of birth: Chênée, Belgium

Nationality: Belgian

WRC starts: 91

WRC wins: 9

An experienced WRC campaigner, Gilsoul was awarded the prestigious WRC Co-driver of the Year accolade in 2016 after finishing second in that year's championship alongside Neuville. They joined forces in the spring of 2011 and the partnership quickly blossomed with victory on the Tour de Corse, then a round of the IRC, in only their second event together. Moving to Hyundai Motorsport for 2014, Gilsoul helped to secure the team's first victory on Rallye Deutschland that season, and Thierry is quick to praise his co-driver's precision and matching skillsets in the cockpit. Gilsoul's four wins with Neuville in 2017 was more than that scored by any other co-driver, confirming this Belgian's crew status as one of the most formidable in world rallying.

RALLY DE ESPAÑA RECORD:

Starts: 6, 2017 result: Retired, Best result: 3



@nicolasgilsoul



/nicolas.gilsoul

Dani Sordo and Carlos del Barrio



WRC wins: 1



WRC wins: 1



HYUNDAI HEROES

Jari Huttunen and Antti Linnaketo

#026 Hyundai i20 R5



JARI HUTTUNEN

Date of birth: February 28, 1994

Place of birth: Kiuruvesi, Finland

Nationality: Finnish

WRC starts: 10

WRC2 wins: 1

Rising star Huttunen has joined Hyundai Motorsport's Driver development Program (HMDP) for 2018 to contest selected events in the WRC2 category. The Finn, who was named the Finnish federation's Future Rally Star in 2015 after winning the SM3 class in his national championship, was chosen to take part in the HMDP project after impressing the team during a rigorous evaluation process. As a result, he will undertake a programme of tests and WRC events in a Hyundai i20 R5 this season. Huttunen and co-driver Antti Linnaketo won the 2016 ADAC Opel Rallye Cup in Germany, with six victories from seven events, before going on to contest last year's ERC Junior U27 title in which they finished second. The pair also won the WRC2 class on last year's Rally Finland and finished second this year.

RALLY DE ESPAÑA RECORD:

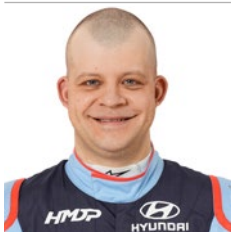
Starts: -, 2017 result: -, Best result: -



@HuttunenRacing



/JariHuttunenRacing



ANTTI LINNAKETO

Date of birth: October 29, 1979

Place of birth: Hattula, Finland

Nationality: Finnish

WRC starts: 13

WRC2 wins: 1

Linnaketo's co-driving career stretches back to 2004, when he began contesting events in his native Finland and neighbouring Estonia. He made his WRC debut in 2010 on Rally Finland, co-driving for Juha Laaksonen, and first teamed up with Huttunen in 2014 when they finished third in class SM3 on the Pirelli Ralli Tampere in Finland. The pair had been introduced that summer in a meeting facilitated by the AKK Driver Academy and, of course, went on to national success the following year on home soil. Huttunen and Linnaketo got their first competitive taste of the Hyundai i20 R5 on last year's Wales Rally GB, when they gained some useful experience in the privately entered car ahead of this year's WRC2 campaign.

RALLY DE ESPAÑA RECORD:

Starts: -, 2017 result: -, Best result: -

Hyundai Motorsport **WHO'S WHO?**



Scott Noh – President

Having held global roles within the Hyundai family since 1993, Mr Noh joined Hyundai Motorsport as President in March 2018 to oversee all areas of the operation, coordinating on a daily basis with Hyundai Motor Company in Korea.



Michel Nandan – Team Principal

Vastly experienced, Nandan has built the Hyundai Motorsport team from scratch including establishing the squad's base in Alzenau, Germany and the recruitment of experienced staff.



Alain Penasse – Team Manager

With responsibility for logistics, organisation and operation, Penasse plays an integral role in the running of the team.



Bertrand Vallat – Chief Designer

A key early appointment to the Hyundai Motorsport fold, Vallat oversees the team's engineering and technical development.



Julien Moncet – Engine Department Manager

Moncet took over full management of the engine department in March of this year and now spearheads all engine programmes at the company's Alzenau facility, including WRC and Customer Racing.



Ernst Kopp – Workshop Manager

Kopp utilises his experience gained from working in Formula One, sportscar racing and the WRC in his role.



Stefan Ph. Henrich – Director of Marketing and PR

A Hyundai Motor Europe spokesperson for more than a decade, Henrich works closely with team boss Michel Nandan managing the PR and marketing plan.

- Hyundai Spain began life on March 1, 1992 with the opening of 18 dealerships across the country. Three models – the Sonata, Lantra and S-Coupe – went on sale with 1172 Hyundai vehicles registered by the end of the first year.
- In late 2009, Hyundai Motor Company took control of the distribution of the brand in Spain, forming Hyundai Motor Spain and relocating its headquarters to Las Tablas in early 2010.
- That summer, Hyundai Motor Spain was responsible for organising the largest event by a private company in the country when 500,000 fans flocked to the Hyundai Fan Park in the centre of Madrid to watch the Spanish football team win the FIFA World Cup in South Africa.
- For the first time in the history of Hyundai in Spain, the company was represented at the Barcelona Motor Show in May 2011 where the Hyundai i40 was given its world premiere and the Hyundai Elantra its first showing in Europe.
- For the last 14 years, Hyundai in Spain has sponsored a Moroccan desert event, called Desert Children. Aside from being a solidarity trip to support the children of the Moroccan desert, the event represents a test for Hyundai's SUV range in extreme weather conditions.
- One of the most important Hyundai models, the Tucson, was launched in 2015 and was chosen as ABC newspaper's Car of the Year. And for the first time in the event's 42-year history, a serving Spanish Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, attended the ceremony as guest of honour and presented awards to the representatives of Hyundai Spain. The Tucson joined other Hyundai models previously elected as Car of the Year in Spain – the i30 (in 2008) and the ix35 (in 2010).
- In 2016 Hyundai launched the IONIQ, the first vehicle worldwide to have three different levels of propulsion: hybrid, plug-in hybrid and all-electric.
- A year later, Hyundai launched the latest generation of the i30 with four different versions available: five-door, Station Wagon, Fastback and the N – the first high-performance vehicle developed by Hyundai. Hyundai also entered the SUV-B segment with the new Hyundai KONA.
- This year is proving to be just as successful for Hyundai in Spain. Sales are expected to reach 62,000 units – a national record. New versions of the Tucson, Santa Fe and i20 have been released, as well as the first compact 100 per cent Electric SUV, the new KONA EV.
- For more information visit www.hyundai.es

HYUNDAI'S WORLD TOUR

FIA World Rally Championship 2018 calendar

	Round 1	Rallye Monte-Carlo www.acm.mc	January 25-28
	Round 2	Rally Sweden www.rallysweden.com*	February 15-18
	Round 3	Rally Guanajuato México www.rallymexico.com*	March 08-11
	Round 4	Tour de Corse www.tourdecorse.com	April 05-08
	Round 5	YPF Rally Argentina www.rallyargentina.com	April 26-29
	Round 6	Vodafone Rally de Portugal www.rallydeportugal.pt*	May 17-20
	Round 7	Rally Italia Sardegna www.rallyitaliasardegna.com	June 07-10
	Round 8	Neste Rally Finland www.nesteoilrallyfinland.fi*	July 26-29
	Round 9	ADAC Rallye Deutschland www.adac-rallye-deutschland.de*	August 16-19
	Round 10	Marmaris Rally Turkey www.marmarisrallyturkey.com	September 13-16
	Round 11	Dayinsure Wales Rally GB www.walesrallygb.com*	October 04-07
	Round 12	RallyRACC Catalunya-Rally de España www.rallyracc.com*	October 25-28
	Round 13	Kennards Hire Rally Australia www.rallyaustralia.com.au	November 15-18

*Jari Huttunen to contest WRC2 class for Hyundai Motorsport.

THE SCORES ON THE BOARDS

Hyundai drivers 2018 season results:

Event	Mikkelsen	Neuville	Sordo	Paddon	Huttunen (WRC2)
Monte-Carlo	14	5	R	-	-
Sweden	3	1	-	5	6 (18 overall)
Mexico	4	6	2	-	6 (18 overall)
Corsica	7	3	4	-	-
Argentina	5	2	3	-	-
Portugal	16	1	5	-	12 (25 overall)
Sardinia	20	1	-	4	-
Finland	10	9	-	4	2 (12 overall)
Germany	6	2	R	-	12 (27 overall)
Turkey	5	16	-	3	-
Great Britain	6	5	-	7	4 (12 overall)
Spain	-	-	-	-	-
Australia	-	-	-	-	-

FIA World Rally Championship 2018 standings
(after round 11 of 13)

DRIVERS

1 Thierry Neuville (BEL) 189pts; 2 Sébastien Ogier (FRA) 182; 3 Ott Tänak (EST) 168; 4 Esapekka Lappi (FIN) 104; 5 Jari-Matti Latvala (FIN) 98; **6 Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR) 83**; **7 Dani Sordo (ESP) 60**; 8 Craig Breen (IRL) 59; **9 Hayden Paddon (NZL) 55**; 10 Teemu Suninen (FIN) 54; etc.

MANUFACTURERS

1 Toyota Gazoo Racing World Rally Team 317pts; **2 Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team 297**; 3 M-Sport Ford World Rally Team 273; 4 Citroën Total Abu Dhabi World Rally Team 187

- Rally de España, the only true mixed-surface event on the world championship schedule, has been a happy hunting ground for Hyundai Motorsport's WRC crews in the past, with both Thierry Neuville and Dani Sordo making the podium and Andreas Mikkelsen claiming his maiden WRC win in Spain in 2015.
- This year, the Hyundai Motorsport Driver development Program pairing of Jari Huttunen and Antti Linnaketo will make their debut on the event.
- The rally continues to be based at Salou's PortAventura theme park in Tarragona province, its home since 2005, but this year the action begins a bit sooner on Thursday. Following a ceremonial start in Salou, crews will tackle the 3.20-kilometre Montjuïc, which offers spectacular views over Barcelona.
- Friday's route uses mainly gravel roads, with two loops of three stages covering Gandesa, Pesells and La Fatarella-Vilalba. The latter test, which is all-new for 2018, is the only mixed-surface stage of the rally and is also the longest at 38.85km.
- Legs two and three are based on asphalt, with Saturday's action kicking off at Savallà and Querol followed by a visit to the famous El Montmell test. Following a repeat of that loop the day's running concludes with a 2.24km blast around the promenade by the sea at Salou.
- Sunday's final leg covers two tests, Riudecanyes and Santa Marina, with the latter televised live and counting as the event-closing Power Stage.
- First run in 1957 as the Rallye Catalunya-Volta a Catalunya, Spain's WRC round was a regular European championship fixture before its elevation to global status in 1991 from its old base on the Costa Brava in Lloret de Mar. The rally's relocation to Salou in 2005 coincided with Sébastien Loeb beginning his unbroken sequence of eight wins.
- Arguably Spain's most successful rally driver is Carlos Sainz, the two-time world champion and winner of 26 WRC events, while factory Hyundai driver Dani Sordo and co-driver Carlos del Barrio will once again be firmly in the Spanish motorsport spotlight this weekend.

2017	Kris Meeke/Paul Nagle	Citroën C3 WRC
2016	Sébastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia	Volkswagen Polo R WRC
2015	Andreas Mikkelsen/Ola Fløene	Volkswagen Polo R WRC
2014	Sébastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia	Volkswagen Polo R WRC
2013	Sébastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia	Volkswagen Polo R WRC

EVENT ITINERARY*

DAY ONE, PART ONE: Thursday October 25, 2018

Start – Podium Salou		13h15
Regroup Barcelona In	2h50	15h15
SS1 Barcelona (asphalt) Live TV	3,20km	18h08
Parc Fermé – PortAventura In		20h08

DAY ONE, PART TWO: Friday October 26, 2018

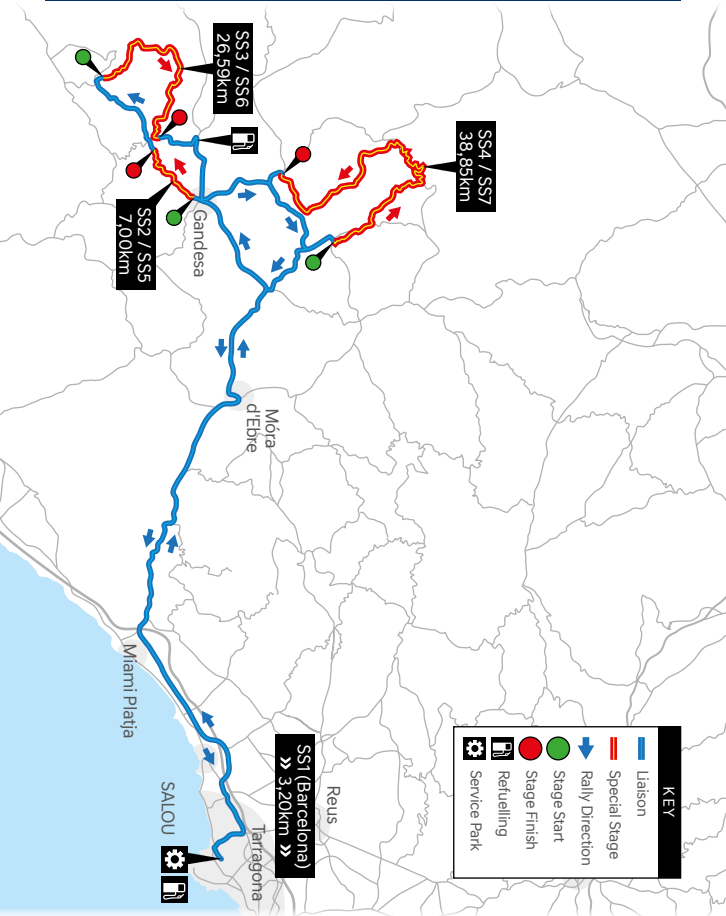
Service A – PortAventura In	0h15	08h00
SS2 Gandesa 1 (gravel)	7,00km	09h33
SS3 Pesells 1 (gravel)	26,59km	10h06
SS4 La Fatarella – Vilalba 1 (gravel & asphalt)	38,85km	11h20
Regroup and Technical Zone PortAventura In	0h20	13h15
Service B – PortAventura In	0h30	13h35
SS5 Gandesa 2 (gravel)	7,00km	15h23
SS6 Pesells 2 (gravel)	26,59km	15h56
SS7 La Fatarella – Vilalba 2 (gravel & asphalt)	38,85km	17h10
Parc Fermé and Technical Zone PortAventura In	0h10	19h10
Flexi-Service C – PortAventura	1h15	19h20
Parc Fermé – PortAventura In	Closes at	23h59

DAY TOTALS (PARTS ONE AND TWO):

Special stage distance:	148,08km
Liaison distance:	636,70km
Total distance:	784,78km



DAY ONE: Thursday 25 / Friday 26 October, 2018



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DAY TWO: Saturday October 27, 2018

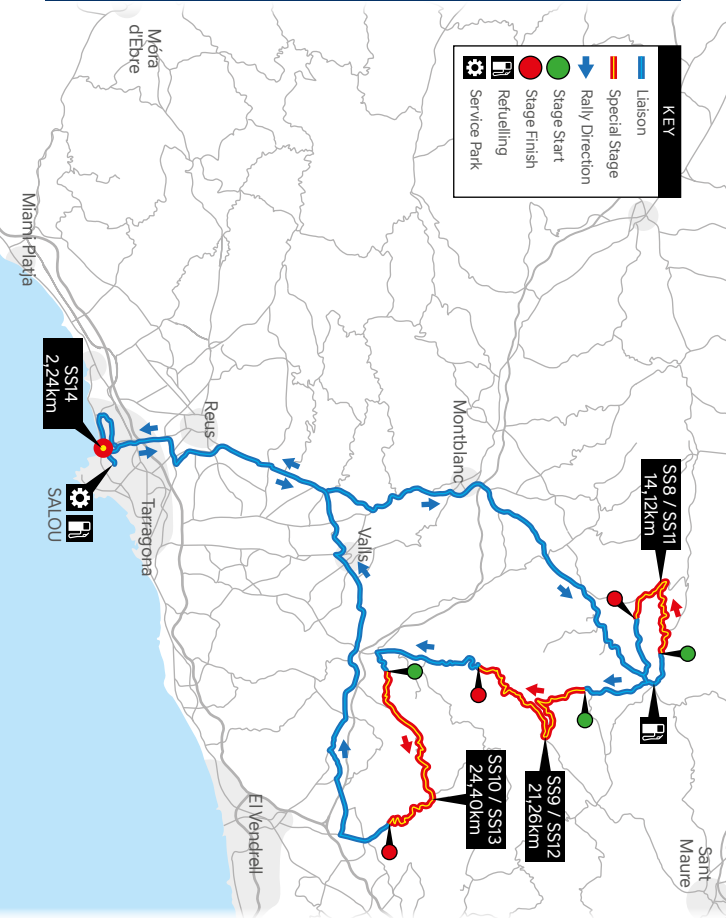
Service D – PortAventura In		0h15	06h45
SS8	Savallà 1 (asphalt)	14,12km	08h23
SS9	Querol 1 (asphalt)	21,26km	09h08
SS10	El Montmell 1 (asphalt) Live TV	24,40km	10h08
Regroup and Technical Zone PortAventura In		0h10	11h33
Service E – PortAventura In		0h30	11h43
SS11	Savallà 2 (asphalt)	14,12km	13h28
SS12	Querol 2 (asphalt)	21,26km	14h10
SS13	El Montmell 2 (asphalt) Live TV	24,40km	15h08
Regroup Salou In		0h15	16h42
SS14	Salou (asphalt)	2,24km	17h00
Parc Fermé and Technical Zone PortAventura In		0h10	17h20
Flexi-Service F – PortAventura In		0h45	17h30
Parc Fermé – PortAventura In			18h15

DAY TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	121,80km
Liaison distance:	344,00km
Total distance:	465,80km



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Service G – PortAventura	0h15	06h45
SS15 Riudecanyes 1 (asphalt)	16,35km	07h35
Regroup Mont-roig del Camp In	0h10	08h06
SS16 Santa Marina 1 (asphalt) Live TV	14,50km	08h38
Regroup and Technical Zone PortAventura In	0h10	09h35
Service H – PortAventura In	0h30	09h45
SS17 Riudecanyes 2 (asphalt)	16,35km	10h50
Regroup Mont-roig del Camp In	0h35	11h21
SS18 Santa Marina 2 (asphalt) Power Stage	14,50km	12h18
Parc Fermé and Technical Zone PortAventura In	0h03	13h38
Service I – PortAventura In	0h10	13h41
Finish – Podium Salou		14h01

DAY TOTALS:

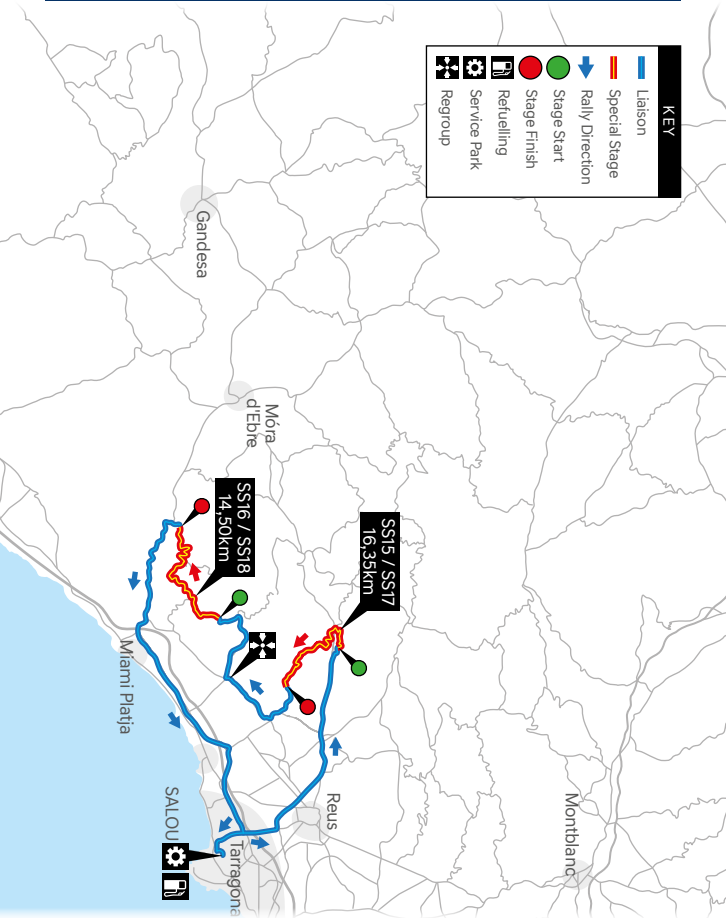
Special stage distance:	61,70km
Liaison distance:	183,45km
Total distance:	245,15km

RALLY DE ESPAÑA TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	331,58km
Liaison distance:	1164,15km
Total distance:	1495,73km



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1	Sébastien Ogier (FRA) / Julien Ingrassia (FRA)	Ford Fiesta WRC
2	Elfyn Evans (GBR) / Daniel Barritt (GBR)	Ford Fiesta WRC
3	Teemu Suninen (FIN) / Mikko Markkula (FIN)	Ford Fiesta WRC
4	Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR) / Anders Jæger (NOR)	Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC
5	Thierry Neuville (BEL) / Nicolas Gilsoul (BEL)	Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC
6	Dani Sordo (ESP) / Carlos del Barrio (ESP)	Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC
7	Jari-Matti Latvala (FIN) / Miikka Anttila (FIN)	Toyota Yaris WRC
8	Ott Tänak (EST) / Martin Järveoja (EST)	Toyota Yaris WRC
9	Esapekka Lappi (FIN) / Janne Ferm (FIN)	Toyota Yaris WRC
10	Sébastien Loeb (FRA) / Daniel Elena (FRA)	Citroën C3 WRC
11	Craig Breen (IRL) / Scott Martin (GBR)	Citroën C3 WRC
12	Khalid Al-Qassimi (UAE) / Chris Patteron (IRL)	Citroën C3 WRC
35	Jari Huttunen (FIN) / Antti Linnaketo (FIN)	Hyundai i20 R5
43	Ken Block (USA) / Alex Gelsomino (USA)	Ford Fiesta WRC

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TEAM MEDIA FUNCTIONS DURING RALLY DE ESPAÑA:

Media Lounge:

19h00-19h45, Wednesday October 24, Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team Hospitality Unit, Service Park, PortAventura

OTHER EVENTS DURING RALLY DE ESPAÑA:

Shakedown:

08h00-11h30, Thursday October 25, Shakedown Salou (2,00km)

Pre-event FIA press conference:

12h00, Thursday October 25, Media Centre, Rally HQ, PortAventura

Rally start:

13h15, Thursday October 25, Podium Salou

Podium ceremony and prize-giving:

From 15h00, Sunday October 28, Podium Salou, Passeig Jaume I

Post-event FIA press conference:

16h00, Sunday October 28, Media Centre, Rally HQ, PortAventura

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