

 **HYUNDAI MOTORSPORT**



2020 MEDIA GUIDE



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HYUNDAI'S HELLO

On behalf of the entire team, welcome to Mexico and round three of the 2020 FIA World Rally Championship, where Hyundai Motorsport will be aiming to make it three podiums from the opening three rounds of the season.

Rally Sweden was a difficult event for the team, where unseasonal weather forced the cancellation of half the planned stages. But we highlighted once again that there are situations in which we are not demonstrating the level of performance required. We were never really in the fight in Sweden and always had a defensive approach. But at least we are still jointly leading the Drivers' championship and we didn't lose too much ground in the Manufacturers' standings, so it's game on.

In WRC 2, it was good to see Ole Christian finishing the rally after a tricky start to the season. He pushed very hard to get the best out of everything and to bring home some points. He showed good pace and I am sure he will now build on this competitiveness for the future. We hope that Nikolay will get used to our Hyundai i20 R5 soon and improve.

I would also like to say thank you to Jari Huttunen, his co-driver Mikko Lukka and the Kowax 2Brally team for heading home all the RC2 class runners in Sweden. Also, thanks to Andrew Johns from our Customer Racing division for always pushing to make this happen. I am proud to see my people so committed.

So now to Mexico, the first true gravel round of the WRC season, where we will face a very different challenge with soaring temperatures and high altitudes putting our crews and cars to the test. I am positive our WRC and WRC 2 crews are up to the job, and in the former we welcome back Dani and Carlos to help strengthen our position.

A win and two podium finishes across both categories shows our potential for the year ahead, but we need to step up our game if we are to turn that into further championship success.

Andrea Adamo

Team Director, Hyundai Motorsport





ON STAGE WITH... DANI SORDO

Like every driver, you always want to win, but how badly do you want a good result in Mexico after the delay you suffered last year?

"I really want to win, to have another victory. It's a rally where I am normally fast. Our road position for the first day is quite good for us and our car works well there, so I'm happy."

Can you explain how the altitude affects the performance of the car and engine?

"We are 2000 metres above sea level and at that altitude you have less oxygen. So, a person will get more tired and with the cars it's the same, the engine is performing less than when you are at sea level. Normally you have much more power and that is the case particularly with the current WRC cars."

How physically demanding is the rally?

"Mexico is difficult because of the altitude. You need to arrive some days before the start to adapt yourself to the time difference. The first day you are a little bit lost, then after you have the heat and the altitude to deal with."

Can you describe your training/fitness plan?

"You come from Europe where it's winter and arrive in Mexico where it's hot, so it's crazy for your body, very different. If you take heavy food during the rally it affects your body in the car, so for me food is an important part of your preparation. When I travel, I always try to take some fruit with me and be as organised as possible."

What's your best Rally Mexico memory and why?

"Last year was good until we had the problems, but Mexico is always nice because it's different. There is more passion from the fans every year. The start ceremony in Guanajuato is really enjoyable too."

With no WRC appearance before Mexico how did you prepare to be 'match fit'?

"I am fit and ready because I've had a lot of time to prepare myself. I did some karting and cross kart to be active, to have my mind prepared for the speed. I did some roll-outs with the team ahead of Monte-Carlo and Sweden, some tests and I also took part in Rallye Serras de Fafe together with Ott. The most important thing is to be back at the wheel and to drive."



DANI SORDO

TEAM POSITION: Driver

AGE: 36

WRC STARTS: 167



@DaniSordo



/DanielSordo



HYUNDAI HAPPENINGS

- Hyundai Motorsport claimed second place on a truncated Rally Sweden, round two of the WRC, with Ott Tänak and Martin Järveoja taking their first podium for the team as unseasonal weather conditions forced organisers to cancel half of the planned stages.
- The Estonians landed the runner-up spot on a reduced nine-stage rally in only their second event in the Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC. It represents the team's second consecutive podium finish of 2020, following victory on Rallye Monte-Carlo, and its sixth in total in Sweden.
- Thierry Neuville and Nicolas Gilsoul took a measured approach to the rally, having started first on the road on Friday, and finished in sixth place and second on the Power Stage to score four extra crucial points. Craig Breen and Paul Nagle, in their third WRC event for Hyundai Motorsport, were just behind their Belgian team-mates in seventh.
- Neuville lies second in the standings on equal points with Rally Sweden winner Elfyn Evans, while Hyundai Motorsport has 63 points after the opening two rounds of 2020 and holds second in the Manufacturers' classification.
- Hyundai Motorsport's WRC 2 crews also put in a valiant effort in Sweden, with Ole Christian Veiby and Jonas Andersson showing good pace in their Hyundai i20 R5. Veiby was second in class, securing his first category podium of the season, while Nikolay Gryazin and Yaroslav Fedorov finished sixth after a tough weekend.
- Finnish pair Jari Huttunen and Mikko Lukka led the Rally2 (formerly R5) crews on Rally Sweden, finishing 10th overall in their Kowax 2Brally Team-run Hyundai i20 R5. They also topped the WRC 3 class for privateer teams running R5-spec machinery and claimed four fastest stage times in the category.
- Testing for Rally México took place in late February in southern Spain with each driver getting a day behind the wheel.
- As part of their preparations for the event, Tänak/Järveoja joined Dani Sordo and Carlos del Barrio on the Rallye Serras de Fafe entry. The gravel-based event in Portugal took place from February 27-29.
- In addition to his national campaign in Portugal, Bruno Magalhães will return to the FIA European Rally Championship in 2020 driving a Hyundai i20 R5 for Team Hyundai Portugal. Craig Breen will also be i20 R5-powered in the ERC this season, driving for Team MRF Tyres.
- James Wilson/Arthur Kierans made the most of the opportunity handed to them by the Irish motorsport federation and Hyundai Customer Racing by winning the opening round of their national championship, last month's Carrick-on-Suir William Loughman Forestry Rally, driving a Hyundai i20 R5.



HYUNDAI IN NUMBERS

1967: Company founded in Korea and has gone on to establish sales networks in 190 countries supported by 110,00 members of staff.

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

50: Hyundai Motorsport's hub in Alzenau, Germany, is located within a 50-kilometre radius of Hyundai Motor Europe's HQ in Offenbach and Hyundai Motor Europe's Technical and Design Centre in Rüsselsheim. It's home to more than 200 expert personnel representing close on 30 nationalities.

18: Hyundai won the 2019 FIA World Rally Championship for Manufacturers with an 18-point margin on the back of a season that included four wins and 13 individual podiums.

10: By recruiting Ott Tänak for 2020, Hyundai Motorsport's driver line-up boasts 10 outright WRC drivers' titles, plus two Junior world crowns. Sébastien Loeb is a nine-time World Rally champion, while he and Dani Sordo both include one Junior world title on their CVs.

3: Thierry Neuville claimed three WRC wins in 2019 on his way to second in the final table. It was a season that featured the Belgian making start number 100 at world level and ended with victory in Spain. With the exception of Chile, where they retired following a spectacular accident, Neuville and co-driver Nicolas Gilsoul finished the other 12 events.

7: Customers of the Hyundai i30 N TCR race car took seven titles in 2019, while the Hyundai i20 R5 was used to claim three national rally championships and 60 rally wins in customer hands.

2: Hyundai Motorsport has claimed two podium finishes from the two WRC rounds so far this season, with Neuville scoring his and the team's first victory in Monte-Carlo and Tänak claiming second in Sweden, where Hyundai Motorsport N driver Ole Christian Veiby also took the runner-up spot in WRC 2.

5.1: Hyundai Motorsport has fans around the world who follow its efforts in the WRC and Customer Racing through social media, with more than 5.1 million likes on Facebook. The team also has 80,000 followers on Twitter and more than 307,700 on Instagram.



N BRAND

- Hyundai Motor's high-performance N brand enforces the company's goal to create vehicles that match up to the high standards of excellence expected, but are as fun to drive as they are practical.
- N represents two important elements. Firstly, the Namyang district in South Korea where Hyundai Motor Group's global R&D base is located and the N brand was born. Secondly, the Nürburgring race track in Germany, which is home to Hyundai's Technical Center and used to hone the N vehicles. Meanwhile, the N logo itself is also a graphical representation of a classic race track chicane; a tight serpentine turn in the road.
- The N name and reputation have become established in global motorsport. Since its launch in 2015, N has performed at the highest level with success in the FIA World Rally Championship, the WTCR – FIA World Touring Car Cup, the Pirelli World Challenge series and the gruelling Nürburgring 24 Hours.
- Hyundai's competition-honed N vision and philosophy come to life in a systematically structured product portfolio.
- N models including the i30 N and Veloster N offer exclusive engine performance and dynamic technology innovations to satisfy performance-oriented enthusiasts. The introduction of the latest N car, the i30 Fastback N, completes the first phase of the N performance vehicle rollout.
- The new N Line, characterised by N-specific design and performance-enhancing elements, further widens the range of choices available to customers. These vehicles will be instantly distinguishable by their differentiated design elements.
- N Performance parts – made by N – that are applicable to regular Hyundai or N Line vehicles will allow people to taste the N feeling.
- Finally, N Options will offer N-produced customisation parts for drivers who desire improved performance and uniqueness.





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HYUNDAI I20 COUPE WRC UNCOVERED

Engine: Hyundai Motorsport turbocharged engine with direct injection 1,600cc and fitted with a mandatory 36mm air restrictor

Power: 380hp at 6,500RPM with a maximum torque of 450NM at 5,500RPM

Transmission: Six-speed sequential gearbox, four-wheel drive, mechanical front and rear differentials, electro-hydraulic centre differential

Suspension: MacPherson struts with adjustable dampers front and rear

Steering: Hydraulic power-assisted rack and pinion

Brakes: Ventilated disc brakes (370mm on asphalt, 300mm on gravel) and air-cooled, four-piston calipers, hydraulic handbrake

Tyres: Team partner Michelin will supply its LTX Force M6 medium compound tyre for use in cooler temperatures and rain. In the event of warm and dry conditions, the LTX Force H4 soft compound tyre will be available. Teams can use a maximum of 28 tyres for the rally including four for shakedown

Safety: Sabelt seats and multiple fixing points with adjustable straps

Chassis: Steel bodyshell with welded multi-point roll cage, steel and composite fibre bodywork components

Dimensions: length: 4,100mm, width: 1,875mm, track width: 1,665mm, wheel base: 2,570mm

Weight: 1,190kg (1,350kg with driver and co-driver on board)

Lubricants: Shell Helix-Ultra

Fuel: FIA approved





HYUNDAI HEROES

Thierry Neuville and Nicolas Gilsoul

#11 Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC (chassis 022)



THIERRY NEUVILLE

Date of birth: June 16, 1988

Place of birth: Sankt Vith, Belgium

Nationality: Belgian

WRC starts: 112

WRC wins: 13

An ever-present for Hyundai Motorsport in the world championship since the team's formation in 2014, Neuville scored the first of his 13 (and counting) WRC wins in Germany that year. The breakthrough victory came after he headed team-mate Dani Sordo in a one-two finish, after he claimed Hyundai's maiden WRC podium in Mexico earlier in the season, where he'd landed his first world championship top three 12 months previously. Having enjoyed huge success at junior level before stepping up to the WRC in 2009, the Belgian has had to settle for second place in the final world championship standings on five occasions, including the last four years consecutively, although he actually scored more wins than eventual champion Sébastien Ogier in 2017. As well as being a highly-accomplished rally driver, Neuville took a debut victory in a TCR Germany race at the Nürburgring in August 2019 driving Hyundai i30 N TCR.

RALLY MEXICO RECORD

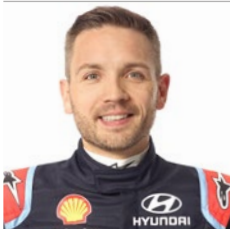
Starts: 8, 2019 result: 4, Best result: 3



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/thierryneuvilleofficial



NICOLAS GILSOUL

Date of birth: February 5, 1982

Place of birth: Chênée, Belgium

Nationality: Belgian

WRC starts: 108

WRC wins: 13

While Neuville was making his early rallying forays in 2007, Gilsoul had already notched up his first WRC start. They joined forces two years later and the partnership quickly blossomed with victory on the Tour de Corse, then a round of the Intercontinental Rally Challenge, in what was only their second event together. Their move to Hyundai Motorsport for 2014 has so far produced 12 wins, while Gilsoul was awarded the prestigious WRC Co-driver of the Year accolade in 2016 after finishing second in the championship. As well as myriad stage rallies in Europe and beyond, Gilsoul has tackled the East African Safari Classic Rally on three occasions, finishing a best of third in 2015 alongside Grégoire de Mevius.

RALLY MEXICO RECORD

Starts: 8, 2019 result: 4, Best result: 3



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HYUNDAI HEROES

Ott Tänak and Martin Järveoja

#8 Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC (chassis 024)



OTT TÄNAK

Date of birth: October 15, 1987

Place of birth: Kärla Parish, Estonia

Nationality: Estonian

WRC starts: 107

WRC wins: 12

Tänak joins the Hyundai Motorsport family for 2020 as the reigning world champion following his standout 2019 season. A protégé of compatriot Markko Märtin, Tänak began competing on ralliesprints in his homeland before he made his WRC debut in Portugal in 2009. Inclusion in the Pirelli Star Driver scheme for 2010 gave him his first major opportunity at world level and he completed the following season in a factory-supported World Rally Car, the catalyst to what would eventually become a full-time career in rallying's top flight. Although there were dips along the way – he was restricted to events in his native Baltic region only in 2013 – he never gave up, securing his first WRC victory in Sardinia in 2017 and finishing third in the final table. He was third again in 2018 on the back of four wins and landed his first world crown last year courtesy of six victories. Tänak scored his first podium finish for Hyundai with second in Sweden.

RALLY MEXICO RECORD

Starts: 8, 2019 result: 2, Best result: 2



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MARTIN JÄRVEOJA

Date of birth: August 8, 1987

Place of birth: Elva, Estonia

Nationality: Estonian

WRC starts: 78

WRC wins: 12

Cousin of fellow co-driving Estonian Ken Järveoja, judo provided Järveoja's early sporting fix – he won his country's national title five times. But rallying soon became his focus after early forays on events in Estonia. He formed a successful partnership with Karl Kruuda with the pair making their world championship debuts together in Jordan in 2010, winning their class. With Kruuda at the wheel, Järveoja racked up significant international event experience – and success – over the next five seasons before the opportunity arose for Järveoja to rekindle his alliance with Ott Tänak, which consisted of five national events in 2013.

RALLY MEXICO RECORD

Starts: 4, 2019 result: 2, Best result: 2



/MartinJarveojaFanpage



HYUNDAI HEROES

Dani Sordo and Carlos del Barrio

#6 Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC (chassis 023)



DANI SORDO

Date of birth: May 2, 1983

Place of birth: Torrelavega, Spain

Nationality: Spanish

WRC starts: 167

WRC wins: 2

One of the WRC's most consistent performers, Sordo's relaxed and outgoing nature has won him legions of fans – and not just in his native Spain. His motorsport career began aged 12 in motocross and karting, and he won the Junior world rally crown in 2005. Sordo became a WRC winner in Germany 2013 and is now regarded as one of the most trusted drivers in the championship. The Spaniard joined Hyundai Motorsport at the end of 2013 and has become an integral member of the organisation. Having been part of the team's milestone 1-2 result on Rallye Deutschland in 2014, he has gone on to secure many more podiums. Scoring two top-three finishes in 2018 in Mexico and Argentina only added to Sordo's already impressive list of achievements and he has topped that last year with his second WRC victory in Sardinia and third place in Spain.

RALLY MEXICO RECORD

Starts: 10, 2019 result: 9, Best result: 2



@DaniSordo



/DanielSordo



CARLOS DEL BARRIO

Date of birth: August 15, 1968

Place of birth: Santander, Spain

Nationality: Spanish

WRC starts: 93

WRC wins: 2

Santander-born del Barrio has co-driven for some of the biggest names in Spanish rallying. His career began in 1987 on Rally Vidal de la Peña, but it was in 1994 that he made his WRC debut with Jesus Puras. This partnership enjoyed tremendous success in their native Spain, winning three national titles. In 2004, Carlos joined forces with Dani Sordo for an initial four-event campaign with the young Spaniard looking for an experienced co-driver. The pairing would reunite in 2011 for a longer WRC programme, which included three podiums and a popular win on the 2013 Rallye Deutschland. The crew will be chasing further success on selected events in 2020, starting in Mexico.

RALLY MEXICO RECORD

Starts: 5, 2019 result: 9, Best result: 2



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INTRODUCING WRC 2

Hyundai Motorsport's commitment to the FIA World Rally Championship has increased for 2020 with a two-car entry in the WRC 2 support category, starting from Rallye Monte-Carlo.

Nikolay Gryazin, 22 from Russia, and 23-year-old Norwegian Ole Christian Veiby will compete in the latest specification Hyundai i20 R5 '20 using Pirelli tyres.

Estonian-based RedGrey Team will run the operation, with both drivers entered under the Hyundai Motorsport N banner.

Jonas Andersson, from Sweden, and Russian Yaroslav Fedorov, will co-drive Veiby and Gryazin respectively.

In Gryazin and Veiby, Hyundai Motorsport can count on two talented young drivers with huge potential for the future. They are both champions at regional level and proven winners in WRC 2 having taken a class win in Finland (Gryazin) and Sweden (Veiby).

Conforming to the FIA's Rally2 regulations, the i20 R5 '20 comes with new dampers in both tarmac and gravel configuration, as well as a more powerful 1.6-litre turbocharged engine, now putting out a reported 290bhp. Existing customers will be able to update their cars, while the new parts will be fitted as standard on all newly-built i20 R5s. The changes mark the largest single upgrade to the car since it was revealed at the end of 2016.

Hyundai Motorsport Team Principal Andrea Adamo said: "Entering WRC 2 reaffirms and strengthens our commitment to the WRC as a whole. It will also allow us to prove the competitiveness and performance of our recently upgraded i20 R5 '20 – the product of tremendous hard work by our Customer Racing department.





HYUNDAI HEROES

Nikolay Gryazin and Yaroslav Fedorov

#21 Hyundai i20 R5 '20 (chassis 081)



NIKOLAY GRYAZIN

Date of birth: October 7, 1997
Place of birth: Moscow, Russia
Nationality: Russian
WRC starts: 10 (WRC 2 9)
WRC 2 wins: 1

Initially a circuit racer, Gryazin completed his first season of rallying in 2015 by graduating to R5 level on the European championship finale in Switzerland. He made the ERC his home for the next three seasons, initially in R2 machinery, before taking the ERC1 Junior title in 2018 after landing his maiden outright European victory on the final event of 2017. As well as claiming the ERC1 Junior prize of €100,000 for two events in 2019, the Russian bagged two overall wins in 2018. He made his world championship debut in Sweden last season, finishing fifth in WRC 2, before going on to win the category in Finland while also finishing 10th overall. His father Stanislav is a former Russian champion, while older brother Vasily competes in World RX.

RALLY MEXICO RECORD

Starts: -, 2019 result: - (WRC 2 -),
Best result: - (WRC 2 -)



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YAROSLAV FEDOROV

Date of birth: October 27, 1982
Place of birth: Chelyabinsk, Russia
Nationality: Russian
WRC starts: 10 (WRC 2 9)
WRC 2 wins: 1

Fedorov, who began co-driving in 2005 in his native Russia, has been credited with helping to oversee younger countryman Nikolay Gryazin's progression from circuit racer to international rally champion. They competed together for the first time in 2015 and, prior to the 2020 season, had notched up almost 100 starts alongside one another. While Fedorov is ever the professional, he has made it his mission to turn his lucky mascot, Porky the Pig, into a social media star and famously saved him from a fiery end on the Acropolis Rally in 2017 when the car he and Gryazin were competing in became engulfed in flames.

RALLY MEXICO RECORD

Starts: -, 2019 result: - (WRC 2 -),
Best result: - (WRC 2 -)



@PorkyInside



/PorkyInside



HYUNDAI HEROES

Ole Christian Veiby and Jonas Andersson

#22 Hyundai i20 R5 '20 (chassis 082)



OLE CHRISTIAN VEIBY

Date of birth: June 17, 1996

Place of birth: Kongsvinger, Norway

Nationality: Norwegian

WRC starts: 43 (WRC 2 23)

WRC 2 wins: 2

Son of renowned rallying talent backer Erik Veiby, Ole Christian's decision to take up motorsport produced instant success when he won the Norwegian 125cc crosskart title in his first season aged 14. Rallying became his next focus after he turned 16 and his talent was quickly recognised with a class victory on only his second event. He stepped up to the world championship in late 2014 and finished second in the JWRC in 2015. After spending 2016 mastering four-wheel-drive machinery, Veiby was handed an APRC campaign for 2017 when he won the Pacific Cup and finished first on the International Rally of Johor. After three outings in a Hyundai i20 R5 in 2019, Veiby gets a full WRC 2 campaign in one of the Alzenau-built cars for 2020.

RALLY MEXICO RECORD

Starts: -, 2019 result: - (WRC 2 -),

Best result: - (WRC 2 -)



@OCVeiby



/OCVeiby



JONAS ANDERSSON

Date of birth: January 1, 1977

Place of birth: Arvika, Sweden

Nationality: Swedish

WRC starts: 159 (WRC 2 28)

WRC 2 wins: 10 (WRC 1)

Vastly experienced, Andersson established a strong reputation co-driving namesake compatriot Per-Gunnar, which included myriad wins and titles in the JWRC. With PG Andersson's opportunities on the wane in 2009, the Swede joined forces with Mads Østberg, the new pairing winning their first event together. They formed a successful partnership until 2016 when Andersson linked up with Pontus Tidemand, having co-driven Ole Christian Veiby on two early-season events. But the Veiby/Andersson alliance was rekindled for 2019 and netted four Norwegian championship event wins.

RALLY MEXICO RECORD

Starts: -, 2019 result: - (WRC 2 -),

Best result: - (WRC 2 -)



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ON THIS EVENT LAST YEAR...

Hyundai Motorsport added important points to its FIA World Rally Championship manufacturers' total with Thierry Neuville and Dani Sordo scoring for their respective fourth and ninth-place finishes on Rally México.

Neuville used the three stages on the final day of running to cement a hard-fought fourth position on his 100th WRC event. The result concluded a tough rally for the Belgian, which was dictated by a slow puncture on the first day and an unfavourable road position throughout the event.

Andreas Mikkelsen and Sordo had suffered setbacks on day one in Mexico with both retiring from front-running positions having shown the potential of the Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC, the former after hitting a stone and picking up car damage and the latter with an electrical issue.

Afterwards, Neuville admitted it was not the result he wanted, adding: "It has been a really challenging event from start to finish. I felt I was driving on a good rhythm but we weren't on our usual pace. Now we have to regroup for Corsica."

A highlight of the event came on day two, when all three crews set fastest times in the closing stages with Mikkelsen leading a Hyundai Motorsport 1-2-3 on SS16, Neuville winning SS17 and Sordo heading a team 1-2-3 in SS18.

"I've had fun driving the stages this weekend and the support from the crowds has been amazing even if the end result was not what we could have achieved," said Sordo. "We were fighting at the front until our problems so the potential is definitely there. We'll be back stronger..."

Final overall classification (after 21 stages, 313,87 kilometres)

1	S. Ogier/J. Ingrassia	Citroën C3 WRC	3:37:08.0
2	O. Tänak/M. Järveoja	Toyota Yaris WRC	+30.2
3	E. Evans/S. Martin	Ford Fiesta WRC	+49.9
4	T. Neuville/N. Gilsoul	Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC	+1:27.0
5	K. Meeke/S. Marshall	Toyota Yaris WRC	+6:06.2
6	B. Guerra/J. Zapata	Škoda Fabia R5	+15:35.5
7	M. Bulacia/F. Cretu	Škoda Fabia R5	+18:51.5
8	JM. Latvala/M. Anttila	Toyota Yaris WRC	+18:55.9
9	D. Sordo/C. del Barrio	Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC	+22:44.1
10	R. Triviño/M. Martí	Škoda Fabia R5	+26:21.7



HYUNDAI IS HERE... EN MEXICO

- Hyundai Motor Mexico began operating on May 1, 2014, ahead of a year when the company overcame great challenges, met new goals and expectations, always focused on delivering the highest quality, safety, technology and comfort with a unified voice in Mexico and around the world.
- By the end of 2016, more than 36,287 units had been sold through 50 dealerships with the company reaching almost two per cent of the market share. The situation has only improved – at the end of 2019, that sales figure stood at 45,607 units sold through 68 dealerships, equating to 3.5 per cent of the market share.
- Hyundai models currently available on the market in Mexico include the Grand i10 Sedan and HB, Accent Sedan and HB, Elantra, Creta, Tucson, Santa Fe, Santa Fe for seven passengers and the Starex.
- All new Hyundai models sold in Mexico come with five years of warranty, five years of roadside assistance and a five-year protection programme for tyres.
- Mexico was the setting of Hyundai Motorsport's maiden World Rally Championship podium in 2014. This season marks the team's seventh appearance on the country's WRC round.
- For more information visit www.hyundai.com/mx



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HYUNDAI'S WORLD TOUR

FIA World Rally Championship 2020 calendar

	Round 1	Rallye Monte-Carlo www.acm.mc	January 23-26
	Round 2	Rally Sweden www.rallysweden.com	February 13-16
	Round 3	Rally Guanajuato Corona www.rallymexico.com	March 12-15
	Round 4	Rally Argentina www.rallyargentina.com	April 23-26
	Round 5	Vodafone Rally de Portugal www.rallydeportugal.pt	May 21-24
	Round 6	Rally Italia Sardegna www.rallyitaliasardegna.com	June 04-07
	Round 7	Safari Rally Kenya www.safarirally.co.ke	July 16-19
	Round 8	Neste Rally Finland www.nesteoilrallyfinland.fi	August 06-09
	Round 9	Rally New Zealand www.rallynz.org.nz	September 03-06
	Round 10	Marmaris Rally Turkey www.rallyturkey.com	September 24-27
	Round 11	ADAC Rallye Deutschland www.adac-rallye-deutschland.de	October 15-18
	Round 12	Wales Rally GB www.walesrallygb.com	October 29 - November 01
	Round 13	Rally Japan www.rallyjapan.jp	November 19-22



THE SCORES ON THE BOARDS

Hyundai drivers 2020 season results:

Event	Neuville	Tänak	Loeb	Breen	Gryazin (WRC 2)	Veiby (WRC 2)
Monte-Carlo	1	Rtd	6	-	3	Rtd
Sweden	6	2	-	7	6	2
México	-	-	-	-	-	-
Argentina	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portugal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sardinia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kenya	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finland	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Zealand	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turkey	-	-	-	-	-	-
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Britain	-	-	-	-	-	-
Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-

FIA World Rally Championship 2020 standings
(after round 2 of 13)

MANUFACTURERS

1 Toyota Gazoo Racing World Rally Team 73pts; **2 Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team 63**; 3 M-Sport Ford World Rally Team 40

DRIVERS

1 Elfyn Evans (GBR) 42pts; **2 Thierry Neuville (BEL) 42**; 3 Sébastien Ogier (FRA) 37; 4 Kalle Rovanperä (FIN) 30; 5 Esapekka Lappi (FIN) 24; **6 Ott Tänak (EST) 20**; 7 Teemu Suninen (FIN) 11; **8 Sébastien Loeb (FRA) 8**; 9 Takamoto Katsuta (JPN) 8; **10 Craig Breen (IRL) 6** etc.

WRC 2 TEAMS

1 M-Sport Ford World Rally Team 52pts; 2 PH Sport 50; **3 Hyundai Motorsport N 41**; 4 Toksport WRT 15

WRC 2 DRIVERS

1 Mads Østberg (NOR) 50pts; 2 Adrien Fourmaux (FRA) 30; **3 Nikolay Gryazin (RUS) 23**; 4 Rhys Yates (GBR) 22; **5 Ole Christian Veiby (NOR) 18**; 6 Pontus Tidemand (SWE) 15 etc.



MEXICO MEANS

- Famed for its high altitudes, dusty stages and searing heat, Rally México is traditionally the first gravel round of the WRC season, with much of the action based in the Sierra de Lobos and Sierra de Guanajuato mountains.
- León, some 400 kilometres north-west of the capital, is once again the host city, although nearby Guanajuato has the honour of staging what is a spectacular opening ceremony on Thursday, which is followed by two blasts through a street test.
- On Friday, the crews tackle the famed El Chocolate stage, run at a power-sapping altitude of 2,650 metres, in a repeated loop that also includes visits to Ortega and Las Minas. There's a single run through the Bicentennial Park stage near Silao just after midday, two runs through the stage at León's out-of-town racing circuit (Autodromo León) and a street test in León city centre to complete a busy day for the teams.
- However, most of the running – 133,74 kilometres – takes place on Saturday when crews again head into the mountains for two runs through Guanajuatito and the returning Alfaro and Derramadero. That is followed by a return to the Autodromo León and a stage close to the service park in the city.
- Sunday includes single attempts at Otates and San Diego, with drivers chasing the Power Stage points through El Brinco.
- Apart from missing out in 2009 under the calendar rotation system, the World Rally Championship has visited Mexico every year since it made its inaugural trip in 2004, although the event's roots go back further when it was known as Rally America and held intermittently from 1979 onwards.
- Hyundai Motorsport's Sébastien Loeb scored six consecutive wins in Mexico between 2006-12 (not counting '09).

Recent winners

2019	Sébastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia	Citroën C3 WRC
2018	Sébastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia	Ford Fiesta WRC
2017	Kris Meeke/Paul Nagle	Citroën C3 WRC
2016	Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttila	Volkswagen Polo R WRC
2015	Sébastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia	Volkswagen Polo R WRC



EVENT ITINERARY*

DAY ONE, PART ONE: Thursday March 12, 2020

Start of rally – Rally Campus, León		17h50
Silao Square In	0h15	18h50
Alhóndiga/Ceremonial Start		19h58
SS1 Monster Energy Street Stage GTO 1	1,12km	20h08
SS2 Monster Energy Street Stage GTO 2	1,12km	20h31
Tech Zone In (early check-in permitted)	0h10	21h56
Overnight Regroup In		22h06

DAY ONE, PART TWO: Friday March 13, 2020

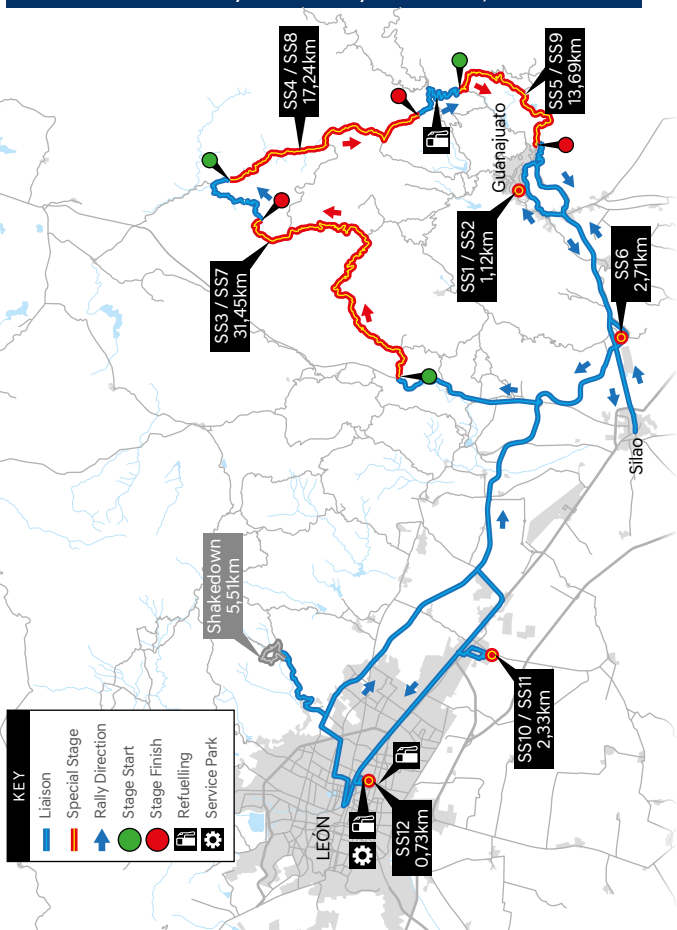
Service A – Rally Campus SP In	0h15	07h45
SS3 El Chocolate 1	31,45km	09h08
SS4 Ortega 1	17,24km	10h16
SS5 Las Minas 1	13,69km	11h14
SS6 Parque Bicentenario	2,71km	12h12
Technical Zone Rally Campus SP In	0h05	13h17
Regroup Rally Campus SP In	0h30	13h22
Service B – Rally Campus SP In	0h40	13h52
SS7 El Chocolate 2	31,45km	15h35
SS8 Ortega 2	17,24km	16h43
SS9 Las Minas 2	13,69km	17h41
SS10 SSS Autodromo Shell V-Power 1	2,33km	19h21
SS11 SSS Autodromo Shell V-Power 2	2,33km	19h26
SS12 Street Stage León	0,73km	20h14
Technical Zone Rally Campus SP In	0h10	20h34
Flexi-Service C – Rally Campus SP In	0h45	20h44
Parc Fermé In		Closes at 00h00

DAY TOTALS (PARTS ONE AND TWO):

Special stage distance:	135,10km
Liaison distance:	398,00km
Total distance:	533,10km



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DAY TWO: Saturday March 14, 2020

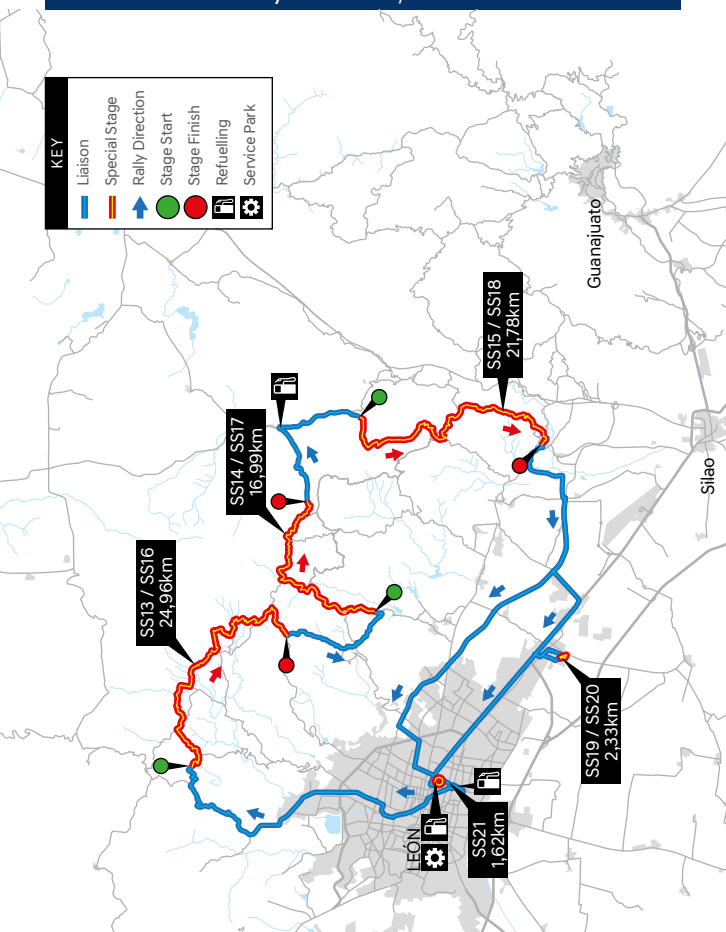
Service D – Rally Campus SP In	0h15	07h45
SS13 Guanajuatito 1	24,96km	08h58
SS14 Alfaro 1	16,99km	10h01
SS15 Derramadero 1 (Live TV)	21,78km	11h08
Technical Zone Rally Campus SP In	0h05	12h33
Regroup Rally Campus SP In	0h40	12h38
Service E – Rally Campus SP In	0h40	13h18
SS16 Guanajuatito 2	24,96km	14h56
SS17 Alfaro 2	16,99km	15h59
SS18 Derramadero 2 (Live TV)	21,78km	17h08
SS19 SSS Autodromo Shell V-Power 3	2,33km	18h38
SS20 SSS Autodromo Shell V-Power 4	2,33km	18h43
SS21 Rock & Rally León	1,62km	19h26
Technical Zone Rally Campus SP In	0h10	19h46
Flexi-Service F – Rally Campus SP In	0h45	19h56
Parc Fermé In	Closes at 23h15	

DAY TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	133,74km
Liaison distance:	170,78km
Total distance:	304,52km



DAY TWO: Saturday March 14, 2020





EVENT ITINERARY*

DAY THREE: Sunday March 15, 2020

Service G – Rally Campus SP In	0h15	07h30
SS22 Otates	33,61km	08h38
SS23 San Diego	12,76km	09h56
Arperos Regroup and Tech Zone In	0h45	10h21
SS24 El Brinco – Wolf Power Stage	9,64km	11h18
Technical Zone Rally Campus SP In	0h10	12h28
Service H – Rally Campus SP In	0h10	12h38
Finish Podium		14h00

DAY TOTALS:

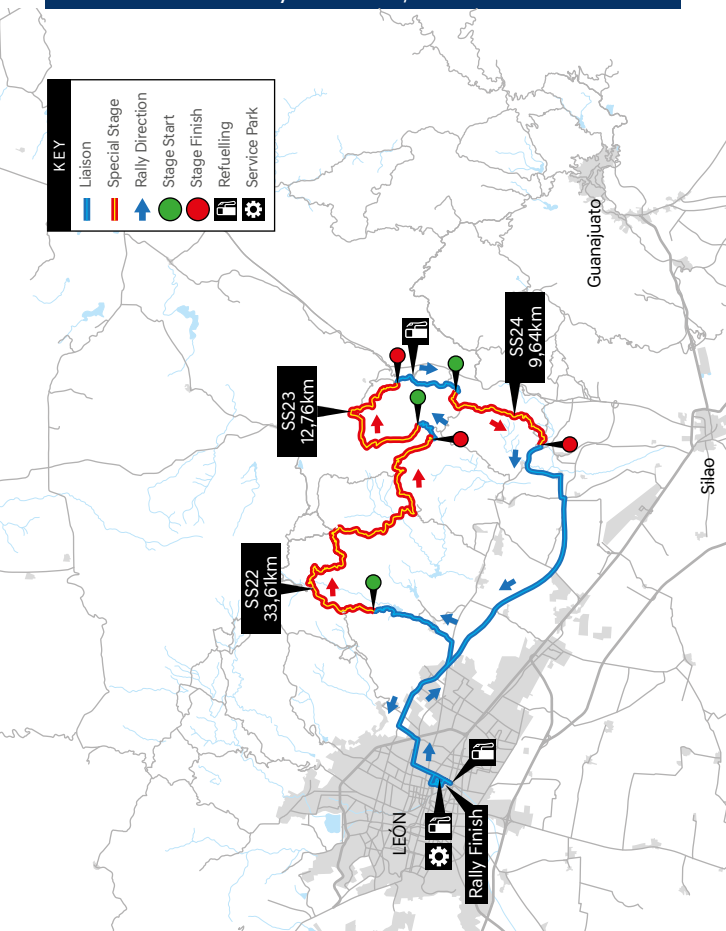
Special stage distance:	56,01km
Liaison distance:	65,62km
Total distance:	121,63km

RALLY MEXICO TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	324,85km
Liaison distance:	634,40km
Total distance:	959,25km



DAY THREE: Sunday March 15, 2020





LEADING ENTRIES*

3	Teemu Suninen (FIN) / Jarmo Lehtinen (FIN)	Ford Fiesta WRC
4	Esapekka Lappi (FIN) / Janne Ferm (FIN)	Ford Fiesta WRC
6	Dani Sordo (ESP) / Carlos del Barrio (ESP)	Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC
8	Ott Tänak (EST) / Martin Järveoja (EST)	Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC
11	Thierry Neuville (BEL) / Nicolas Gilsoul (BEL)	Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC
17	Sébastien Ogier (FRA) / Julien Ingrassia (FRA)	Toyota Yaris WRC
18	Takamoto Katsuta (JPN) / Daniel Barritt (GBR)	Toyota Yaris WRC
33	Elfyn Evans (GBR) / Scott Martin (GBR)	Toyota Yaris WRC
44	Gus Greensmith (GBR) / Elliott Edmondson (GBR)	Ford Fiesta WRC
69	Kalle Rovannerä (FIN) / Jonne Halttunen (FIN)	Toyota Yaris WRC
21	Nikolay Gryazin (RUS) / Yaroslav Fedorov (RUS)	Hyundai i20 R5 '20
22	Ole Christian Veiby (NOR) / Jonas Andersson (SWE)	Hyundai i20 R5 '20



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TEAM MEDIA FUNCTIONS DURING RALLY MEXICO:

Media Lounge:

18h15-19h00, Wednesday March 11, Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team Hospitality Unit, Rally Campus, León

OTHER EVENTS DURING RALLY MEXICO:

Shakedown:

10h01-16h00, Thursday March 12, Llano Grande (5,51km)

Pre-event FIA press conference:

13h00, Thursday March 12, Media Centre, Rally Campus, León

Ceremonial start:

20h00, Thursday March 12, Guanajuato City

Podium ceremony and prize-giving:

14h00, Sunday March 15, Foro del Lago, León

Post-event FIA press conference:

15h00, Sunday March 15, Media Centre, Rally Campus, León



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