



1985 PARIS - ALGIERS - DAKAR

THE DAKAR IN FIGURES

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- **Start:** 1 January 1985 from Versailles (Place d'Armes)
- **Finish:** 22 January 1985 in Dakar (Rose Lake)
- **Rest:** 12 January 1985 in Agadez
- **Length of rally:** 14,000 km
- **Number of kilometers of special :** 7,470 km
- **Countries crossed:** France, Algeria, Niger, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal



NUMBER OF COMPETITORS: 552

- **At the start:** 362 cars
135 motorcycles
55 trucks
- **At the finish:** 146 véhicules
including 101 cars
25 motorcycles
20 trucks

OVERALL CAR STANDINGS:

Zaniroli/Da Silva (Fra) *MITSUBISHI*

OVERALL MOTORCYCLE STANDINGS:

Gaston Rahier (Bel) *BMW*

OVERALL TRUCK STANDINGS:

Capito/Capito (All) *MERCEDES*

MAJOR COMPETITORS

Motorcycle

5 teams officiels

- **Ligier-Cagiva :** Auriol et Picard
- **Yamaha :** Bacou et Olivier
- **Honda :** Baron, Lalay et Neveu
- **BMW :** Rahier, Loizeaux et Fenouil
- **Suzuki :** P et M Joineau

Non officiels

- **MBK :** Poli
- **DKV 750 proto :** Vassard
- **KTM 600 :** Carlos Mas

Car

- **Opel Manta :** Colsoul-Lopes, Weber-Berglund

- **Porsche 959 :** Ickx-Brasseur, Metge-Lemoine, Mass-Kiefer
- **Pajero Mitsubishi :** Cowan-Syer, Zaniroli-Da Silva, Béguin-Maingret
- **Lada Vaz :** Jabouille-Sardou, Lartigue-Giroux
- **Citroën Visa :** Thérier-Vial, Lacaze-Duriez
- **Lada Niva :** Trossat-Djaoui
- **Renault 18 :** les Frères Marreau
- **Rover Land 110 :** Pescarolo-Fourticq
- **Audi Quattro :** Darniche-Mahé

Truck

- **DAF :** De Rooy/De Saulieu

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Star Wars on the Dakar:** Jaussaud and Fontenay line up at the starting blocks on a sand ship. It actually is a Mercedes 190 with six wheels and a finish that is not unlike that of zebras. This strange vehicle, which required 2500 hours of labor, can reach peak speeds of 220 km/h.
- **Jet Set at the start:** Prince Albert Grimaldi will be teamed with J.P Marsan on a Mitsubishi Pajero. As for his sister, Caroline Casiraghi, she will line up with her husband and Arcangiolo in an Astra BM 309 truck.
- **Groine wins a Nobel:** although singer Daniel Balavoine is no greenhorn on the adventure, this is a major first for actress Chantal Nobel. The star of "Châteauvallon" will be the good luck charm for Georges Groine and Bernard Malfériol on a Mercedes 500 HP truck.



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- **Ttrucks against hunger:** the MAN number 649, nicknamed "The Good Man" will not make the return trip home. The truck, driven by three German journalists and filled with medicine, will be given to the Red Cross. "T.S.O.", in conjunction with the city of Le Touquet, will also leave three trucks filled with water pumps, hospital furnishings and farming equipment in Mali, Niger and Mauritania.
- **Four women on bikes:** once again there will be four fair adventure seekers riding bikes on the "Dakar". They answer to the names of Bassot, Kopenhagen, Lecomte and the eternal Véronique Anquetil.

THE ROUTE

- **Prologue : Cergy-Pontoise (7 km)**
- **1^{ère} étape : Alger – El Golea (1039 km dont 239 km de spéciale)**
- **2^{ème} étape : El Golea – In Salah (500 km dont 297 km de spéciale)**
- **3^{ème} étape : In Salah – In Amguel (667 km de spéciale)**
- **4^{ème} étape : In Amguel – Tamanrasset (239 km de spéciale)**
- **5^{ème} étape : Tamanrasset – Iferouane (649 km de spéciale)**
- **6^{ème} étape : Iferouane – Agadez (350 km de spéciale)**
- **7^{ème} étape : Agadez – Dirkou (627 km de spéciale)**
- **8^{ème} étape : Dirkou – Agadez (1106 km)**
 - Dirkou-Iferouane (790 km de spéciale)
 - Iferouane-Agadez (316 km de spéciale)
- **Repos à Agadez**
- **9^{ème} étape : Agadez – Gao (1244 km)**
 - Agadez-Tchin Tabarden (316 km de spéciale)
 - Tchin Tabarden-Tahoua (liaison 150 km)
 - Tahoua-Anderamboukane (347 km de spéciale)
 - Anderamboukane-Gao (liaison 431 km)
- **10^{ème} étape : Gao – Tombouctou (418 km de spéciale)**
- **11^{ème} étape : Tombouctou – Nema (702 km de spéciale)**
- **12^{ème} étape : Nema – Tichit (500 km dont 250 km de spéciale)**
- **13^{ème} étape : Tichit – Kiffa (671 km dont 252 km de spéciale)**
- **14^{ème} étape : Kiffa – Kayes (300 km de spéciale)**
- **15^{ème} étape : Kayes – Kedougou (393 km de spéciale)**
- **16^{ème} étape : Kedougou – Tambacounda (343 km dont 268 km de spéciale)**
- **17^{ème} étape : Tambacounda – Dakar (536 km dont 60 km de spéciale)**

THE RACE

- **Prologue at Cergy Pontoise**

This year, the 70,000 spectators have made the trip to watch the prologue be won by Lalay (Honda), Darniche (Audi Quattro) and Capito (Mercedes).

- **1st stage: Alger – El Golea (1039 km, including 239 km of special)**

First special (Ouargla-El Golea) and first disaster: Ickx, Metge and Rahier are delayed and the Ladas are in trouble. Gabreau-Pipat (Land Rover) and Baron (Honda) have taken control.

- **3rd stage: In Salah – In Amguel (667 km of special)**

The Yamahas win, place and show for the motorcycles, with, in order, American Stearns, Frenchman Bacou and Italian Picco. On the car side, the stage is handled smoothly by the Colsoul-Lopes tandem, in fourth. They take the overall lead.

- **4th stage: In Amguel – Tamanrasset (239 km of special)**

Belgian Jacky Ickx is the swiftest ahead of Jarier-Borie and Metge-Lemoyne. However, it is another Belgian, Colsoul, who maintains the top spot in the overall standings. For the bikes, the Honda stable propels Lalay and Neveu to the two top positions. Bacou (Yamaha) moves into the lead.

- **5th stage: Tamanrasset – Iferouane (649 km of special)**

This special will see many lose their way, but Fourticq, airplane pilot and navigator for Pescarolo, allows their Land to finish magnificently in third place. Darniche, who left in 165th place, wins the scratch, thus securing his second special. For the bikes, Picard beats out Neveu and Fenouil.

- **6th stage: Iferouane – Agadez (350 km of special)**

Stearns triumphs again, but the performance of the day is credited to a private team. The Raymond-Bos pair in fact wins the scratch ahead of Zaniroli's Mitsubishi and Metge's Porsche. In the overall standings, Bacou extends his lead over Lalay. In the car class, the Opel Manta two-wheel drive commanded by Belgian Colsoul continues to race ahead.

- **7th stage: Agadez – Dirkou (627 km of special)**

Although he got bogged down in a dune, Ickx, third in the special, is the biggest winner on this first day in the heart of the Ténéré. He now stands in second position in the overall standings behind Colsoul. Meanwhile, the motorcycle class sees the victory of another Belgian, Gaston Rahier, who finishes ahead Auriol's Ligier-Cagiva and the Yamaha ridden by Bacou.

- **8th stage: Dirkou – Agadez (1106 km)**

There are numerous casualties: Ickx and Brasseur rip up the front end assembly of their Porsche while Pescarolo gets lost and finishes three hours over. Bikers Lalay and Bacou suffer the same misfortune. As for René Metge, the quickest at Iférouane, he



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picked up three penalty hours because he missed a time check. Zaniroli and Rahier are the day's big winners. In the overall standings, Colsoul is ahead of Zaniroli and Picco is on top of Rahier.

- **9th stage: Agadez – Gao**

Another marathon stage for the arrival in Mali. Colsoul, a victim of mechanical shortcomings in addition to navigational errors, loses his leader position to Zaniroli's Mitsubishi Pajero. Cowan wins the famous night stage. The second special, headed toward Tchintabaraden, is carried off by Metge. In the bike class, the U.S.A.'s Stearns turns in his 3rd victory. Picco is still the leader of the pack. As for the trucks, the De Rooy-De Saulieu pair looks untouchable thanks to the unbelievable domination of the DAF. The special between Tahoua and Anderambakane is fatal for René Metge, who falls victim to an oil leak. The Mitsubishi hold strong and see the two Pajeros commanded by Zaniroli and Cowan just behind Pescarolo. The exciting journey is also over for the Grimaldi-Marsan team after mechanical troubles a few kilometers out from Gao. On his bike, Rahier is the winner of the day's special as he moves in on Picco.

- **10th stage: Gao – Timbuktu (418 km of special)**

Zaniroli pockets a win in the special and widens his lead in the overall standings. For the motorcycles, Belgian Rahier triumphs in the scratch.

- **11th stage: Timbuktu – Nema (702 km of special)**

Pescarolo attacks and wins, but Zaniroli, despite some mechanical hiccups, still comes away with the top spot in the overall standings. Picco, third in motorcycle finishes for the special behind Auriol and Marinoni, takes advantage of Rahier's navigational errors to gain a few minutes on him.

- **12th stage: Nema – Tichit (500 km, including 250 km of special)**

This stage is quite certainly the most fearsome and the most dreaded by the competitors. And rightly so, since for the first time since the rally's creation, the race was interrupted, at kilometers 137, because of a raging sandstorm.

- **13th stage: Tichit – Kiffa (671 km, including 252 km of special)**

An impromptu bivouac, an improvised stage to link Endji and Tichit: the Dakar has to contend with the unforeseen aspects of the race. 168 survivors, including 40 motorcycles are still in the hunt. Private competitor Stéphane Bosteels has his hour in the spotlight. He and his Toyota dominate, after having taken advantage, like many other competitors, of Zaniroli's navigating. It is the same scenario for the two-wheelers, where Picard and Joineau, respectively first and second, took advantage of the clairvoyance and experience of Auriol and Neveu.

- **14th and 15th stages: Kiffa – Kayes – Kedougou**

"Hell" is now behind the drivers. The rally sees another win for a private entry in the car class. This time it is the Raymondis-Bos team behind the wheel of a Range Rover. Elsewhere, the American Stearns adds another notch to his victory card. He wins his fourth scratch since leaving Paris. Thierry Sabine decides to organize an impromptu day of rest to reassemble the competitors, who are scattered across more than 1000 km. An easing of the rules eliminates several penalties assigned the previous day. A gift from above for Gaston Rahier, who regains the lead in the overall standings.

- **16th stage: Kedougou – Tambacounda (343 km, including 268 km of special)**

A Honda hat trick in the motorcycle class with, in order, Baron, Lalay and Neveu. Picco (blown-out tire) and Auriol (burned valve) have mechanical troubles and will no longer be able to stop Rahier from winning his second Dakar. In the car class, Cowan beats out Zaniroli. On the eve of the last special, fates look to be sealed.

- **15th stage: Tambacounda – Dakar (536 km, including 60 km of special)**

The final stage has in store one major surprise. De Rooy, victim of a flat tire on his DAF, is saddled with a 15-hour penalty, thereby handing victory to the Italian team of Capito-Capito. Zaniroli and Rahier triumph with no surprises. This is the third straight win for BMW after Auriol and Rahier in 1983 and 1984.



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SUBSIDIARY

- Stage victories

Num	Etape	Spéciale	Km	Vainqueur Auto	Nat	Marque	Vainqueur Moto	Nat	Marque
1	Cergy Pontoise	Prologue	7	Darniche/Mahe	Fra	Audi Qua	Lalay	Fra	Honda
2	Alger-El Golea	Ouargla-El Golea	239	Gabreau/Pipat	Fra	L Rover	Baron	Fra	Honda
3	El Golea-In Salah	Depart-In Salah	297	Darniche/Mahe	Fra	Audi Qu	Baron	Fra	Honda
4	In salah-In Amguel	In Salah-In Amguel	667	Pescarolo/Fourticq	Fra	L Rover	Stearns	Usa	Yamaha
5	In Amguel-Tamanrasset	In Amguel-Assekrem	239	Ickx/Brasseur	Bel	Porsche	Lalay	Fra	Honda
6	Tamanrasset-Iferouane	Tamanrasset-Iferouane	649	Darniche/Mahe	Fra	Audi Qu	Picard	Fra	Cagiva
7	Iferouane-Agadez	Iferouane-Agadez	350	Raymondis/Bos	Fra	R Rover	Stearns	Usa	Yamaha
8	Agadez-Dirkou	Agadez-Dirkou	627	Metge/Lemoyne	Fra	Porsche	Rahier	Bel	BMW
9	Dirkou-Agadez	Dirkou-Iferouane	790	Zaniroli/Da Silva	Fra	Mitsubishi	Rahier	Bel	BMW
9	Dirkou-Agadez	Iferouane-Agadez	316	Cowan/Syer	GB	Mitsubishi	Stearns	Usa	Yamaha
10	Agadez-Gao	Agadez-Tchin Tabaraden	316	Metge/Lemoyne	Fra	Porsche	Stearns	Usa	Yamaha
10	Agadez-Gao	Tahoua-Anderamboukane	347	Pescarolo/Fourticq	Fra	R Rover	Rahier	Bel	BMW
11	Gao-Tombouctou	Gai-Tombouctou	418	Zaniroli/Da Silva	Fra	Mitsubishi	Rahier	Bel	BMW
12	Tombouctou-Nema	Tombouctou-Nema	702	Pescaolo/Fourticq	Fra	R Rover	Auriol	Fra	BMW
13	Nema-Tichit	Enji-Tichit	250	Bosteels/Vanneslande	Fra	Toyota	Picard	Fra	Cagiva
14	Tichit-Kiffa	Tichit-Tidjikja	252	Fougerousse/Jacquemard	Fra	Toyota	Neveu	Fra	Honda
15	Kiffa-Kayes	Kiffa-Kayes	300	Raymondis/Bos	Fra	R Rover	Stearns	Usa	Yamaha
16	Kayes-Kedougou	Kayes-Kedougou	393	Zaniroli/Da Silva	Fra	Mitsubishi	Baron	Fra	Honda
17	Kedougou-Tambacounda	Kedougou-Dialakato	268	Cowan/Syer	GB	Mitsubishi	Baron	Fra	Honda
18	Tambacounda-Dakar	M'Boro-Dakar	60	Zaniroli/Da Silva	Fra	Mitsubishi	Stearns	Usa	Yamaha



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• Overall scratch standings

Clt	Concurrents	Marques	Nat
OVERALL CAR STANDINGS			
1	ZANIROLI/DA SILVA	MINI	Fra
2	COWAN/SYER	MINI	GB
3	FOUGEROUSE/JACQUEMAR	TOYOTA	Fra
4	RATET/DE BELABRE	TOYOTA	Fra
5	MARREAU/MARREAU	RENAULT	Fra
6	MARCI/JANSSENS	RANGE ROVER	Bel
7	TEZEKDJIAN/DOLLA	MERCEDES	Fra
8	DE DEYNE/BECKERS	LAND ROVER	Bel
9	BOSTEELS/VANNESLANDE	TOYOTA	Fra
10	BOUCHET/VILLEPIGUE	MERCEDES	Fra
11	CAPITO/CAPITO	MERCEDES	Ita
12	TUSTERMAN/TUSTERMAN	MERCEDES	Hol
13	DESSOUDE/BERTIN	DATSUN/PAIR	Fra
14	CANELLAS/FERRAN	RANGE ROVER	Esp
15	DE ROOY/DE SAULIEU	DAF	Hol
16	FAUCHER/BOUSSIER	LAND ROVER	Fra
17	LAPEYRE/LOURSEAU	AUDI	Fra
18	ESPANADIN/ESPASANDIN	DAIHATSU	Sui
19	KORO/POITOU	TOYOTA	Fra
20	ARNOUX/BODET	BUGGY	Fra
21	MITATY/DELETANG	MERCEDES	Fra
22	POPINEAU/POPINEAU	MERCEDES	Fra
23	FRAUD/ALOR	MINI	Fra
24	KALVAS/BOUCHOU	MERCEDES	Fra
25	SERRIER/LOZE	TOYOTA	Fra
26	LEDOUX/MONTIGNY	MINI	Fra
27	PASTUREL/BOIN	PEUGEOT	Fra
28	VAN TUYL/LORIAUX	RANGE ROVER	Bel
29	SCHNECK/DURHEIMER	PUCH	All
30	ROY/BALAVOINE	TOYOTA	Fra
31	EL FODIL/LEFEVRE	MINI	Fra
32	BERGERON/PENNER	MERCEDES	Fra
33	KORO/MANTET	TOYOTA	Fra
34	JAXEL/COULON	TOYOTA	Fra
35	COURTOIS/DUMONT	TOYOTA	Fra
36	ROCHETTE/BERTRAND	RANGE ROVER	Fra
37	RIGAL/DERY	AUDI	Fra
38	MICHEL/PRUD'HOMME	MINI	Fra
39	BONNIN/LHEUREUX	TOYOTA	Fra
40	SARTIAUX/COTERET	MINI	Fra
41	GUARATO/MEZZACAPO	MINI	Fra
42	MATTREL/BORTOT	MINI	Fra
43	STROHMANN/CAPITO	MERCEDES	Fra
44	HANCIAUX/LEURQUIN	TOYOTA	Bel
45	ETCHEBEST/LEPINOUX	TOYOTA	Fra
46	VISMARA/MINELLI	MERCEDES	Ita
47	HURPOIL/LEBIET	MERCEDES	Fra
48	AUBRY/BONJEAN	TOYOTA	Fra
49	DE BLOOS/ERCULISSE	MINI	Bel
50	GROINE/NOBEL	MERCEDES	Fra
51	LUTUN/OLDRA	PEUGEOT	Fra
52	GAMBINI/BELVEZE	MINI	Fra
53	BOSTEELS/PROUVOST	TOYOTA	Fra
54	PETRIKOVSKI/GALGANI	TOYOTA	Fra
55	CHAMBON/ROHM	MERCEDES	Fra
56	VERNET/BEZANCENAY	MERCEDES	Fra
57	DUPART/DESTAILLATS	LAND ROVER	Fra
58	PAREAU/PUYTORAC	TOYOTA	Fra
59	LECOQ/LOUE	RANGE ROVER	Fra
60	BONVIN/SUTER	DAIHATSU	Sui
61	STRICHER/PILLON	MERCEDES	Fra
62	MARTINEZ/HERBUEL	MERCEDES	Fra
63	PASQUIER/LAMONERIE	TOYOTA	Fra
64	BRAGUI/RAYMOND	MERCEDES	Fra
65	VERNHETTES/LIAUD	LAND ROVER	Fra
66	LASSUS/FILLIATREAU	TOYOTA	Fra
67	MORIN/JEANNIN	MERCEDES	Fra
68	ROISEUX/PAILLER	MERCEDES	Fra
69	ROTHLISBERGER/ROTHLI.	DAIHATSU	Sui
70	DIERS/NAVARRO	TOYOTA	Fra
71	SMULEVICI/KOPA	MINI	Fra
72	LACROIX/MENIER	LAND ROVER	Bel
73	GOELHEN/DE ROSEE	MERCEDES	Bel
74	GAUTIER/CAZENAVE MAH	MINI	Fra
75	BOSONNET/VENTURINI	MERCEDES	Fra
76	VERSINO/GIMBRE	MERCEDES	Fra
77	VIDAL/HERVOT	MINI	Fra
78	LACOURT/BONNAIRE	MAN	Fra
79	VETSCH/ROUILLARD	MERCEDES	Sui
80	GUERRE/DE FARCY	MINI	Fra
81	PORCAR/DE AISA	MERCEDES	Esp
82	SCHMUDE/BERG	MERCEDES	All
83	BRASSINE/PIRON	LAND ROVER	Bel
84	BOUILLE/NEPLAZ	IVECO/DI	Fra
85	BARRAL/PONCHARAL	PUCH/PINZ	Fra
86	ALTMAYER/PRUVOT	PUCH/PINZ	Fra
87	HOURECADIE/VAISSIERE	RENAULT	Fra
88	FENCL/MOSKAL	LIAZ	Tch
89	WUTHRICH/LIECHTI	MINI	Sui
90	ALARY/MEDARD	TOYOTA	Fra
91	HOUSSAT/BONIN	MERCEDES	Fra
92	LEMAITRE/DENONCIN	DATSUN	Fra
93	CARNEVALE/CASELLA	ASTRA	Ita
94	GATTINGER/POHL	MAN	All
95	MALSCHAERT/MEUNIER	LAND ROVER	Bel
96	CAMUS/RUBEAUD	ACMAT	Fra
97	DE CONNINCK/DE GROEVE	MINI	Bel
98	SCHOSMANN/BRUNET	MERCEDES	Fra
99	LODER/WIMMER	PUCH	All
100	CARMENTRAN/DECROUX	MERCEDES	Fra
101	BEZEMER/VERHAEGEN	PEGASO	Bel



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Cl^t **Concurrents** **Marques** **Nat**

OVERALL MOTORCYCLE STANDINGS

1	RAHIER Gaston	BMW	Bel
2	OLIVIER Jean-Claude	YAMAHA	Fra
3	PICCO Franco	YAMAHA	Ita
4	MARINONI Andrea	YAMAHA	Ita
5	NEVEU Cyril	HONDA	Fra
6	STEARNS Chuck	YAMAHA	EU
7	CHARLIAT François	HONDA	Fra
8	AURIOL Hubert	LIGIER CAGIVA	Fra
9	VERHAEGHE Grégoire	BARIGO	Fra
10	COURTOIS Christian	YAMAHA	Fra
11	SPIRA Alain	HONDA	Bel
12	PICARD Gilles	LIGIER CAGIVA	Fra
13	MAS Carlos	KIM	Esp
14	ZANICHELLI Alessandro	HONDA	Ita
15	LALAY Gilles	HONDA	Fra
16	DE MONTREMY R.	YAMAHA	Fra
17	PILET Marcel	HONDA	Fra
18	VALADON Dominique	BARIGO	Fra
19	JOINEAU Marc	SUZUKI	Fra
20	BARON Jean-Michel	HONDA	Fra
21	SCHEK Heribert	KIM	All
22	PESCHEUR Daniel	BMW	Fra
23	PARMENTIER Michel	SUZUKI	Fra
24	DE JONGHE Verboven	SUZUKI	Bel

25 PAINEAU Gérard YAMAHA Fra

OVERALL TRUCK STANDINGS

1	CAPITO/CAPITO	MERCEDES	All
2	DE ROOY/DE SAULIEU	DAF	Hol
3	STROHMANN/CAPITO	MERCEDES	Fra
4	VISMARA/MINELLI	MERCEDES	Ita
5	GROINE/NOBEL	MERCEDES	Fra
6	CHAMBON/ROHM	MERCEDES	Fra
7	MARTINEZ/HERBUEL	MERCEDES	Fra
8	BOSONNET/VENTURINI	MERCEDES	Fra
9	VERSINO/GIMBRE	MERCEDES	Fra
10	LACOURT/BONNAIRE	MAN 20 2	Fra
11	BOUILLE/NEPLAZ	IVECO DI V	Fra
12	HOURCADIE/VAISSIERE	RENAULT	Fra
13	FENCL/MOSKAL	LIAZ 100	Tch
14	HOUSSAT/BONIN	MERCEDES	Fra
15	CARNEVALE/CASELLA	ASTRA BM	Fra
16	GATTINGER/POHL	MAN 20 3	Fra
17	CAMUS/RUBAUD	ACMAT VLRA	Fra
18	SCHOSMANN/BRUNET	MERCEDEXUNIM	Fra
19	CARMENTRAN/DECROUX	MERCEDES	Fra
20	BEZEMER/VERHAEGEN	PEGASO	Bel