

2019 FIA World Rally Championship
Round 10/14: ADAC Rallye Deutschland

***The MICHELIN Pilot Sport H5 proves the ideal match for
Rallye Deutschland's multifaceted challenge***

This year's Rallye Deutschland was won by Ott Tänak and his co-driver Martin Järveoja (Toyota Yaris WRC) who took command on Friday morning's SS4 before going on to pop the champagne during Sunday afternoon's podium celebrations. The Estonian pair took maximum advantage of the strength and grip of their tyres on the different types of surface thrown at them over the three days to spearhead an all-Toyota top-three after team-mates Kris Meeke/Sebastian Marshall and Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttila came home second and third. Like all the cars involved in the World Rally Championship's premier class, the three Toyota Gazoo Racing WRT-run machines compete on Michelin rubber.

Germany was the 10th round of the 2019 WRC but only the third sealed-surface fixture since the start of the season. One of its specificities is the wide variety of road surfaces it takes in, ranging from asphalt to abrasive concrete, while the stages themselves are narrow and lined with sharp stones in many places. As ever, one of the rally's highlights was the long Panzerplatte test (41.17km) which criss-crosses the Baumholder army ranges and which – true to tradition – produced plenty of drama on Saturday afternoon.

This year's menu featured a total distance of 1,160.35 kilometres, which included 343.95km divided into 19 special stages, while the weather was hot and sunny throughout.

The service park, which was based in a recreational grounds alongside Bostalsee Lake, around 60km south of Trier, consequently attracted a constant flow of fans and spectators who were able to admire the cars in a splendid summer setting.

Michelin's WRC partners were able to choose between the hard-compound 'H5' version of the MICHELIN Pilot Sport and the softer 'S6' variant of the same tyre. However, based on the information provided to the teams by their respective safety/gravel-note crews, and also due to the consistently clear weather, the choice from start to finish was the 'H5'. The MICHELIN Pilot Sport FW3 ('FW' = Full Wet) was also available in the case of heavy rain but was not needed.

"The MICHELIN Pilot Sport, including the H5 version which was the choice throughout here in Germany, is a tyre the crews know they can count on when competing on asphalt," said **Arnaud Rémy**, the manager of Michelin's rallying activities. "On event's like the Rallye Monte-Carlo, the Tour de Corse, this week's Rallye Deutschland and in Spain in just over a month's time, it delivers superior performance across an exceptionally broad spectrum of conditions. The German stages are always a big challenge but our tyres provided outstanding resistance to wear despite the very fast pace."



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“The Baumholder army camp stages proved the most challenging because of their particularly abrasive surface, but the MICHELIN Pilot Sport helped the majority of the drivers to come through the classic Panzerplatte test unscathed.”

Meanwhile, crews competing in the WRC2 Pro and WRC2 classes were able to count on the MICHELIN Pilot Sport R H3 which contributed to another all-Michelin top-three, led by Jan Kopecky/Pavel Dresler (Skoda Fabia R5), ahead of Frenchmen Eric Camilli/Benjamin Veillas (Ford Fiesta R5) and Swedes Kalle Rovannerá/Jone Halttunen (Skoda Fabia R5).

The next round of the 2019 FIA World Rally Championship will take teams to Marmaris, Turkey, on September 12-15.



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