

**TEAM NISSAN FRANCE DESSOUDE**

**DAKAR 2005**

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## Waiting for the Dakar...

The 27th edition of the Dakar promises to be fascinating, thanks to the planned route and the quality of the teams entered. No fewer than fifteen cars are hoping to fight for the lead. Team Nissan France Dessoude is placing itself as a serious outsider. The aim of its ten cars, including eight in T2 and two T1 vehicles, will be to reach Dakar on January 16<sup>th</sup> next year.

Team Manager André Dessoude has no reason to be ashamed of his choice concerning the three Pickup vehicles entered in the SuperProduction category, as Kenjiro Shinozuka, Carlos Sousa and Grégoire de Mevius will be leading an extremely motivated team.

As far as the Production category is concerned, Isabelle Patissier, reigning champion in the World Cup for Cross-Country Rallies, should confirm her fine 2004 season. Her aim for this Dakar is to win the T1 class (after finishing second in 2004). She will have a new team-mate to support her, Benoît Rousselot. The 2002 French Rally Champion, Benoît will be driving the same model of vehicle as Isabelle, a Nissan Pathfinder.

Another Team Dessoude regular will also be taking part : Paul Belmondo, with a Nissan X-Trail, as well as two Japanese drivers, both of whom are taking part in the training programme set up by Nismo (Nissan Motorsport in Japan). Neither of them is unknown to the team; Yoshio Ikemachi was victorious in T1 in 2004 with a Nissan Patrol, while Jun Mitsuhashi (who took part in the 2004 Dakar with Team Dessoude) recently won the Shamrock Rally in Morocco.

Two new drivers will be joining the team. Both are from China, and their project has the support of Nissan China, which is searching for new talent. Lang Xu and Young Zhou will have to overcome all the difficulties that this rally can throw at them in order to reach their goal. It will certainly be an experience on the sporting front, but also on the human side, as both of them will have French navigators ...

André Dessoude, affectionately nicknamed 'the Wizard of St Lô' by the press, appears confident as far as the 2005 Dakar is concerned.

*"For this Dakar, we will have a fine team, as well as cars that we have worked on, and which we have made more reliable. Things are looking good. I am really pleased with the three crews in the Pickup cars. They get on well together, and there is a real 'family spirit', which is totally in line with our philosophy. I am happy that Carlos has joined us ; like Grégoire, he is first and foremost a gentleman, and a true sportsman. Grégoire and Kenjiro know the Pickup very well, and I have no doubt that those three will work as a team. Kenjiro is as motivated as ever, and impatient to get started.*

*Paul Belmondo will be driving a T2 X-Trail T2 with a 6-speed gearbox. It will be his 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> Dakar with us ... he's a regular. As for the two T1 Pathfinders, Isabelle will be going for the win, while it will be a learning experience for Benoît Rousselot. Both of them will continue in the 2005 season, with a T2 Pathfinder for Isabelle and a T1 Pathfinder for Benoît, whose aim will be to retain the title won by Isabelle this year. Then we have our two young Japanese drivers, both of whom we know well. Ikemachi and Mitsuhashi are raring to go... Last but not least, we will enter two Nissan Paladin vehicles, with two Chinese drivers, whose aim will be to get to the end.*

*Everyone is positive within the team, the morale is excellent, but we should not forget that our rivals have progressed as well. It will be one of the finest fields in the history of the Dakar. I am impatient to be at the half-way point in order to see where we will be, but I am confident."*

Grégoire de Mevius had an excellent end to the season. He joined Team Dessoude in July for the Orient Rally, and immediately claimed a win. A few weeks later, the De Mevius-Dubois tandem set the powder alight in Dubai. A second place overall for the team confirmed their victory in Turkey. Jacky Dubois was delighted...

However, Grégoire remains clear-headed : *"The Pickup has made progress, and most importantly, is much more reliable. We have worked hard since July, and that has paid off. Our results bode well for the Dakar, but the Dakar can always hold plenty of surprises. The field is exceptionally good, and we will have to fight hard. We will have some fine team-mates, which is very good to know, especially in the Marathon stages. I think we will have a part to play..."*

For Jacky Dubois, the Dakar is a race on its own : *"I have certainly had a plenty of luck during these two races with Grégoire. I hope that that the Dakar will be as good for us. It will not be easy. There will be fewer GPS points, and it will be necessary to be even more careful as far as the navigation is concerned. If you add the lack of the automatic tyre inflating-deflating system, and the loss of the parc fermé on the marathon stages, the Dakar will certainly not be a picnic. But that is what makes it such an interesting race..."*

Kenjiro Shinozuka will be joined by Pascal Maimon, with whom he took part in the last Rally of Tunisia. A fine team, both of whom have separately won the Dakar. Kenjiro, still as fast as ever, is extremely motivated. As for Pascal, talent and clear-headed, he is extremely determined. These two are wound up and ready to go...

Kenjiro Shinozuka is very much aware that there is a long way to go : *"I am pleased to be back with the Pickup. I know that the whole team has been working hard to make the car as reliable as possible, which is exactly what we needed in order to be successful. Grégoire has proved that. I am also very pleased to be driving with Pascal Maimon. Pascal knows what it takes to win the Dakar, and he is a professional. This Dakar will be simultaneously very open and extremely difficult. The rules changes could bring some surprises. I think it will be important to set the right pace and to be careful early on. More than ever, it will be important to run a team race."*

Pascal Maimon shares his opinion : *"This Dakar will place the emphasis firmly on strategy. The competition will be fierce; there are plenty of drivers able to win stages. The difference will come mainly from the marathon stages. I am very pleased to be driving with Kenjiro. He is as quick and motivated as ever. As far as the navigation is concerned, I am very pleased that Thierry is on the team. We get on well, and along with Jacky, we will be able to work together in an intelligent way. I can't wait to be in Barcelona... I would really like to forget about the 2004 Dakar, and to concentrate on 2005. As for the rest, I am confident..."*

The third Pickup will be in the hands of another leading driver. Carlos Sousa, from Portugal, has recently left Mitsubishi; he will take part in the 2005 Dakar with a 2003 factory-version of the Nissan Pickup, formerly driven by Vatenen; his co-driver will be Thierry Delli Zotti. A recent decision, and a good 'surprise' for Team Nissan Dessoude. Carlos Sousa is determined, and appears satisfied with his choice:

*"After 11 years with Mitsubishi, it is quite a challenge to take part in the Dakar with a Nissan. This is a new car for me, and a new team. But life is like a book, and the Mitsubishi page has turned. Today, I am pleased to find myself in a new team, where I have been warmly welcomed. Despite the short timeframe, they have made a big effort. This year, the Dakar will be difficult, and with the rule changes, a lot of things can change, including the drivers' behaviour. It will be interesting to see how things go. The route is not new for the regulars, it could be called a 'classic', but the unknown factor is the marathon stages. New car, new team, new navigator ... Thierry has plenty of experience, he knows the Dakar well, and knows the traps it can hold in store, but the important thing as far as I am concerned is that he knows the car. We have never driven together, although we have known each other for years on the rally circuit. Our aim for this Dakar is to get a good result at the end, but it will not be easy. As far as the competitors are concerned, I cannot remember having such a high level on this event. I think there are around 18 people who will be aiming for the Top 5..."*

Thierry Delli Zotti is very satisfied to see Carlos join the team :

*"Five years on, here I am back with Team Dessoude. I did the 2000 Dakar with Grégoire de Mevius with a T2 Pathfinder. To have Carlos here is a real gift. I appreciate him as a driver, but also as a man and for the way he approaches the competition. Moreover, he has plenty of experience in rally raids. Compared to the 2005 route, it will not be a very fast rally. The main difficulty will be the marathon stages. More than ever, it will be necessary to manage the race, and to take care of the car's reliability, as the parc fermé system means that we will have to do two special stages without technical assistance in between. The more difficult things will be, the greater our chances of staying at the front. I am happy and impatient to take the start..."*

As far as the T1 vehicles are concerned, Isabelle Patissier and Benoît Rousselot will have plenty of work. Isabelle's aim is simple : to win the Production category. In 2004, the Patissier-Irissou duo came close to their objective, finishing second. This year, her rivals will be watching out for the 'World Champion' : *"The world title will certainly put us under more pressure before the start, but we are clear-headed. The key word will be 'to manage'. We need to manage everything ... the race, the car and our rivals.... As far as rivals are concerned, we have been spoiled this year. The T1 class will be highly competitive, and neither the Toyota nor the Mercedes vehicles will be giving anything away. I expect the rally to be very difficult, but our car is 100% new. The whole team has been working hard throughout the season as well as in preparation for the Dakar. I can't wait to be in Barcelona and to get underway..."*

Alongside Isabelle, in another T1 Pathfinder, a newcomer to rally raids will be making his debut. Benoît Rousselot will be the second Nissan France driver. Although Benoît is a rookie (or almost) in this area of the sport, he is nevertheless an experienced rally driver. French Rally Champion in 2002, he is entering a new phase of his career.

*"This is a major turning point in my sporting career, as for the last ten years I have been taking part in 'traditional' rallies. At 31, I decided to change direction and to head for rally raids. Just like any new field, it will not be easy, but it very reassuring to join such an experienced team. A team that has been through a lot, which will be very important to support me. The world of Rally Raids is open to the world and to manufacturers, and a professional*

*future looks more open in this area than in traditional rallying. I am also attracted by the endurance side, and the inevitable adventurous aspect. I am quite moved by the prospect of taking the start of the Dakar, because, like so many people, I have always dreamt of the Dakar. I can't wait... The T1 category is the obligatory learning phase for rally raids. It will be necessary to take care of the vehicle and to be extremely attentive. It will be tricky, but we will build up plenty of experience for the 2005 season if we manage to get to Dakar. That is our aim : clear and straightforward : we want to arrive in Dakar..."*

The two Japanese rookies are also ready to take to the tracks. Jun Mitsuhashi has recently won the Shamrock in Morocco, while his team-mate Yoshio Ikemachi, winner of the T1 class of the 2004 Dakar, finished 4th. Jun will be teamed up with a French navigator, Sylvain Poncelet. As for Yoshio, he has chosen a Japanese navigator. Watch this space...

## **THE CREWS**

### **Grégoire de MEVIUS (BEL)– Jacky DUBOIS (FRA)**

Nissan Pickup SuperProduction Category

### **Kenjiro SHINOZUKA (JPN) – Pascal MAIMON**

Nissan Pickup SuperProduction Category

### **Carlos SOUSA (POR) – Thierry DELLI ZOTTI (FRA)**

Nissan Pickup SuperProduction Category

### **Paul BELMONDO (FRA) - Willy ALCARAZ (FRA)**

Nissan X-Trail SuperProduction Category

### **Isabelle PATISSIER (FRA) - Bernard IRISSOU (FRA)**

Nissan Pathfinder Production Category

### **Benoît ROUSSELOT (FRA) – Philippe DE WEINDEL (FRA)**

Nissan Pathfinder Production Category

### **Yoshio IKEMACHI (JPN) – Takuya SUGIMURA (JPN)**

Nissan X-Trail SuperProduction Category

### **Jun MITSUHASHI (JPN) – Sylvain PONCET (FRA)**

Nissan X-Trail SuperProduction Category

### **Lang XU (CHI) – Fabian LURQUIN (BEL)**

Nissan Paladin SuperProduction Category

### **Young ZHOU (CHI) – Denis SCHURGER (FRA)**

Nissan Paladin Catégorie SuperProduction

## Grégoire de MEVIUS (BEL)

## DRIVER

Born 16<sup>th</sup> August 1962 in Namur (Belgium)

Married, 4 children

Grégoire de Mevius started his career with rallying, in 1984. He twice won the Belgium Championship, but also won the World Rally Championship Group N class in 91 and 02, with a Nissan Sunny. He first took part in the Dakar in 1999, with a Nissan Patrol, and was already competing for Team Dessoude. On his first attempt, he finished in a fine 12th place. The next year, still faithful to Nissan, he claimed his first Cross-Country Rally win in the Rally of the Pharaohs. In 2001, he finished on the third step of the overall podium of the World Cup, thanks to his Pathfinder. Having come to the attention of the competition, he left the Japanese manufacturer in 2002 to join BMW. But 2004 saw Grégoire return to Nissan with the Team Dessoude Nissan, when he won the Rally of the Orient. A few weeks later, this result was confirmed by a magnificent second place in the Dubai Desert Challenge. Extremely encouraging results just weeks before the start of the 27<sup>th</sup> edition of the Dakar.

### CAREER RECORD

Between 1984 and 1999 : winner of the Peugeot Rallye- Cup, two times Belgium Rally Champion and two times Group N World Rally Champion in 1991 and 1992 (Nissan Sunny GTiR)

- 1999 First entry in Dakar (12<sup>th</sup> - Nissan Patrol)
- 2000 1<sup>st</sup> Pharaohs rally (Egypt) - Nissan Pathfinder
- 2001 8<sup>th</sup> Dakar - Nissan Pathfinder
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Rally Morocco - Nissan Pathfinder
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Master Rally - Nissan Pathfinder
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place World Cup for Cross Country Rallies
  - 9<sup>th</sup> RAC Rally - Peugeot 206 WRC
- 2002 23<sup>rd</sup> Dakar - 3 stage wins - Nissan Pickup
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Baja Deutschland - BMW X5
- 2003 Dakar -Retirement
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Baja Deutschland - BMW X5
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Baja Aragon - BMW X5
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> UAE Desert Challenge - BMW X5
- 2004 8<sup>th</sup> Dakar - BMW X5
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Rally of Orient - Nissan Pickup
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> UAE Desert Challenge - Nissan Pickup
  - 4<sup>th</sup> overall classification World Cup for Cross Country Rallies

## Jacky DUBOIS (FRA)

## CO- DRIVER

Born 9<sup>th</sup> June, 1949 at Preuilly sur Claise

Married with two children

Jacky Dubois started his career ten years ago. From the steppes of Central Asia to the African dunes, he has taken part in many legendary events, and has accumulated solid experience. Between 1999 and 2003, he has been driving alongside Thierry de Lavergne, in a Nissan. In 2004, he started to navigate for Grégoire de Mevius (who had rejoined Nissan) during the Rally of the Orient. A first experience that finished with an overall victory. A few months later, second place in the Desert Challenge saw the duo finish a top-class season. A good augur for the 2005 Dakar.

### PALMARES

- 1992 Takes part in the Paris-Moscow-Peking rally
- 1993 Rally of the Pharaohs, winner of the marathon-diesel category
- 1994 8th in the Trucks category of the Paris-Dakar-Paris, 5th in the Rally of Tunisia, 6th in the Atlas Rally and takes part in the Desert Challenge
- 1995 6th in the Rally Paris-Grenade-Dakar, takes part in the Rally of Tunisia
- 1996 9th in the Paris-Peking Rally and takes part in the Granada-Dakar rally
- 1997 6th in the Dakar-Agades-Dakar (with 1 stage victory), 14th in the Rally of Tunisia and 6th in the Desert Challenge
- 1998 6th in the Paris-Dakar (1st in the T3 category), 3rd in the Rally of Tunisia, 5th in the Atlas Rally and 7th in the Desert Challenge. **Finishes 4th in the FIA World Cup for co-drivers.**
- 1999 8th in the Paris-Dakar, 3rd in the Master Rally, 5th in the UAE Desert Challenge, 6th in the Rally of Tunisia and 3rd in the Rally of Egypt
- 2000 8th in the Paris-Dakar-Cairo Rally, 3rd in the Rally of Tunisia, 3rd in the Master Rally and 3rd in the Rally of Egypt (1st in the T1 marathon category)
- 2001 9th in the Paris-Dakar, 2nd in the Rally of Tunisia, 6th in the Master Rally.
- 2002 1<sup>st</sup> Petrol Production PARIS DAKAR - 5th in the Rally of TUNISIA
- 2003 DAKAR with Thierry De Lavergne – Nissan Pickup – Baja Espana with Yves Loubet – Nissan Pickup
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Pharaohs Rally with Yves Loubet – Nissan Pickup
- 2004 DAKAR with Philippe Wambergue – Nissan Pickup
  - Rally Tunisia with Paul Belmondo – Nissan X-Trail
  - Rally Morocco with Paul Belmondo – Nissan X-Trail
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Rally of Orient with Grégoire de Mevius – Nissan Pickup
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> UAE Desert Challenge with Grégoire de Mevius – Nissan Pickup

## Kenjiro SHINOZUKA (JPN)

## DRIVER

Born 20th November, 1948 – Married, one child

In the world of motorsport, the name of Shinozuka is highly respected. Having started his career in 1968, he became the first Japanese driver to finish Kenya's Safari Rally, in 1976. Fifteen years later, in 1991, he won the Côte d'Ivoire Rally (Bandama), the first win for a Japanese driver in the World Rally Championship. The next year, he claimed the Ivory Coast rally for the second consecutive time. In 1997, he overcame all his rivals to cross the finish line and win the legendary Paris-Dakar – another victory and ... another first for a Japanese driver.

Taking part in the Paris-Grenada-Dakar events in 1998 and 1999, he finished in second position in the Drivers Classification of the World Cup for Cross Country Rallies, having taking part in all eight annual rounds of the series.

After being involved in a spectacular accident during the 2000 Dakar, "Shino" was back in the winning seat that September, during the "Por Las Pampas" rally in Argentina. In 2002 he finished in third place in the Arras Madrid Dakar. Unfortunately, the next year, a heavy crash prevented him from finishing the 25th edition. A talented and experienced driver, Kenjiro Shinozuka is also considered to be an excellent tactician.

### CAREER RECORD

1992	Paris-Cape Town: 3rd overall -Safari Rally: 10th overall Paris-Beijing: 4th overall -Ivory Coast Rally: 1st overall
1993	Paris-Dakar: 5th overall - Hong Kong-Beijing: 4th overall
1994	Safari Rally: 2nd overall - Baja Spain: 5th overall Indonesian Rally: 3rd overall - Hong Kong-Beijing: 4th overall
1995	Granada-Dakar: 3rd overall - Safari Rally: 2nd overall Rally Indonesia: 5th overall -Hong Kong-Beijing: 6th overall
1996	Rally of Malaysia: 3rd overall - Hong Kong-Beijing: 3rd overall
1997	Dakar-Agades-Dakar: 1st overall
1998	Paris-Granada-Dakar: 2nd overall - Italian Baja: 2nd overall Rally of Tunisia: 2nd overall - Rally Atlas Savane: 2nd overall Marlboro UAE Desert Challenge: 3rd overall
1999	Granada-Dakar Rally: 4th overall - Italian Baja: 1st overall Rally of Tunisia: 2nd overall - Por Las Pampas: 2nd overall Marlboro UAE Desert Challenge: 2nd overall
2000	Por Las Pampas: 1st overall UAE desert Challenge: 3rd overall
2001	Paris-Dakar: 30 <sup>th</sup> overall
2002	Arras-Madrid-Dakar: 3 <sup>rd</sup> overall Italian BAJA: 3 <sup>rd</sup> overall
2003	Dakar – Nissan Pickup - Baja Espana – Nissan Pickup Pharaohs Rally – Nissan Pickup
2004	Dakar – Retirement – Nissan Pickup Tunisia Rally – Morocco Rally – Nissan Pickup

## Pascal MAIMON (FRA)

## CO- DRIVER

Born 17<sup>th</sup> March 1960 - Married, 3 children

Pascal Maimon has plenty of African experience, not only knowing the various tracks and trails well, but also having excellent mechanical knowledge. After a number of years with Citroën and then with Peugeot Talbot Sport, this exceptional co-driver and mechanic has most notably taken part in the development program for the phenomenal 205 and 405 T16 Grand Raid cars. Three years of collaboration with TSO allowed him to perfect his knowledge of Africa and of its potential pitfalls. In 2001, he reached the top with a second-place finish in the mythical Dakar. This was followed by victory in 2002 with Hiroshi Masuoka. An unforgettable moment...In 2003, Pascal joins the Nissan Rally Raid Team and finishes 5<sup>th</sup> of the Dakar with South African driver Giniel de Villiers. During the 2004 Dakar, he will take part with Yves Loubet on one of the four works Nissan Pickup, but the crew has to leave the race too early. This year, he will share the Nissan Pickup cockpit with Kenjiro Shinozuka, just as he did during the Rally of Tunisia a few months ago. An experienced and clever team, ready to set off for the trails of Africa.

### CAREER RECORD

1985	Kenya Rally with Pierre Pagani sur 205 Turbo 16
1987	Paris-Dakar with Jacques Houssat – service car Peugeot Talbot Sport
1988	Paris-Dakar with Gérard Boin - P4 – 21 <sup>st</sup> overall
1989	Pharaohs Rally with Jacques Houssat sur P4 – 16 <sup>th</sup> overall -Paris –Dakar – 16 <sup>th</sup> overall
1990	Paris-Dakar with Gérard Boin sur P4
1991	Paris-Pekin with Philippe Wambergue - Toyota (race cancelled)
1992	Paris-Pekin with Jacques Houssat - Perlini (Rothmans Mitsubishi) - Paris-Le Cap with Bruno Saby – Mitsubishi
1993	Atlas Rally
2000	Baja with Hiroshi Masuoka – Mitsubishi - Dakar-Le Caire with Miguel Prieto - Mitsubishi
2001	Paris-Dakar with Hiroshi Masuoka – Mitsubishi – 2 <sup>nd</sup> overall
2002	Paris-Dakar with Hiroshi Masuoka – Mitsubishi – 1 <sup>st</sup> overall - Rally Tunisia with Bruno Saby – Ford Ranger
2003	Dakar with Giniel de Villiers – Nissan Pickup – 5 <sup>th</sup> overall - Baja Italia with Khalifa Al Mutawei – Nissan Pickup Rally Tunisia with Marc Blazquez – Nissan Patrol - Baja Portugal with Marc Blazquez – Nissan Pickup Baja Espana with Marc Blazquez – Nissan Pickup
2004	Dakar with Yves Loubet – Nissan Pickup Rally Tunisia with Kenjiro Shinozuka

## Carlos SOUSA (POR)

## DRIVER

Born January 16th 1966

Married, one child

After a brilliant career with Mitsubishi, Carlos Sousa has just joined Nissan. For this first event with Team Dessoude, Carlos will be driving a 2003 version of the factory Pickup. As far as the navigation is concerned, Thierry Delli Zotti will be in the right-hand seat. Both motivated to take up this challenge the Franco-Portuguese duo could create a surprise. Even if the winner of the 2003 World Cup for Cross Country Rallies lacks experience with the Pickup, he will be able to count on Thierry Delli Zotti, who knows the car particularly well. A team worth keeping an eye on...

### CAREER RECORD

1989	Starts in Cross Country rallies
1990-1991	Cross Country Portuguese National Trophy – 3 <sup>rd</sup> overall
1995	Winner in T1 category
1996	1 <sup>st</sup> Cross Country Portuguese National Championship 12 <sup>th</sup> Grenada-Dakar – 3 <sup>rd</sup> cat.T1
1997	10 <sup>th</sup> Dakar-Dakar – 1 <sup>st</sup> cat.T1
1998	1 <sup>st</sup> Cross Country Portuguese National Championship
1999	1 <sup>st</sup> Cross Country Portuguese National Championship 1 <sup>st</sup> Baja Portugal
2000	1 <sup>st</sup> Baja Portugal
2001	1 <sup>st</sup> Cross Country Portuguese National Championship 5 <sup>th</sup> Paris-Dakar 1 <sup>st</sup> Baja Portugal - 2 <sup>ème</sup> Baja Espana
2002	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cross Country Portuguese National Championship 1 <sup>st</sup> Baja Portugal - 2 <sup>ème</sup> Baja Espana 5 <sup>th</sup> Arras – Madrid - Dakar
2003	4 <sup>th</sup> Telefonica-Dakar 3 <sup>rd</sup> Baja Italia 1 <sup>st</sup> Baja Portugal – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rally Morocco 1 <sup>er</sup> Baja Greece – 1 <sup>st</sup> Orient Rally Cappadoce 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rally Por Las Pampas <b>Winner of the World Cup for Cross Country Rallies</b>
2004	1 <sup>st</sup> Baja Espana 1 <sup>st</sup> Baja Portugal 1 <sup>st</sup> Baja Italia 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rally Morocco 2 <sup>nd</sup> Baja Portalegre

## Thierry DELLI-ZOTTI (FRA)

## CO- DRIVER

Born 5th February, 1964

Married, 2 children

An incredible level of experience and excellent knowledge of the trails of Africa ... Thierry Delli-Zotti has taken part in the Paris-Dakar 18 times during his career, as a driver (8 times), a co-driver and as a mechanic. He has also taken part in the French All-Terrain Endurance Championship and the 24 Hours of Paris TT on numerous occasions. A magnificent career record for an extraordinary driver and navigator, who will be alongside the 2003 World Cup winner, Carlos Sousa, for the very first time.

### CAREER RECORD

1987	Paris-Dakar : 1 <sup>st</sup> entry as mechanics
1988	Paris-Dakar : co-driver - Mitsubishi
1989	Paris Dakar : driver - Mitsubishi Pajero
1990	Paris Dakar : driver - Mitsubishi Pajero
1991	Paris Dakar : driver - Mitsubishi Pajero
1992	Paris Dakar : driver - Mitsubishi Pajero
1993	Paris-Dakar : Mechanics
1994	Paris Dakar : driver - Mitsubishi Pajero
1995	Paris Dakar : driver - Mitsubishi Pajero
1996	Paris-Dakar : opening car for the official Mitsubishi team – Rally Morocco for Mitsubishi
1997	Paris-Dakar : press car driver – Rally Morocco : co-driver – Rally Tunisia : Team Mitsubishi
1998	Paris-Dakar : co-driver- Jose Maria Servia - Toyota - Rally Tunisia : Team Boch
1999	Paris-Dakar : co-driver - Jose Maria Servia – Team Schlesser – 5 <sup>th</sup> overall Rally Tunisia : co-driver – Team Schlesser – 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Paris-Istambul : Team Schlesser-2 <sup>nd</sup>
2000	Paris-Dakar : co-driver - Grégoire de Mévius - Nissan – Team Dessoude Paris-Istambul : co-driver - Bruno Saby – Ford Protruck
2001	Paris-Dakar : co-driver - Bruno Saby – Ford Protruck : 13 <sup>th</sup> overall Rally Tunisia : co-driver - Bruno Saby – Ford Protruck – 1 <sup>st</sup> overall
2002	Paris-Dakar : co-driver - Kenjiro Shinozuka – Mitsubishi – 3 <sup>rd</sup> overall Rally Tunisia : co-driver - Emmanuel de Savoie – Nissan – Team Dessoude
2003	Dakar : co-driver - Kenjiro Shinozuka – Nissan Pickup – Rally Tunisia : Proto Siemens – 12 <sup>th</sup> overall Rally Morocco : co-driver - Marc Blazquez – Nissan Patrol – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Production category Baja Espana and UAE Desert Challenge with Yoshio Ikemachi – Nissan Patrol – Production category
2004	Dakar: co-driver - Yoshio Ikemachi - Nissan Patrol - 1 <sup>st</sup> Production category Oman Desert Express: co-driver - Jun Mitsuhashi -Nissan Pathfinder- 2 <sup>nd</sup> overall Rally Tunisia – Proto Raimondi -Rally Morocco – co-driver - Marc Mirande -Proto Raimondi

## Paul BELMONDO (FRA)

## DRIVER

Born on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1963 in Boulogne Billancourt

Married, 3 children

Always passionate about motorised sport, he became an Elf driver in 1982 and made his way through the junior classes, first in Formula 3 then in Formula3000.

1985 saw him take part in the 24 Hours of Le Mans for the first time, with a Porsche.

Seeing his talent, the March Illmor Formula One team offered him a seat in 1992. He was to take part in 7 Grand Prix, and finished 9<sup>th</sup> in Hungary.

Since 1995, he has been racing in the GT category, initially with a Ferrari, followed by Toyota, Porsche and Chrysler.

As the boss of Paul Belmondo Racing, entered in various GT Championships, he combined the roles of driver and Team Manager. His passion for motorsport made him turn towards Rally Raids, where he discovered a new category and new challenges. During the 2003 Dakar, he reached Sharm el Sheikh after a superb event and claimed an excellent second place in the Production category with a Nissan Pathfinder. In 2004, Paul was not able to reach Dakar, and retired mid-event. He will take his revenge in 2005, with his usual navigator for this event, the extremely experienced Willy Alcaraz.

### CAREER RECORD

- 1992 Formula 1 – March Illmor  
7 Grand Prix and 9<sup>th</sup> place in Hungary
- 1995 Debuts in GT category
- 1999 FIA GT Championship – 1<sup>st</sup> Miami (USA) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Zuhai (China)  
French GT Championship – 1<sup>st</sup> Le Mans – 2<sup>nd</sup> Valencia (Spain)
- 2000 FIA GT Championship – 2<sup>nd</sup> Valencia (Spain) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Estoril (Portugal)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Silverstone (GB) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Zolder (Belgium) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Magny Cours  
8<sup>th</sup> FIA GT Drivers Championship
- 2001 FIA GT Championship – 5<sup>th</sup> Spa (Belgium) – 11<sup>th</sup> FIA GT Drivers Championship  
4<sup>th</sup> FIA GT Teams Championship
- 2002 FIA GT Championship – 4<sup>th</sup> Enna Pergusa (Sicilia)  
5<sup>th</sup> FIA GT Teams Championship  
Paris-Dakar
- 2003 1<sup>st</sup> Belcar (Zolder)  
Dakar : 20<sup>th</sup> overall – 2<sup>nd</sup> Production category – Nissan Pathfinder  
Rally Morocco : 10<sup>th</sup> overall – 2<sup>nd</sup> Production category – Nissan Pathfinder
- 2004 Dakar – Nissan X-Trail – retirement  
Rally Tunisia - Rally Morocco

## Willy ALCARAZ (FRA)

## CO- DRIVER

Born June 19th 1961

Married – two children

Willy Alcaraz will be taking part in his 14th Dakar in 2005. Having navigated for a number of drivers, Willy will be taking part in his third Dakar alongside Paul Belmondo. But alongside his rally-raid participations, Willy is first and foremost a rally driver. Since 1999, he has claimed no fewer than 25 Group N victories in national events.

Paul will be able to count on Willy's experience and his talents as a navigator in order to reach the Rose Lake on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Forced to retire in 2004 in the middle of Mauritania, the team will be keen to take their revenge.

### CAREER RECORD

- 1987 Dakar – co-driver – Mitsubishi
- 1990 35<sup>th</sup> Dakar – co-driver – Land Rover
- 1991 30<sup>th</sup> Dakar – co-driver – Land Rover
- 1992 23<sup>rd</sup> Paris-Le Cap – co-driver – Land Rover  
21<sup>st</sup> Paris-Pekin – co-driver – Land Rover
- 1993 32<sup>nd</sup> Dakar – co-driver – Buggy Duc  
24<sup>th</sup> Atlas Rally – driver – Land Rover  
13<sup>th</sup> Pharaohs Rally – driver – Land Rover
- 1994 24<sup>th</sup> Dakar – driver – Land Rover
- 1995 Dakar – co-driver – Land Rover
- 1996 Dakar – co-driver – Sanyong
- 1997 16<sup>th</sup> Dakar – driver – Nissan Patrol  
15<sup>th</sup> Atlas rally – co-driver – Nissan Patrol  
7<sup>th</sup> Master Rally (1<sup>er</sup> T1) – co-driver – Nissan Patrol
- 1998 18<sup>th</sup> Dakar – co-driver – Nissan Terrano
- 1999 19<sup>th</sup> Dakar – co-driver - Carlos Sousa – Mitsubishi
- 2001 12<sup>th</sup> Dakar (1<sup>st</sup> T1) – co-driver -Stéphane Peterhansel - Nissan Terrano
- 2003 20<sup>th</sup> Dakar (2<sup>nd</sup>T1) – co-driver -Paul Belmondo – Nissan X-Trail
- 2004 Dakar – co-driver -Paul Belmondo – Nissan X-Trail

## Isabelle PATISSIER (FRA)

## DRIVER

Born March 1st 1967

It was at the age of six that Isabelle discovered the joys of mountaineering. Very quickly, climbing became a real passion. After finishing school, she opted to dedicate herself entirely to her sport. No fewer than eight hours of daily training were necessary in order to reach the very top.

During her ten years of competition, she won a number of national and world titles. In 1995, Isabelle decided to bring her career to an end, and began to study psychology.

Looking for a new sporting venture, she took up a different challenge : motorsport. Passionate about the adventure, her choice quite naturally turned towards rally raids. In order to reach her objective, she tried motorsport in all its forms : off-road, circuits, ice racing and karting...

Isabelle will be taking part in the most legendary Rally Raid event, the Dakar, for the fourth time. She will be competing in the T1 category, driving a Nissan Pathfinder just like the one with which she claimed the T1 category world title this year. She will then continue to compete in the World Cup for Cross Country Rallies, but in the T2 class. Her aim for the 2005 Dakar : to aim for victory in the Production category. It should be remembered that she finished second in 2004.

### CAREER RECORD

1988 French Rock-Climbing Champion  
1990 World Rock-Climbing Champion  
French Rock-Climbing Champion  
1991 World Rock-Climbing Champion  
French Rock-Climbing Champion  
1992 Second, European Rock-Climbing Championship  
French Rock-Climbing Champion  
1993 Second, European Rock-Climbing Championship  
2000 2<sup>nd</sup> 3Com Star Challenge  
3<sup>rd</sup> in the Trophy of the Gazelles  
2002 Andros Trophy with kart cross  
PARIS-DAKAR Rally  
20<sup>th</sup> Rally of MOROCCO (co-driver Steve RAVUSSIN)  
2003 PARIS-DAKAR Rally  
20<sup>th</sup> Rally of Tunisia  
12th, Rally of Morocco  
2004 Dakar – 2<sup>nd</sup> cat. T1  
1<sup>st</sup> overall Oman Desert Express – Nissan Pathfinder  
1<sup>st</sup> T1 Rally Tunisia – Nissan Pathfinder  
1<sup>st</sup> T1 Rally Morocco – Nissan Pathfinder  
1<sup>st</sup> T1 Orient Rally – Nissan Pathfinder  
2<sup>nd</sup> T1 UAE Desert Challenge – Nissan Pathfinder  
**Winner of the World Cup for Cross Country Rallies**

## Bernard IRISSOU (FRA)

## CO- DRIVER

Born October 27th 1950 in Albi

Married, 2 children

Having taken part in the Dakar eight times between 1991 and 2004, Bernard Irissou has plenty of experience of the African rally events. Over the last two seasons, he appears to have found the perfect combination by teaming up with Isabelle Patissier. A duo who joined Nissan since the 2004 Dakar, and after claiming a magnificent second place in the Production class, went on to win their first overall win just over a month later, in Oman.

Race after race, Bernard has learnt to work with Isabelle, and this perfect agreement has paid off, as our two companions claimed the World Cup for Cross Country Rallies in the T1 category.

### CAREER RECORD

1991 Dakar  
1992 Dakar  
1993 Dakar  
1994 Dakar  
2001 Dakar  
2002 Dakar - Rally Tunisia - Baja Espana  
2003 Dakar  
Rally Tunisia with Isabelle Patissier – 20<sup>th</sup> overall and 1<sup>st</sup> Marathon Diesel  
Rally Morocco with Isabelle Patissier – 12<sup>th</sup> overall and 1<sup>st</sup> Marathon Diesel  
2004 Dakar with Isabelle Patissier – Nissan Pathfinder – 24<sup>th</sup> overall and 2<sup>nd</sup> Production  
1<sup>st</sup> overall Oman Desert Express with Isabelle Patissier – Nissan Pathfinder  
1<sup>st</sup> T1 Rally Tunisia with Isabelle Patissier – Nissan Pathfinder  
1<sup>st</sup> T1 Rally Morocco with Isabelle Patissier – Nissan Pathfinder  
1<sup>st</sup> T1 Orient Rally with Isabelle Patissier – Nissan Pathfinder  
2<sup>nd</sup> T1 UAE Desert Challenge with Isabelle Patissier – Nissan Pathfinder  
**Winner of the World Cup for Cross Country Rallies – T1 Category**

# Benoît ROUSSELOT (FRA)

Born May 1st 1973

**DRIVER**

The French Rally Champion in 2002, who finished second in 2003, Benoît RousseLOT has a fine rallying career record. But at the age of 31, the Frenchman decided to give his career a new direction, turning towards cross-country rallies. For the 2005 Dakar, he will join Team Nissan France Dessoude. With support from Nissan France, Benoît's mission for 2005 will be to retain the T1 world title won by Isabelle Patissier this year. He will be driving a Pathfinder, the absolute weapon in the category during the 2004 season. But before taking part in Rally Tunisia, the first round of the 2005 World Cup, Benoît will have to reach the end of 'his' first Dakar.

## CAREER RECORD

- 1993** Paris 24 Hours - Cross country - Land Rover  
Trophée Andros ( 205 Peugeot T16)
- 1994** Trophée Andros ( Rover métró 6R4) - Montée de l'Olympe - Buggy Fouquet
- 1995** Trophée Andros ( Porsche 996) – French Rally Championship ( BMW M3 group A)
- 1996** « Equipe de France Espoir » - French Rally Championship ( Ford Escort group A)  
**Lorraine –Alsace Region rally Champion**
- 1997** French Rally Championship ( Ford Escort groupe A ) –1<sup>st</sup> podium Critérium des Cévennes
- 1998** French Rally Championship ( Renault maxi Mégane ) - 5<sup>th</sup> overall classification
- 1999** French Rally Championship ( Renault maxi Mégane ) - 4<sup>th</sup> overall classification  
14<sup>th</sup> Tour de Corse WRC Round-1<sup>st</sup> amateur category
- 2000** French Rally Championship ( Renault maxi Mégane) – 3<sup>rd</sup> overall classification  
winner 2-litre category -Tour de Corse
- 2001** Super 1600 World Championship ( Ford Puma)  
French Rally Championship ( Subaru Impreza) – Winner of Rallye du Touquet
- 2002** French Rally Championship ( Subaru Impreza WRC)  
Winner of Lyon-Charbonnières Rally – Winner of La Rochelle Rally  
Winner of Cévennes rally  
**French Rally Champion**
- 2003** French Rally Championship ( Subaru Impreza WRC )  
Winner of Cœur de France rally ( Tours) –Winner of Cévennes Rally  
2<sup>nd</sup> overall French Rally Championship
- 2004** French Rally Championship ( Peugeot 206 WRC)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alsace rally – 2<sup>nd</sup> Limousin Rally- 3<sup>rd</sup> Rouergue Rally  
Rally Morocco ( Buggy Philippe Gache)  
Winner of Rallye du Touquet – 2<sup>nd</sup> Cévennes Rally

## Jun MITSUHASHI (JPN)

DRIVER

Born July 2nd 1970

Jun's career started in bikes in the 1990's. After a number of successes in Japan in Endurance racing, he discovered rally raids, and fell under the charm of this area of the sport, the symbol of adventure and extreme effort.

He took part in three editions of the Dakar, and finished 12<sup>th</sup> overall in 2002. In 2003, he joined the Nismo programme for training young Japanese drivers. Placed in Team Nissan Dessoude to complete his training, he took part in his first four-wheeled event in September 2003, in the Pharaohs Rally. This Dakar will be he second with a car. This time, his navigator will be Sylvain Poncelet, with whom he just won the Shamrock. Jun would like to see the shores of the Rose Lake this year, unlike in 2004, when he was forced to retire.

### CAREER RECORD

1991	1 <sup>st</sup> PARE-NASU (Japan)
1992	2 <sup>nd</sup> in class 125cc Baja 1000
1994	1 <sup>st</sup> in class 2-day Enduro of Hidaka (Japan) 1 <sup>st</sup> in class 2-day Survival Enduro (Japan) 18 <sup>th</sup> overall Nevada rally
1996	1 <sup>st</sup> in class Enduro 2 jours d'Hidaka (Japan)
1998	1 <sup>st</sup> in class Enduro 2 jours d'Hidaka (Japan) 2 <sup>nd</sup> overall 2-day Enduro Survival (Japan)
1999	1 <sup>st</sup> in class Teigi 400 Enduro (Japan) 1 <sup>st</sup> overall 2-day Survival Enduro (Japan) 1 <sup>st</sup> overall SSER (Japan) 1 <sup>st</sup> overall 2-day Hidaka Enduro (Japan) 20 <sup>th</sup> overall UAE Desert Challenge
2000	1 <sup>st</sup> overall Takayama Offroad Enduro (Japan) 1 <sup>st</sup> overall SSER (Japan) 1 <sup>st</sup> overall Mongolian Rally Raid
2001	3 <sup>rd</sup> Teigi 400 Enduro (Japan) 1 <sup>st</sup> overall 2-day Survival Enduro (Japan) 22 <sup>th</sup> overall Paris Dakar
2002	1 <sup>st</sup> overall Teigi 400 Enduro (Japan) 1 <sup>st</sup> overall MT Monkey Scramble (Japan) 1 <sup>st</sup> overall Gallop X (Japan) 12 <sup>th</sup> , Paris –Dakar
2003	16 <sup>th</sup> , Paris Dakar (Moto) 9 <sup>th</sup> Rally of the Pharaohs (Automobile) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Shamrock – Morocco (Automobile)
2004	Dakar (Auto) – retirement – Nissan Pathfinder Baja Espana (Auto) – Nissan X-Trail 1 <sup>st</sup> Shamrock – Morocco (Auto) – Nissan X-Trail

## Yoshio IKEMACHI (JPN)

DRIVER

Born November 24th 1971 at Kobe City - Married - Hobbies: motorbikes, climbing

Yoshio started competing in cross-country rallies with a motorbike at the age of 17. His first race outside Japan was the Australian Safari in 1994. Since then, he has taken part in a number of international events, always on two wheels. He was also a member of the Japanese team on the 1998 Camel Trophy 1998. On the 2004 Dakar, with Thierry Delli Zotti as his navigator, he was the surprise winner of the T1 category. This year, Yoshio has chosen a Japanese navigator. He has also changed category, as he will be driving a Nissan X-Trail T2.

### CAREER RECORD

1994	Australia Safari Rally	Motorcycle class 4 <sup>th</sup> overall
1995	Mexico BAJA 1000 mile	Motorcycle class 250cc 7 <sup>th</sup> overall
1996	Paris Dakar Rally	Press car Navigator
	HIDAKA 2 days enduro (Japan)	4 <sup>th</sup> overall
1997	Dakar Agades Dakar Rally	Motorcycle class 16 <sup>th</sup> overall
	Australia Safari Rally	
1998	CAMEL TROPHY in Tierra del Fuego, South America - Representative of JAPAN	
1999	HIDAKA 2 days enduro	2 <sup>nd</sup> overall
	NISSEKI -Tour de blue Island Rally (Japan)- Champion	
2000	Paris Dakar Cairo Rally	Motorcycle class 10 <sup>th</sup> overall
	NISSEKI- MITSUBISHI Tour de blue Island Rally (Japan)- Champion	
	Tunisia rally	Motorcycle class 16 <sup>th</sup> overall
2001	Asia International enduro	2001 Asian Champion
	Tunisia rally	Motorcycle class 8 <sup>th</sup> overall
2002	Asia International enduro	3 <sup>rd</sup> overall
	Tunisia rally	Motorcycle class 11 <sup>th</sup> overall
	Rally Sentones BRAZIL	Motorcycle class 16 <sup>th</sup> overall
	Rally SHARK Extreme FRANCE	Motorcycle class 16 <sup>th</sup> overall
2003	Rally Morocco	Motorcycle
	Baja Spain – Nissan Patrol – Production category	
	UAE Desert Challenge – Nissan Patrol - Production Category (19 <sup>th</sup> overall – 5 <sup>th</sup> in cat.)	
2004	Dakar – Nissan Patrol – 1 <sup>st</sup> Production category	
	Baja Espana – Nissan X-Trail	
	Shamrock Rally - 4 <sup>th</sup> overall – Nissan X-Trail	

# NISSAN PICKUP TYPE DAKAR

## SUPER PRODUCTION CATEGORY (T2)

### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Dimensions	Length	4880mm
	Width	1840mm
	Wheelbase	2950mm
	Track	1640mm
Engine	Based on the VQ series of engines (4 valves per cyl. 4 cam All-aluminium engine) 3.5 litres	
Bore/stroke	95.5 x 81.4	
Max. output	280 bhp at 5000 rpm	
Max. Torque	37 mkg at 4000 rpm	
Clutch	Twin plate 7.5" configuration	
Throttle system	Twin roller throttle system for inlet air	
Sump	Oiling system – dry sump configuration	
Engine mngt syst.	Fully programmable Pectel "T6" with internal logging, which captures engine performance history	
Transmission	Six speed sequential gearbox with centre differential and single reverse	
Suspension	Front : double wishbone with coil spring carrier and 3" shock absorber, configured to give suspension travel of 250mm Rear : double wishbone with coil spring carrier and 3" shock absorber, configured to give suspension travel of 250mm	
Front &Rear axles	Front and rear axles are centre portions from Patrol 233mm rear axle with motorsport constructed diff-housing	
Brakes	Front and rear – AP four piston callipers with 305mm ventilated discs –adjustable balance front and rear	
Wheels	Rims 16 x 7" Magnesium Alloy	
Tyres	BF Goodrich - Rims 7 x 16	
Fuel Tank	Capacity 500 litres	
Steering	Power assisted rack and pinion	
Differential	Limited slip differential front and rear	
Maximum speed	185 km/h	
Weight (empty)	1800 kg	
Roll Cage	Fully integrated roll cage	
Body panels	Composite bonnet, rear quarter, front bumper and fender panels	
Chassis	Standard chassis extensively modified and integrated roll cage system for improved torsional rigidity and durability	

# NISSAN X-TRAIL

## SUPER PRODUCTION CATEGORY (T2)

### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

#### Dimensions :

Length	4640 mm
Width	1850 mm
Wheelbase	2700 mm
Front track	1500 mm
Rear track	1505 mm

Engine	Nissan VQ35 in aluminium – V6 24 valves
Capacity	3498cm <sup>3</sup>
Bore/stroke	95,5 x 81,4
Maximum power	260 bhp at 6500 rpm (fitted with a 32 mm restrictor according to FIA rules)
Max. Torque	24 mkg at 4000 rpm
Transmission	special 5-disc clutch
Gearbox	Standard, modified by SADEV
Front suspension	MacPherson with Proflex
Rear suspension	Rigid axle and two shock absorbers per wheel, helicoidal springs and suspension with five anchorage points.
Direction	rack and pinion
Brakes	ventilated discs at the front and the rear.
Tyres	BF Goodrich – OZ rims (7x16)
Fuel tank capacity	450 litres
Maximum speed	165 km/h
Weight (empty)	1800 kg

# NISSAN PATHFINDER

## PRODUCTION CATEGORY (T1)

### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

#### Dimensions :

Length	4350 mm
Width	1840 mm
Wheelbase	2070 mm
Front track	1064 mm
Rear track	1064 mm

Engine 3.5 litre V6

Capacity 3498cm<sup>3</sup>

Bore/stroke 95,5 x 81,40

Maximum Power 240 bhp at 6000 rpm  
(fitted with a 32 mm restrictor according to FIA rules)

Max. Torque 24 mkg at 4000 rpm

Gearbox 5-speed standard gearbox

Front Suspension MacPherson Reiger

Rear Suspension rear drive with five fixation points

Steering rack and pinion assisted

Brakes standard – front stirrups 320 mm, rear drums

Tyres BF Goodrich – OZ rims (7x16)

Fuel Tank capacity 450 litres

Max. Speed 160 km/h

Weight (empty) 1940 kg

# RETROSPECTIVE

## NISSAN DESSOUDE ON THE RALLY- RAIDS

1984/85	1st diesel on the Paris-Dakar
1988	2nd in the marathon category in the Paris-Dakar and 2nd and 3rd in the Rally of the Pharaohs
1989	1st in the marathon category of the Paris-Dakar, 2nd in the T2 category of the Spanish Baja, 1st in the T12 category of the Rally of the Pharaohs, 1st in the T1 category and 2nd and 4th in the T2 category in the Atlas rally-raid; 1st in the T2 category of the Portuguese Baja.
1990	2nd in the T1 category of the Rally of Tunisia; 1st and 2nd in the T2 category in the Atlas, 1st in the T2 category in the Australian Safari
1991	1st in the T2 category on the Paris Tripoli Dakar, winner of the T1, T2 and diesel categories on the Rally of the Pharaohs
1992	1st in the T2 category and 2nd in the marathon category in the Paris-Le Cap, 1st and 2nd in the T1 and 2nd in the T2 category on the Paris-Moscow-Peking, 1st in the T2 category in the Rally of the Pharaohs, 1st in the T1 and 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the T3 category in the Australian Safari
1993	1st and 2nd in the T1 category in the Portugal Baja, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the T2 category of the Spanish Baja, 1st and 3rd in the T1 category of the Rally of Tunisia and 2nd and 4th in the T2 category of the Rally of Tunisia ; 1st diesel and 3rd T2 in the Rally of the Pharaohs, 1st and 2nd in T1, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in T2 in the Atlas, 1st T3 in the Australian Safari, and World Champion of the Marathon category.
1994	1st and 2nd in the T1 category, 1st in the T2 category and 1st diesel in the Rally of Tunisia, 1st in the T2 category in the Atlas Rally, 1st T2 in the Spanish Baja, 1st T2 in the Italian Baja ; 1st T2 in the Australian Safari.
1995	1st in the T1 category, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the T2 category in the Grenada-Dakar Rally.
1997	1st stage victory in the Paris-Dakar, 6th overall.
1999	7th and 8th in the Paris-Dakar
2000	8th in the Paris-Cairo
2001	Winner of the marathon category (with Peterhansel), 7th, 8th, 10th and 12th in the overall classification of the Paris Dakar, 2nd in the Rally of Tunisia (De Lavergne), 3rd in the Master Rally and in Morocco (De Mevius). 3 <sup>rd</sup> overall of the Master Rallye
2002	Arras-Madrid-Dakar (De Lavergne) 11 <sup>th</sup> overall Rallye Tunisia (De Lavergne) 2 <sup>nd</sup> overall
2003	Dakar (De Lavergne) 11 <sup>th</sup> overall Rallye Morocco (Loubet), 4 <sup>th</sup> overall, Baja Espana (Loubet), 7 <sup>th</sup> Rallye Pharaohs (Loubet), 1 <sup>st</sup> overall
2004	<b>Winner of the World Cup for Cross Country Rallies cat. T1 (Patissier)</b> T1 wins (Patissier) – Rally Tunisia, Rally Morocco, Orient Rally Oman Desert Express (Patissier) – 1 <sup>st</sup> overall Orient Rally (De Mevius), 1 <sup>st</sup> overall UAE Desert Challenge (De Mevius) – 2 <sup>nd</sup> overall Shamrock Rally (Mitsubishi) – 1 <sup>st</sup> overall

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## PHOTOS

An internet photo site for Team NISSAN France DESSOUE is available, where high-resolution photos (copyright-free for press use only) can be downloaded. This site will be updated every day during the event. To use the site, please go to the following address, then identify yourself with the username and password provided :

**Address : [www.nissandessoudepresse.com](http://www.nissandessoudepresse.com)**  
**Username : nissan 2004**  
**Password : presse**

## 2005 DAKAR ROUTE

### The sporting statistics

- 3 legs in Spain
- 2 legs in Morocco
- 6 legs in Mauritania
- 2 legs in Mali
- 3 legs in Senegal

- Longest Leg : Barcelona - Grenada (919 km)
- Shortest Leg : Barcelona - Barcelona (18 km)
- Longest special stage : Zouérat - Tichit (660 km)
- Shortest special stage : Barcelona - Barcelona (4 km)

- 2 Marathon legs

Zouerat - Tichit

Kiffa - Bamako

During each of these stages, the cars will be placed in Parc Fermé and will not be able to be serviced.

- GPS Points – Most of the stages will make navigation a priority : only the GPS reference points of the Checkpoints and the finish points of the special stages will be given.

- Overall, 8 956 km including 5 431 km of special stages and 3 525 km of liaison.

Date	Start	Arrival	Liaison	Stage	Liaison	Total
31/12/04	Barcelona	Barcelona	6 km	4 km	8 km	18 km
01/01/05	Barcelona	Granada	919 km			919 km
02/01/05	Granada	Rabat	6 km	10 km	507 km	523 km
03/01/05	Rabat	Agadir	122 km	123 km	421 km	666 km
04/01/05	Agadir	Smara	240 km	381 km	33 km	654 km
05/01/05	Smara	Zouérat	121 km	492 km	9 km	622 km
06/01/05	Zouérat	Tichit	9 km	660 km		669 km
07/01/05	Tichit	Tidjikja	520 km	18 km		538 km
08/01/05	Tidjikja	Atâr	3 km	361 km	35 km	399 km
09/01/05	Journée de repos à Atâr					
10/01/05	Atâr	Atâr	8 km	483 km	8 km	499 km
11/01/05	Atâr	Kiffa	34 km	656 km	5 km	685 km
12/01/05	Kiffa	Bamako	25 km	586 km	208 km	819 km
13/01/05	Bamako	Kayes	205 km	370 km	93 km	668 km
14/01/05	Kayes	Tambacounda	93 km	529 km	8 km	630 km
15/01/05	Tambacounda	Dakar	108 km	225 km	236 km	569 km
16/01/05	Dakar	Dakar	37 km	31 km		68 km
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1.936km</b>	<b>5.431km</b>	<b>1.589km</b>	<b>8.956 km</b>

## THE MAIN ENTRANTS...

N°	Driver	Co-driver	Make	Type	Nat.	Team
300	SCHLESSER JEAN-LOUIS	BORSOTTO FRANCOIS	SCHLES-FORD-RAID			FORD - RAID
301	SERVIA JOSEP MARIA	DEBRON ARNAUD	SCHLES-FORD-RAID			FORD-RAID
302	GACHE PHILIPPE	GARCIN JEAN-PIERRE			FRA	S.M.G
303	HENRARD STEPHANE	DE ROISSARD ANTONIA	VOLKSWAGEN	BUGGY	BEL	HRT - HENRARD RACING
304	GUINOT JEAN-FRANCOIS	KROISS MANFRED	VOLKSWAGEN	BUGGY	FRA	HRT - HENRARD RACING
305	MAGNALDI THIERRY				FRA	FAST & SPEED HONDA
306	PETERHANSEL STEPHANE	COTTRET JEAN-PAUL	MITSUBISHI	PAJERO EVO	FRA	MITSUBISHI MOTOR SPORTS
307	SABY BRUNO	PERIN MICHEL	VOLKSWAGEN	TOUAREG	FRA	VOLKSWAGEN MOTORSPORT
308	MC RAE COLIN	THORNER TINA	NISSAN	PICK UP	UK	NISSAN RALLY RAID TEAM
309	MASUOKA HIROSHI	SCHULZ ANDREAS	MITSUBISHI	PAJERO EVO	JAP	MITSUBISHI MOTOR SPORTS
310	KLEINSCHMIDT JUTTA	PONS FABRIZIA	VOLKSWAGEN	TOUAREG	ALL	VOLKSWAGEN MOTORSPORT
311	VATANEN ARI	SIVIERO TIZIANO	NISSAN	PICK UP	FIN	NISSAN RALLY RAID TEAM
312	ALPHAND LUC	PICARD GILLES	MITSUBISHI	PAJERO EVO	FRA	MITSUBISHI MOTOR SPORTS
313	KANKKUNEN JUHA	REPO JUHA	VOLKSWAGEN	TOUAREG	FIN	VOLKSWAGEN MOTORSPORT
314	DE VILLIERS GINIEL	LURQUIN JEAN-MARIE	NISSAN	PICK UP	AFS	NISSAN RALLY RAID TEAM
315	<b>SOUSA CARLOS</b>	<b>DELLI - ZOTTI THIERRY</b>	<b>NISSAN</b>	<b>PICK UP</b>	<b>POR</b>	<b>NISSAN DESSOUE</b>
316	MAYER ANDREA	POLATO JEAN-MICHEL	MITSUBISHI	L200	ALL	MITSUBISHI MOTOR SPORTS
317	GORDON ROBBY		VOLKSWAGEN			VOLKSWAGEN MOTORSPORT
318	AL ATTIYAN NASSER SALEH	GUEHENNEC ALAIN	BMW	X 5	QAT	X - RAID
319	<b>SHINOZUKA KENJIRO</b>	<b>MAIMON PASCAL</b>	<b>NISSAN</b>	<b>PICK UP</b>	<b>JAP</b>	<b>NISSAN DESSOUE</b>
320	ROMA NANI (JOAN)	MAGNE HENRI	MITSUBISHI	PAJERO EVO	ESP	MITSUBISHI MOTOR SPORTS
321	<b>DE MEVIUS GREGOIRE</b>	<b>DUBOIS JACKY</b>	<b>NISSAN</b>	<b>PICK UP</b>	<b>BEL</b>	<b>NISSAN DESSOUE</b>
322	STRUGO JEAN-PIERRE	LARROQUE PASCAL	MERCEDES		FRA	GROINE DEVELOPPEMENT
323	JEAN-JOSEPH SIMON	BOYERE JACK	MERCEDES		FRA	GROINE DEVELOPPEMENT
324	<b>PATISSIER ISABELLE</b>	<b>IRISSOU BERNARD</b>	<b>NISSAN</b>	<b>TERRANO</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>NISSAN DESSOUE</b>
325	MONTERDE JOSE LUIS	TORNABELL RAFAEL	BMW	X 5	ESP	X - RAID
326	PALIK LASZLO	DARAZSI GABOR	NISSAN	PICK UP	HON	RTL MOTORSPORT KLUB
327	TEMPESTINI MARCO	DI PERSIO ROBERTO	MACMOTER		ITA	MAC MOTER
328	CHARBONNIER THIERRY	ANTONIOLLI PATRICK	BOWLER		FRA	BOWLER
329	SZALAY BALAZS	BUNKOCZI LASZLO	OPEL	FRONTERA	HON	OPEL RACING TEAM
330	ORIOLE EDI	ROSOLEN PASCAL	ISUZU		ITA	ISUZU - CLAY REGAZZONI
331	HOUSIEAUX DOMINIQUE	FAGOT LOIC	MITSUBISHI		FRA	RALLIART
332	RATET JEAN-JACQUES	CATTARELLI BRUNO	TOYOTA	HDJ 100	FRA	TOYOTA AUTO BODY
333	CHABOT RONAN	PILLOT GILLES	TOYOTA	LAND CRUIS	FRA	TOYS MOTORS SPORTS
334	BLAZQUEZ ROURA MARC	SALVADOR IGNACIO	NISSAN		ESP	NISSAN MOTOR ESPANA
335	VILLALBA JOSE ANTONIO	GARCIA JOSE	MERCEDES		ESP	GROINE DEVELOPPEMENT
336	LEAL DOS SANTOS RICARDO		MITSUBISHI	PAJERO	POR	
337	DEBANNE ALEXANDRE		TOYOTA		FRA	TOYOTA CHALLENGE
338	<b>BELMONDO PAUL</b>	<b>ALCARAZ WILLIAM</b>	<b>NISSAN</b>	<b>X - TRAIL</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>NISSAN DESSOUE</b>
339	KOLBERG KLEVER	ROLDAN LOURIVAL	MITSUBISHI		BRE	RALLIART
340	KATAYAMA UKYO	ARAKAWA DAISUKE	TOYOTA	HDJ 100	JAP	TOYOTA AUTO BODY
341	DE LAVERGNE THIERRY	ANQUETIL BERNARD	RENAULT	MEGANE	FRA	SENEGAL RACING TEAM
342	WADE SYNDIELY	DESMASURE PIERRE - H	NISSAN	PATROL	SEN	SENEGAL RACING TEAM
343	ASAGA TOSHINORI	NUMATA YASUSHI	TOYOTA	HDJ 100	JAP	TOYOTA AUTO BODY
344	ERRANDONEA BERNARD	IGOA PATRICK	BUGGY	SMG	FRA	S.M.G
345	LAVIEILLE CHRISTIAN	CHOUPIIN CHRISTIAN	NISSAN	PATHFINDER	FRA	TECNOSPORT-ITALIA
346	SELGA FRANCESC	SALIDO FELIX			ESP	
347	PORNSAWAN SIRIWATTANAKUM	PORNTHEP SUKAFUTA			THA	RALLIART
348	SMULEVICI ETIENNE	GAMBILLON PASCAL	NISSAN	PATROL GR	FRA	PROMOTECH RALLY RAID
349	LOOMANS JACKY	VANDECAVEYE GELLA	BOWLER		BEL	LOOMANS
350	CHICHERIT GUERLAIN	BAUMEL MATTHIEU	BOWLER		FRA	VOLANT JEUNE
351	MICHIELS ALBERT	DE CONINCK PATRICK	BOWLER		BEL	
352	BOWLER ANDREW		BOWLER	WILDCAT	UK	BOWLER
353	DALMAU RAMON	OLLER ENRIC			ESP	EPSILON
354	<b>IKEMACHI YOSHIO</b>	<b>SUGIMURA TAKUYA</b>	<b>NISSAN</b>	<b>X TRAIL</b>	<b>JAP</b>	<b>NISSAN DESSOUE</b>
355	LU NINGJUN	PIO ALESSANDRO	NISSAN		CHI	TECNOSPORT-ITALIA
356	PINARD STEPHANE	REUTIN JAMES	BUGGY		FRA	ORPIST RACING TEAM
357	BROLIN JOSH		TOYOTA		USA	OLN
358	PLAZA PEREZ MANUEL	DE QUINTO MARCOS	MERCEDES		ESP	GROINE DEVELOPPEMENT
359	SALINERO JOSE MANUEL	RUIZ MONTSERRAT	NISSAN	TERRANO	ESP	"SOLDADOS.COM"
360	BERNARD ERIC	JONCHERE MIGUEL	TOYOTA		FRA	E.LECLERC
361	FOJ XAVIER	PUJOLAR JOAN	TOYOTA	LAND CRUISER	ESP	CEMEX
362	<b>MITSUHASHI JUN</b>	<b>PONCET SYLVAIN</b>	<b>NISSAN</b>	<b>X-TRAIL</b>	<b>JAP</b>	<b>NISSAN DESSOUE</b>
363	KIS SANDOR	CZEGLEDI PETER	NISSAN	PICK UP	HON	RTL MOTORSPORT KLUB
364	SICRE GERARD LUC	VIGNALI STEPHANE	TOYOTA	LAND CRUISER	FRA	TAKAFON TTS
365	HOLLOWCZYC KRZYSZTOF	FORTIN JEAN-MARC	MITSUBISHI		POL	RALLIART
366	<b>XU LANG</b>	<b>LURQUIN FABIAN</b>	<b>NISSAN</b>	<b>PALADIN</b>	<b>CHI</b>	<b>NISSAN DESSOUE</b>
367	<b>ZHOU YONG</b>	<b>SCHURGER DENIS</b>	<b>NISSAN</b>	<b>PALADIN</b>	<b>CHI</b>	<b>NISSAN DESSOUE</b>
368	<b>ROUSSELOT BENOIT</b>	<b>DE WEINDEL PHI.</b>	<b>NISSAN</b>	<b>TERRANO</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>NISSAN DESSOUE</b>
369	FROMMONT YVES	LAMBERT OLIVIER	BOWLER		FRA	ENTREPRISES RHONE ALPES
370	VAN DEN BROECK MICHEL	FERYN PASCAL	TOYOTA	RAV 4	BEL	AD SPORT

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