

Dakar 2017: IVECO wins two podium places and overall lead

Two IVECO trucks from the PETRONAS De Rooy IVECO Team finished Stage 7 in the Top 5.

Ton van Genugten wins second place while Gerard de Rooy closes the special in fourth and keeps the lead in the overall classification.

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The 2017 Dakar Rally caravan is again moving after two days without race activity due to heavy rain in Bolivia. The organisation was forced once again to shorten Stage 7, as a result of the continuous bad weather affecting the roads.

The 322 kilometres special was cut to half and only 161 kilometres were taken into account for the clock in a mixed stage with sections of Stage 6 – which was cancelled on Saturday – and Stage 7. This is the beginning of the “Marathon Stage”, where the teams of all categories except Trucks are not allowed to work on their cars and only the drivers are allowed to do the job.

Despite of the difficulties for the participants, it has been a great day for the PETRONAS De Rooy IVECO Team. With the #507 Trakker, Ton van Genugten finished in the second place, only 2m51s behind Sotnikov, winner of the day. The Dutchman benefits from this fantastic result to advance in the overall classification, after a hard end of the first part of the Dakar.

Gerard de Rooy, last Dakar winner in Trucks, secured a good fourth place that keeps him in the overall lead in his #500 Powerstar with five stages still to run until the arrival in Buenos Aires.

Wuf van Ginkel, with the #525 Iveco Trakker, fell back to 13th place, 12 minutes behind the leader. This puts him more than seven hours behind the leaders and outside the Top 20 in the overall classification.

In the #502 Powerstar, Federico Villagra achieved another podium finish and arrived third in Uyuni, less than one minute behind Ton van Genugten. The Argentine driver is now in fifth position, placing a second IVECO inside the Top 5 in the overall classification.

The race will continue on its way to Argentina tomorrow, in a very long day for the participants. Almost 900 kilometres will be run, with 492 of them in a timed stage between Bolivia and Argentina.

Stage 7 Results – Dakar 2017

1. Dmitry Sotnikov (Kamaz)	1h41m35s
2. Ton van Genugten (IVECO)	+2m51s
3. Federico Villagra (IVECO)	+3m37s
4. Gerard de Rooy (IVECO)	+4m25s
5. Siarhei Viazovich (Maz)	+5m22s

13. Wuf van Ginkel (IVECO)	+ 12m19s

Overall Classification – Dakar 2017

1. Gerard de Rooy (IVECO)	15h52m07s
2. Dmitry Sotnikov (Kamaz)	+2m11s
3. Eduard Nikolaev (Kamaz)	+5m57s
4. Airat Mardeev (Kamaz)	+20m12s
5. Federico Villagra (IVECO)	+33m42s

20. Ton van Genugten (IVECO)	+6h05m29s
22. Wuf van Ginkel (IVECO)	+ 7h12m28s

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