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24 hours of France: "Loctite Charlies" helped Orpist & Technoraid.



At the conclusion of these **24 hours TT of France** 2009 run during this sunny weekend of September, the first participation of the **Loctite Charlies** was a real success. After having distributed gracefully a set of products Loctite to each of the participants during the technical checks, the 3 Charlies settled their Stand style Dakar Bivouac on the Pit 56 of the Orpist Racing Team which welcomed them as partners for this edition 2009.

From Friday evening, the first repairs were made on running pumps and destroyed volume indicators, but also a lot of advices was supplied on the use of Loctite products with the aim of the race which looked long and testing for the cars.



Saturday morning, from the first trial laps, first mechanical problems arose in Teams least indeed prepared, and Charlies was already called in Pits, sometimes to give an advice, sometimes to supply the product allowing a fast repair to allow to run the qualification lap. Of Charlie's memory, even on Dakar bivouacs, the repairs are not so quickly made as in a 24H TT Pit.

To change a Gear Box in 12mn, a steering box within 10mn, the whole gone using Loctite Treadlocker or to repair a hole of 2cm in a oil crankcase as that of the KDJ 120 of Team Génération 4x4 with of 3463 cold Epoxy Dough, to fill up some oil and to restart less of

5mn later - what a heavy job.

To the great satisfaction of the Charlies, the majority of the cars on which they intervened joined the arrival, in the regrettable exception of their host the Orpist Racing Team of **Stéphane Pinard** obliged to stop unless 1h30 of the end of the race further to a break of clutch while they occupied the 15th place of the race.

Other partner Team of Loctite, Technoraid Team allows **Nicolas Gibon** to place his Bowler on the 6th place, and its 2 other Bowlers in 17 first ones. Loctite Company and its Charlies is already impatient to participate in the edition 2010 of this incomparable event.