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Loctite® and Teroson products help to get 2drive Buggy back in shape



Getting ready for the toughest challenge on wheels is quite a challenge in itself, as Austrian rally champion Raphael Sperrer found out while preparing to tackle the Dakar for the first time. But he got help from the Henkel specialists and their Loctite® and Teroson products who solved two tricky problems.



(1) When Raphael Sperrer put his spectacular new 2drive Adventures buggy through some rigorous tests, the left fender got badly damaged. It was repaired in less than one hour using Terokal-9225 Plastic Repair Adhesive and a Kevlar mat. The adhesive comes in a Repair Kit together with Terokal-150 Plastic Primer, Teroson FL Cleaner + Thinner, some reinforcement matting and the Teromix Application Gun with Static Mixer for easy application. It can be used on all types of plastic materials, has excellent sandability, high stability and allows overpainting.



2) The high-tech buggy is equipped with four fuel tank vent caps in different sizes. Raphael and his co-pilot were badly affected by fuel vapours escaping through the flange and into the cockpit when a seal failed as a result of the extreme vibration and shock loads imposed on the vehicle. The Henkel specialists found a remedy for this problem, too:



They applied Loctite® 542 Hydraulic Thread Sealant on the tube fittings to seal and lock them safely in place, and sealed the cap with Loctite® 518, a gasketing product of gel-type consistency that fills gaps up to 0.5 mm.

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Loctite® and Teroson in the heart of action

In addition to Loctite® 543 and 518, Henkel brought numerous other Dakar-proven products to the rally, plus some of the latest innovations in the product line. Each item has been chosen to ensure that the drivers' efforts to reach Dakar are not delayed by a loose bolt, worn bearing, damaged housing, leaking seal, broken windshield – or any other unexpected incident



The Dakar is an exceptional adventure which demands unconditional passion, optimum performance and maximum perfection from the people involved, the machines used and the materials employed. Henkel is making a vital contribution to ensure that the competitors can meet these challenges.

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