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Dakar tyre report,

At the start in Buenos Aires some top pilots were looking and laughing at the mean looking Mefo tyres with their high profile which come from the side-car motorsport. As long as I drive with the Mefo Mousse and Tyres I do believe in the quality of these German tyres. The last several years my team use Mefo products in the sidecar world championship and in international rally with great success.

The Dutch pilot Henk Knuiman did some test work in France with the rear Mefo MP 500 and was surprised about the grip of this rear tyre, Also the Belgium rally team EAO use Mefo tyres and mousses in their rally and adventure tours. Also the German desert girl Tina Meier had great success with Mefo tyres.

Already in the beginning of the first leg from Buenos Aires to Santa Rosa, I started my laughing when I saw that the top pilots already started struggling with their Michelin tyres and mousses. The high speed and the heat burned the French rubber before ending the first special and lost much time with tyre problems. With speed over 130 KM/H over more than 400 km special test I had no problem at all with our Mefo mousses and tyres.

At the rest day in Valparaiso some competitors came to me and wanted to buy the Mefo products, I had only enough parts for myself so I could not help.

After 9575 KM through deserts, mountains and the rocky pistes in South America I look back at an extreme rally in extreme heat, and I am happy I made a good decision to start this rally again with Mefo off road parts.

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