

## 2008 WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Pirelli celebrated its centenary of motorsport victories - the first was in 1907 - with a new commitment as 'Official tyre supplier to the FIA WRC'



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Rally Monte Carlo 24 – 27/01/2008

### Gigi Galli interview

I'm really very happy I have been given the possibility to have a complete program for this season. Last year I took part in only three rallies and finally this year thanks to the Stobart VK M-Sport Ford rally team and **Pirelli** I'll have the opportunity to take part in all 15 rounds of the **2008 FIA World Rally Championship**.

I tested with the Ford Focus RS WRC07 for the first time on Sunday and after nine months out of the car it was a little bit difficult to test on the icy surface. Anyway, the first test went well and I'm really happy with the car. I felt comfortable with it as the Focus is fast and exciting to drive. **Rallye Monte-Carlo** will help me find the right pace and the feeling both with the car and the team. This morning the Shakedown was a fast stage and it's been useful to do kilometers and some adjustments on the set-up. I have been given a great opportunity this year and there are so many people I say thank you to. I'm really excited to get this year underway.

Tonight was my first competitive stage in the car and generally it went OK. We drove in the middle of the road and I enjoyed the stages tonight even though they were tricky in places. We made some small mistakes on the first stage and slid wide on a patch of ice we didn't know about. Tonight's stages were very fast which was probably not the best for me but I am happy to be safely finished the first day.

Tomorrow it'll be a long day and I'll try to keep a good pace without risking too much.

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