



The Macan in Morocco

04/06/2014 Journalists put 15 new Porsche Macan models through their paces – in the middle of the Moroccan desert.

What makes an off-road vehicle? Right. It should also cut a good figure off the metalled roads. Porsche claims this is exactly what the Macan can do. It is "light of foot and full of stamina when driving off-road". But talk is cheap. How does the compact SUV handle in reality? To answer this question, the Stuttgart sports car manufacturer invited 230 journalists from all over the world to a location where roads are uneven, mountain passes are narrow and potholes are deep: Morocco.

Representatives of the media drove from Marrakesh through the Atlas Mountains and the Agafay Desert, a distance totalling 300 kilometres, as this TV special shows. Over lunch in traditional Berber tents, they gained enough new strength to write down their impressions. Here is a selection:

"Rural roads gradually gave way to gravel tracks. The Porsche Macan cooperates without a complaint. Even if the potholes begin to take on the size of small ponds and rocks reach up to the wheel hubs. Thanks to variable all-wheel drive and sufficient ground clearance, the Porsche SUV overcomes all obstacles." Stern.de

"The all-wheel drive, which distributes its power by electronic control so that the rear wheels definitely call the shots when overtaking, is more than up to the situations encountered on this tour." Focus Online

"The Macan eats up bends with no trouble at all as if it wanted to deny it was ever a SUV. An adaptive 4x4 ensures stability on gravel and sand; the double clutch changes gear like butter and offers excellent performance." Neue Züricher Zeitung am Sonntag

"Even if Porsche emphasises its sportiness, the SUV is perfectly capable of cutting a good figure off-road, despite all its sporty comfort. The gravel tracks in the Atlas Mountains, of course selected by the works crew before the test, posed no problem at all to the solidly built suspension, despite transverse ruts and medium-size rocks." AutoPresse.de

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