

# World Rally Championship 2006 team profiles

## KRONOS TOTAL CITROEN WRT

- 1 Sebastien Loeb / D. Elena
- 2 Xavier Pons / C. del Barrio

All change for **Citroen** as multi-winning French marque takes a year out to focus on developing **C4 WRC** model for 2007. **Kronos** – steadily building a reputation in WRC – and double drivers' champion **Loeb** look likely title contenders



Citroen Xsara WRC BFGoodrich\*

## BP FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM

- 3 Marcus Gronholm / T. Rautiainen
- 4 Mikko Hirvonen / J. Lehtinen

**Ford** starts renewed assault for rallying's top title with all-new **Focus RS** and acquisition of double champion **Marcus Gronholm**. Ford has scored points for 60 rallies in a row – and now has best hope to regain title since early 1980s



Ford Focus RS WRC 06 BFGoodrich

## SUBARU WORLD RALLY TEAM

- 5 Petter Solberg / P. Mills
- 6 Stephane Sarrazin / S. Prevot

**Subaru** kicks off season with stunningly aggressive new **Impreza WRC 2006**. **Petter Solberg**, champion in 2003 and runner-up for last two years, will be hoping to spoil **Sebastien Loeb's** bid for a hat-trick in 2006

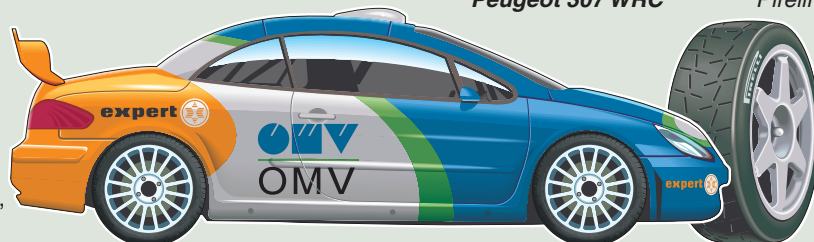


Subaru Impreza WRC 2006 Pirelli

## OMV PEUGEOT NORWAY

- 7 Manfred Stohl / I. Minor
- 8 Henning Solberg / C. Menkerud

With **Peugeot** having pulled out, central European oil and gas group **OMV** takes on its mantle after a successful 2005 season which saw **Stohl** take ninth place in drivers' race. **Henning Solberg**, brother of **Petter**, completes line-up

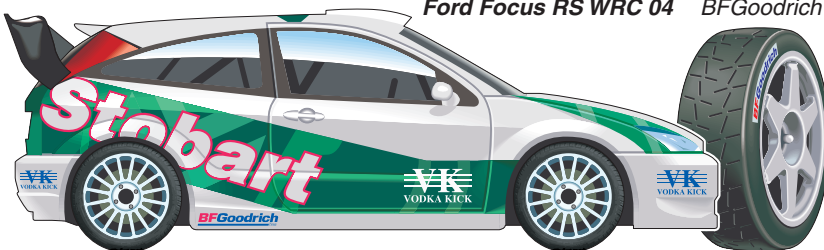


Peugeot 307 WRC Pirelli

## STOBART VK M-SPORT FORD

- 9 Matthew Wilson / M. Orr
- 10 Pieter Tsjoen / E. Chevalier

Works outfit **M-sport** runs **Ford's** second team, backed by **Stobart Motorsport** and **VK. Matthew Wilson**, 18-year-old son of Ford team principal **Malcolm Wilson**, expects tough learning curve in debut WRC season



Ford Focus RS WRC 04 BFGoodrich

## RED BULL SKODA

- 11 Gilles Panizzi / H. Panizzi
- 12 Andreas Aigner / T. Gottschalk

**Skoda** has no factory team in 2006, but continues to support privateers. **Panizzi** finished third in Monte Carlo last year with **Mitsubishi**. DTM touring car star **Mattias Ekstrom** will again enter his home rally in Sweden, partnering **Aigner**



Skoda Fabia WRC BFGoodrich