

Hyundai wants to climb Pikes Peak

After an eleven-year break, Hyundai will once again be competing in the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb (PPIHC) in the USA. The most famous hill climb in the world is often referred to as the "Race to the Clouds". The Koreans have big plans and want to tackle the winding mountain course on June 23 with four cars. With Paul Dallenbach and Robin Shute, Hyundai has signed up two multiple winners. Rally works driver Daniel "Dani" Sordo Castillo will also drive up the 4302-metre-high mountain in the state of Colorado. The brand will not announce the fourth driver until later - as well as which cars will be used.

The Pikes Peak race has been held almost continuously since 1916, and this year marks its 102nd edition. The 19.99-kilometre public road takes riders from 2862 to 4302 meters above sea level. The average gradient on the 1440 meters of altitude difference to be overcome is 7.5 degrees, and the drivers have to deal with 156 bends - more than twice as many as on the Nürburgring Nordschleife, which is roughly the same length. The track record on the Pikes Peak circuit, which has been fully asphalted since 2011, has stood at 7:57.148 minutes since 2018. (aum)

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Hyundai at the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb 2013.

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