

Specifications “Dirtgirl“ Tina Meier

- Year of manufacture:** January 31, 1972
- Weight:** 63 kg
- Chassis:** 172 cm
- Capacity:** Single
- Initial registration:** 1994, on Yamaha XT 500
- Drive:** Infinite landscapes, freedom, navigation, technology and speed
- Inspiration:** Great-grandma Hertha Meier tours Germany on her motorbike in 1933 (off-road, naturally) – a thirst of adventure that runs in the family.
- Mileage:** Yamaha XT 500, KTM SXC 400, KTM ECX 400, KTM EXC 400; currently: GasGas Trial, Yamaha WR 250, WR 450 with DakarTeck-Rallykit
- Idle:** “I’m always happy to be out in the nature with friends, having fun with them and getting us something delicious to eat”.
- Torque:** Spring 2000 – the first desert tour through Libya – the beginning of a sportive passion that culminates with my participation in the 2009 Rally Dakar.
- Kick start:** Participating in national and international licensed races since 2002.
- Lubricant:** Stamina and knowing that skillful navigation and moderate speed can let you gain your goal – sometimes even faster than other drivers going full throttle but neglecting the navigational aspect. “Driving smart, not only fast”.
- Race Taxi:** 2006: 1st (women’s field) at Europe’s biggest Marathon-Rally (Breslau Rally), meeting the Dakar-Team, encouraging Tina to enter the Rally Dakar. The dream takes shape.
2009: Tina’s Bike broke down at the end of day 2 – she needed to quit her dream. But not the Dakar...she switched to the mechanic site and helped French rider Laurent Meffre to continue his race.
- Fuel:** “*I can’t* is not acceptable.” – the motto of the Meier family, fans and sponsors alike.
- Gear:** Finding challenges, checking out limits
- Equipment:** Bike: Yamaha Motors, DakarTeck Rallykit; D. van Schijndel b.v., Chassis: Franz Racing Suspension; Helmets: Arai; Wheels: Supersprox; Tires: Mefo; Exhaust: Doma; Brakes: Goldfren; Air system: Twinair; Bike training: Bergamont; Tuning: Kedo, Navigation/equipment: Touratech; Oxygen training: Vionafit; Glue: Loctite, Internet: Helge Siems
- Style:** Timezone + matt&nat + kidneykaren + Eindruck + kelly monaco
- Paddock:** “Hamburg tax inspector rides for Hamburg software company” – at the Dakar 2010, Tina is part of the HS Rally Team.
- Jump start:** Team Kaiser will see to it that Tina’s mechanic Thorsten Kaiser will be on time and ready to work in all camps during the rally.
- Tuning:** Several training sessions, navigational tours and special desert trainings with rally professional Dirk von Zitzewitz as well as numerous off-road tours with

friends have provided a sufficient basis for acquiring the required driving skills. Also, Tina has managed to gain significant competition experience as she has been taking part in thirteen major international rallies, alongside several experienced Dakar veterans. In 2009 Tina started her own business in cooperation with Dakar Rider EdoMossi for “just for girls” offroad trips to Morocco.

Ignition: “All good things go with 3 – Dakar 2010” friends and family, who gave Tina a warm welcome home have encouraged Tina to make best use of her time to prepare and train even more professionally. She eventually trained in the renowned Universum boxing gym with trainer Fritz Sdunek.

Jump start: “Athletes’ cooking sessions with Hamburg street kids“ is a charity project that Tina has founded in cooperation with www.strassenkids.de to support Hamburg homeless kids.

Fuel: High caloric “Dirtgirls-Power-Snacks” for professional athletes, developed by Tina in cooperation with Carsten von Have-Holst (Cook) and Dr. Stefan Bär (Pharmacist and Nutritionist).

Sound check: Father Tomas: “If Tina is fired up about something, she will go all the way in a professional manner. And I am always surprised just how many people she can win over with her enthusiasm”.

Mother Rosi: “Tina always works out her projects in a very thorough and efficient way. No setbacks would discourage her”.

Grandma Lilo: “If Tina has set her mind on something, she will accomplish”.

Sister Marion: “C’mon, sweetheart. You can do it”!

Vmax:

Dakar Rally 2009	ready to start January 3, 2009
Dakar Rally 2008	ready to start – rally cancelled
Le Touquet 2008	fun on the beach with the Rallyebike
Dresden-Breslau Rally	4x 1 st (women’s field) 2006: 27 th , 2007: 22 nd , 2008: 20 th , 2009: 5 th overall
Tuareg Rally	2007: 3 rd (women’s field) (69 th), 2008: 1 st (women’s field) (22 nd) 2009 – 1. girl
FIM Central Europa Rally	2008: 3 rd (women’s field) (77 th)
EnduRoMania Rallye	(7 x 2004-2008)
Red Bull Romaniacs Hard Enduro Rally	2006: 6 th place, 2007 out day 3, 2008 15 th (non-professional class)
Baja Saxonia	2008: 1 st (women’s field) (10 th)
UEM Italian Baja	2008: 1 st (women’s field) (8 th)
UEM Enduro Baja Championship	2008: 12 th (1 st women’s field)
Norddeutsche Geländemeisterschaft	2007: 1 st , 2008: 2 nd
ADAC-Hansa Enduro Pokal	1 st
Deutscher Enduro Damen-Cup	2007: 4 th , 2008: 3 rd
Danmark Grand National	2007: 1 st (women’s field)
German Rallye Trail	2006: 1 st (women’s field) (17 th)
Hoope Maxi Cup Series	2006: 1 st (women’s field)
Offroadscramble Series	2006: 3 rd (women’s field)