



Nissan Global Media

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DATSUN VIOLET

PA10

With the introduction of the PA10 in 1978, the Works team had a formidable rally weapon on their hands. Fitted initially with a SOHC 1995cc L20B making 200ps, it was upgraded in 1981 with a LZ20B DOHC (with Nissan adding a “GT” designation to distinguish it), good for an additional 15ps more. The end result was an unprecedented four consecutive victories in the Safari Rally- a feat never before accomplished by any manufacturer. The overall success of the PA10 on the global rally circuit catapulted Nissan to 3 consecutive 2nd place finishes in the World Rally Championship standings from 1979 to 1981.

YEAR	POS.	EVENT	NO.	DRIVERS
1979	1st	Safari	9	Mehta / Doughty
1980	1st	Safari	1	Mehta / Doughty
1981	1st	Safari	7	Mehta / Doughty
1982	1st	Safari	1	Mehta / Doughty