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MAGNA SPONSORS RECORD-ATTEMPT DRIVE OF THE SILK ROAD

- Five-time Guinness World Record holder Rainer Zietlow to attempt drive from Shanghai to Venice in under six days
- Volkswagen Tiguan sporting Magna-made parts well-suited for challenge
- Ancient trading route crosses two continents of rugged terrain

SHANGHAI, China, August 17, 2017 — More than 5,500 miles in less than six days. That is the distance that adventurer and long-distance world record holder Rainer Zietlow will attempt to cover when he gets behind the wheel of a 2017 Volkswagen Tiguan - and Magna is proud to ride along with him. The <u>potential world-record setting drive</u> will travel the Silk Road from Shanghai to Venice.

The durability of the Tiguan will be tested as the vehicle crosses rugged terrain through countries including China, Uzbekistan, Iran, Turkey and Italy. Zietlow's Tiguan 1.4 TSI built in

Kaluga, Russia, includes Magna-made front and rear fascias, mirror systems and body stampings.

"I thrive on these kinds of challenges, as evidenced by the name of my company, Challenge4," said Zietlow. "Magna's participation is certainly a great opportunity to showcase its good work on the Tiguan in partnership with Volkswagen Russia."



Rainer Zietlow preparing for his worldrecord attempt drive from Shanghai to Venice.

Zietlow spent the last three weeks scouting the

route from Venice to Shanghai. On Sunday, he'll turn his Tiguan around and attempt to make the return trip to Venice in under six days, which would be a Guinness World Record. Follow the drive on his <u>website</u> and on Magna's social media channels.



"Being a part of this drive, which demonstrates the durability of the Tiguan that we contribute key components to, is a great opportunity. We wish Rainer luck and enjoy taking on this challenge with him," said Grahame Burrow, Magna Exteriors President.

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