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# FRANCE'S *GENDARMERIE NATIONALE* CHOOSES MEGANE RENAULT SPORT FOR RAPID INTERVENTION VEHICLE FLEET

Renault has won the call for tender launched by the *Gendarmerie Nationale* to replace its fleet of rapid intervention vehicles. Renault will deliver a total 70 Mégane R.S. vehicles in *Gendarmerie* guise, starting end of 2010.

The *Gendarmerie* has chosen the "Chassis Cup" version with its extremely precise handling, particularly at high speeds, assisted by a high-performance limited-slip differential and 18-inch tires ensuring the best possible transfer of engine power. The generously sized brakes were also a decisive factor behind the choice, making high-speed driving safer. The powertrain characteristics, and the engine in particular, were adapted to meet the specific needs of the *Gendarmerie* in terms of acceleration and speed, which are vital to its work.

Durisotti, an approved Renault coachbuilder, was selected to incorporate the special equipment stipulated in the specifications of the *Gendarmerie*.

Mégane R.S. rounds out the equipment used by the *Gendarmerie* in its remit to control land flows. The *Gendarmerie* is responsible for the day-to-day safety of the French population across nearly 95% of the national territory, the largest part of which concerns the road and highway network. The new vehicle provides it with an adapted tool for fighting certain types of criminality specific to this environment, including the extremely high speed excesses sometimes encountered in vehicle pursuits, freight theft and assaults committed by highly mobile criminals, and drug trafficker travel (GOFAST).

The new contract extends the success of Mégane Renault Sport and strengthens existing links between Renault and the *Gendarmerie* in terms of road prevention. Members of Sirpa-Gendarmerie, the *Gendarmerie's* public relations office, participate in the "Safety for All" program, launched by Renault in 2000, through initiatives aimed at raising the road safety awareness of children and teenagers.

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The new vehicle adds to the automotive resources of the *Gendarmerie*, where Renault is largely represented. In 2010 Renault received an order for 900 units of Mégane hatchback, Mégane Estate, Clio, Master and Kangoo.

Renault has already provided the *Gendarmerie Nationale* with models from its sports range, including the Alpine A110 and A310 and the Renault 21 2-liter turbo.

Mégane Renault Sport is the leading car in its segment in France with a 44% share of the market at end-September 2010.

Mégane Renault Sport was voted best sports car of the year in January 2010 by the leading UK consumer magazine *What Car?*

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