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## RMA SV SUPPORT FEELIQ INNOVATION IN ASIA CROSS COUNTRY RALLY

Bangkok, Thailand, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – RMA Special Vehicles has provided the technical support to the Feeliq Innovation Ford Ranger Raptor team who completed the Asia Cross Country Rally (AXCR) 2023, held in Thailand and Laos from 13-19 August. Ford Thailand announced its partnership with Feeliq Innovation Motorsport in participating in the AXCR 2023 with the Next-Generation Ranger Raptor, only months after Ford conquered the 2022 SCORE-International Baja 1000 and winning the showroom class at Finke Desert Race in Australia.

The Feeliq Innovation Ford Ranger Raptor overcome all the challenges thrown at it, in the field of 42 trucks and cars and 22 motorcycles, over 6 days and across multiple stages and completed more than 2,000 kilometers with an overall time of 20:06:10 hours and ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the Production Asia (T2A) class.

The Production Asia (T2A) class, categorizes racing vehicles that keep the original factory engines and parts. The Ranger Raptor was expertly fitted by RMA Special Vehicles with a safety harnesses and roll cage, racing seats, a winch and BF Goodrich tires for extreme off-road conditions, as well as mudguards and strengthened underbody protection and internal communications. It uses the original 2.0L Bi-turbo engine and 10-speed automatic transmission.

Asia Cross Country Rally is currently the largest cross-country rally event in Asia. Sanctioned by the International Automobile Federation (FIA), Royal Automobile Association of Thailand (RAAT), and the Association of Motorcycle Sport Club 360 Degrees, it is intended to be 'the ultimate' test for off-road vehicles in this region. Competitors face multiple off-road terrains from mountainous, floodplains, sand and mud, and oppressive heat, all testing the skills and resources of the vehicle engineers to prove the capabilities of the vehicles.



It was piloted by Michael Freeman (AUS), the team director with more than thirty years of race experience. Freeman has scored several victories including his recent overall championship victory in the 2018 TA2 Thailand with his Ford Mustang #55. Navigator Chaiya Chommalee (THA) is a professional rally expert who has been racing for more than forty years.

RMA Special Vehicles congratulates the Feeliq Innovation Motorsport team on their solid performance throughout the rally. The support team is made up of RMA Special Vehicles technicians from RMA Automotive Group Service, Ford RMA in Thailand and Lao Ford City - RMA's dealers in Laos.



## RMA SPECIAL VEHICLES AT FORD CONVERSION SHOW

Bangkok, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 - RMA Special Vehicles displayed a range of modified special vehicles at the Ford Conversion Show from 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> March held in Bangkok.

Ford of Thailand staged the two-day media event for Ford Approved Qualified Vehicle Modifiers to present their services and products to invited guests made up of the Thai automotive press, Ford dealers, and fleet customers.

Seb Robertson - General Manager, Modification Sales, Anthony Sarazar - Assistant Engineering Manager Product Development, Sutharat Rattanawimon - Program Executive Product Development and Yin Chien Kuo and Robert Rosingana - Group Marketing represented RMA Special Vehicles and provided guests with an overview of RMA Group and RMA Special Vehicles and insights into the manufacturing and sales processes. Guests were then taken on a tour to inspect the display vehicles one by one, take pictures and conduct interviews with RMA team members.





RSV vehicles on display were the Mobile Maintenance Vehicle, Ford Ranger Ambulance, Ford Ranger Aerial Platform and a Ford Ranger painted in chameleon paint by RMA Paint.

Over sixty press and ninety Ford dealers and fleet customers attended the event over the two days. The show was covered extensively across the Thai automotive print and digital media landscape.

# RANGER SV



The Ranger SV is a Light Tactical Vehicle built on a Next-Gen Ford Ranger 1-Ton Pick Up, designed for defense and security operations. This vehicle can be developed with customized applications and equipment to suit customers' exact needs. The Ranger SV is engineered with cutting-edge technology to complement surveillance operations.

Its Black Out function switches off all light emitting sources with the flick of a switch. Ranger SV has a suspension upgrade that ensures enhanced handling and long term durability under heavy loads and extreme driving conditions.

Ranger SV also has a GVM upgrade of 3,500kg for better control and load distribution. A GVM upgrade is essential to prevent fading and aging of the damping system in heavy operating conditions. It stabilizes and levels the vehicle, and maintains the ride and drive by stiffening the suspension system for increased ride and drive quality.



The JP8 fuel conversion allows the Ranger SV to run on all grades of Diesel fuel and even jet fuel.

Ford's global design DNA within the Ranger SV is reflected in the C-clamp matrix LED headlamps and strong horizontal upper grille bar with a wider front end. Engines are available in Single-Turbo and Bi-Turbo 2.0 inline four-cylinder diesels.

The cargo area of Ranger SV includes a molded plastic bed liner, an integrated side step, a wider bed, 360-degree zone lighting, a cargo management system, cargo tie downs and more.

Ranger SV is the ultimate option for your Defence and Security vehicle needs.



# Capybara



## INTRODUCING CAPYBARA

Capybara is a purpose-built armored vehicle with flexible exterior configurations which can fit on any base vehicle of any manufacturer, modified to customer's needs and requirements.

Capybara comes in three range models including Capybara Cash in Transit, Capybara Ambulance and Capybara SWAT.



## **CAPYBARA CASH-IN-TRANSIT**

The armored B6 Cash in Transit (CIT) vehicle Capybara Cash-in-Transit has a rear walk-in vault and racking system, security access door, a crew area with seating, intercom, siren and PA system. It has a reverse camera system and a DVR system with 8 cameras for all round vehicle visibility.

The front of the vehicle has B6 steel and window armoring, while the rear vehicle and vault area is protected by lightweight anti-cut composite panels. Capybara CIT is fitted with run flat tyres. The first prototype have been approved by customer and production and deliveries started in 2023.



## **CAPYBARA AMBULANCE**

The ambulance interior is equipped with a single stretcher, attendant seating, oxygen tanks, medical storage compartments, and standard life support medical equipment.

The unit has its own air conditioning system, rear door access and side windows. It is fitted with a PA system, radio, siren and emergency light bar.



## CAPYBARA SWAT

Capybara SWAT vehicle is a purpose built armored rescue vehicle designed for the needs of police tactical units and security companies. It can be configured on any make or model of base vehicle. Standard features include inter-locking doors, a roof hatch, visual reversing system, siren and PA system,

DVR system with up to twelve cameras and run flat tyres. The B2-B6 steel armored rear compartment has foldable seats for eight persons, racking and a roof hatch.



## ***RMA X TRANSIT 4X4 CONVERSIONS GAME SURVEILLANCE VEHICLES***

Pretoria, June 30th, 2023 - RMA Automotive South Africa have built three Ford Transit 4X4 Conversions at their manufacturing facility in Pretoria, South Africa.

This is the first Transit 4X4 Conversion completed at the Home of Special Vehicles in Africa. A team of RMA Special Vehicles technicians from Thailand was deployed to South Africa and completed this project in only two weeks.

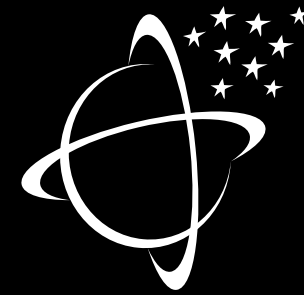
The Transit 470E vans were fitted out according to the customers' specifications by RMAA South Africa's technicians.

The interior fit out included creating a self contained workstation and a rear storage area. The workstation located behind the driver's cabin was fitted with air conditioning, a fridge, wooden flooring, a working table and customized storage cabinets, while the rear was fitted out with a generator and full electrical system for running off both the generator, or plug in power, holders for jerry cans, and work lights fitted inside and out, as well as custom interior cladding and finishes.



A further two Transit Vans on the 350L platform were converted for the same customer by RMA Altinay in Türkiye.

All five vehicles have been shipped to Zimbabwe where they are being used as game surveillance vehicles.



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SALUTE TO DEALERS

## ***FORD SALUTE TO DEALERS HONOREE***

Dearborn, Michigan , January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Kevin Whitcraft and received one of Ford Motor Company’s highest accolades - as a Salute to Dealers Honoree for 2023. This philanthropic award recognizes Ford Dealer Principals who have made an extraordinary commitment of their time and resources to help improve the lives of others by providing support for countless meaningful causes.

Every year six dealers from around the world are honored for their dedication to the betterment of their communities. Now in its 23<sup>rd</sup> year, Salute to Dealers was founded by Edsel B. Ford II and is championed by Henry Ford III.

A panel of judges selected the Honorees based on the Dealer’s individual activities, length of participation and personal motivation. RMA Cambodia was selected for its many CSR initiatives including disaster relief, caring for children and the elderly in underserved communities, donations of ambulances for the Cambodian Red Cross and of Vaccine Vehicles during COVID. RMA Cambodia also invests extensively in vocational training

programs providing technical training and vehicles at several colleges in Cambodia, which create long-term employment and economic opportunities.

The Honorees also received an exclusive hand painted water colour portrait featuring a montage of their philanthropic efforts and involvement in their communities. Copies of the portraits are put on display in the lobby of Ford’s World Headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan for year-round viewing. Once again, this year, Ford Motor Company Fund is donating \$10,000, in the Honoree’s name, to a charity of their choice.

RMA Cambodia’s many CSR initiatives have include food aid during floods, donations of ambulances for the Cambodian Red Cross and donations of Vaccine Carrier Vehicles during COVID. Beyond emergency support, RMA Cambodia invests extensively in vocational training programs at a number of colleges in Cambodia, which create longterm employment and economic opportunity.

[Click here to watch the video](#)

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