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**IDRIS ELBA TAKES ON HIS TOUGHEST CHALLENGE YET
IN *IDRIS ELBA: NO LIMITS***

PREMIERES FRIDAY 1 APRIL AT 9.30PM (AEDT) ON DISCOVERY TURBO

Golden Globe winner and acclaimed British actor Idris Elba is taking on his toughest challenge yet as he sets out to master some of the most difficult speed disciplines in the world. Premiering **Friday 1 April at 9.30pm (AEDT)** on Discovery Turbo, **Idris Elba: No Limits** sees Idris step out of his comfort zone as he pursues one of his life-long passions: to enter the thrilling world of motorsports.

Since he was a little boy, Idris has been fascinated by speed, a passion that was fuelled by his father's job at the Ford factory in Dagenham, where he later worked himself. But being a speed freak is not enough... To succeed in these fields, Idris must learn four completely different skill sets; skills that can take years to master. Idris will test his body, mind and courage to the absolute limit, before pitting himself against the professionals. Taking to both land and air to participate in some of the most fiercely fought competitions in sport; he will be helped by incredible mentors in each of the four disciplines: rally driving, aerobatics, drag racing, and land speed records.

"Rally driving was always on the TV back in the day when I was a kid. It was like rainy weather watching, when I wasn't allowed to play out. My dad worked at Ford and he used to bring home old steering wheels and I used to have them on my lap pretending to be a rally driver," said Idris Elba. *"The biggest struggle for me is dealing with my fear of heights. Comfort zone-wise, this is pushing my fear factor to the limit."*

But it won't all be smooth sailing; Idris has to contend with a variety of issues including bad weather, claustrophobia, a fear of heights, potholes and multiple technical problems. For Idris, participating is not enough. He is entering each competition with just one thing in mind: a hunger to win. Armed with no experience but an abundance of courage, grit, and determination, **Idris Elba: No Limits** captures every high and low as he takes on the biggest challenge of his life.

Imagery and a preview screener for **Idris Elba: No Limits** are available [here](#).

Idris Elba: No Limits
Australian TV Premiere
Fridays from 1 April at 9.30pm (AEDT)
Exclusive to Discovery Turbo

Episode 1: Rally Driving

Friday 1 April at 9.30pm

Ever since he was a little boy, Idris has dreamed of taking part in the famous and prestigious Circuit of Ireland race. And now, with the help of top rally driver Jimmy McRae, he is given the chance to take part in a stage of this two-day, 1,000 mile event, travelling at speeds of more than 160km/h. The narrow tarmac lanes of the course make for an intense experience, even for professional rally drivers. Idris meets manufacturers at the Ford plant in Dagenham, where he worked as a teenager, before taking possession of the Ford Fiesta in which he is to compete. Next, he has to take his British Association of Rally Schools (BARS) rally license test before meeting his co-driver, Michael Orr. Because of Idris's tight schedule, the pair has to train in the London backstreets. Time is of the essence, and they need practice before flying to Ireland to tackle the winding country roads.

Episode 2: Aerobatics

Friday 8 April at 9.30pm

Aerobatics could be the most difficult challenge of Idris's life; he is asthmatic, scared of heights and claustrophobic. When Idris sits in a plane, his enormous frame means his head is just 2cm from the roof. But despite being daunted, he agrees to take to the air and perform at the Coventry Airbase Airshow in front of a crowd of thousands. He'll perform a routine of nine different aerobatic maneuvers linked in a routine, competing against other experienced pilots. Idris is mentored by Ed Cyster, one of the top aerobatic pilots in the UK. Ed is a team GBR competition aerobatic pilot who has amassed multiple national trophies. It's one of the most terrifying moments of Idris's life: but can he overcome his fears before it's too late?

Episode 3: Drag Racing

Friday 15 April at 9.30pm

Idris is challenged with entering the world of drag racing, born on the streets of America and now a world-famous motorsport. Before sitting behind the wheel, Idris heads for Santa Pod, the home of the UK drag racing scene, where he meets one of the country's best known drag racers, Paul Marston. Thrilled to watch the speeds and listen to the deafening noise of the cars with Paul, Idris decides he is up for the challenge and heads to the USA. First, Idris goes to downtown Miami to rendezvous with a drag racing crew at a local car park, before heading to meet the professionals in Dallas, Texas, where he will learn how to handle a Super Comp drag car. With the help of 2012 NHRA champion Antron Brown, Idris will learn to accelerate from standstill to 160km/h in just 0.8 seconds, before potentially achieving speeds of around 320km/h over a quarter of a mile. If he can obtain the NHRA drag racing licence he needs in order to compete, Idris can take part in a top fuel competition.

Episode 4: Land Speed

Friday 22 April at 9.30pm

Since machines were built, we have vied to break records in them. Land Speed is the world's oldest motorsport: the ultimate driver's challenge. Britain has long dominated in this field, so Idris is following in the footsteps of some of the UK's most famous speed freaks. He sets his sights on one of the most famous records of all, set by Sir Malcolm Campbell in 1927 at the legendary location, Pendine Sands in Wales. First up, he has to find and modify a car that will be heavy enough not to bounce off the sand and flip into the air, yet fast enough to break the record. Next up, he has to practice driving at speed. Driving in a straight line sounds easy enough, but with wet sand underneath the tires, and a powerful engine underneath him, it's a tough – and dangerous – skill. His gear changes, acceleration and control all must be absolutely perfect. Finally the day dawns and a crowd gathers to watch and see if Idris can exceed an average speed of 174.2mph in a Bentley Continental GT Sport over a measured mile, and do the same back again too.

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