

THE VOLVO 303 CROSS COUNTRY

It tops out at redline in crawler gear at 1.8 mph while climbing icy walls.

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I have a theory: it is over-exposure to the Northern Lights and too much reindeer meat which cause the Swedes to twitch to a different drummer.

Who but a man with horns on his hat would build the ultimate four wheeler and then expect it to "yump" like a rally car? In four wheel, hi-range top with both differential locks working, that can be quite a yump.

We might also title this epic: "There I was, flat-out down a rally track in the depth of winter, pulling maximum revs on my Volvo 303 Cross Country in crawler gear, doing 1.8 mph at the red line as we climbed this icy wall."

Literally. Well, almost. Given enough bite for its low-pressure tires the 303 will climb an 80% grade or stand on a 40% side hill safely.

"Go anywhere" in the Nordic sense means two muskets further than brand X. My dumbest efforts in the wilds of Sweden couldn't begin to get

