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WORLDWIDE

Hyundai Presents E-GMP Electric Car Platform

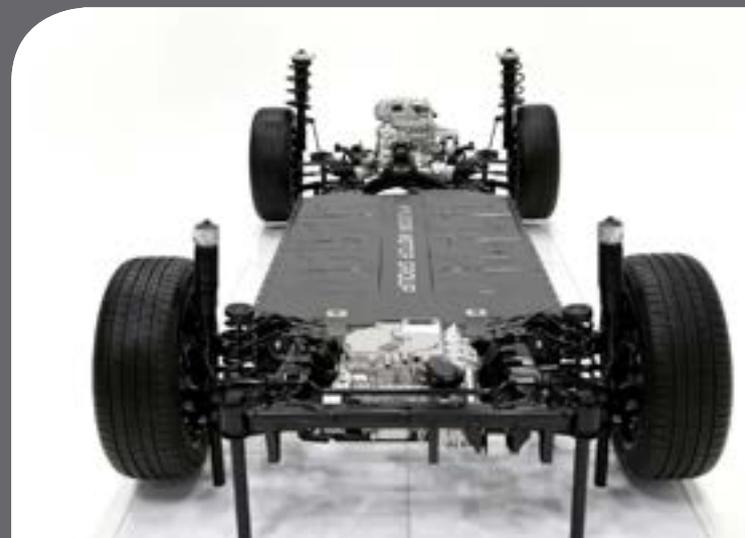
Hyundai presented the Electric Global Modular Platform, or E-GMP for short, at a digital event. The platform should form the basis for the Group's future electric cars and is distinguished by its efficiency. It has been clear for a while that Hyundai would launch the first vehicle based on E-GMP in 2021. The production car based on the Concept 45 will probably be called Ioniq 5 and will be the first electric Hyundai to be equipped with an 800-volt system. As the Korean company announced, the E-GMP vehicles from the C to E segment are to retain, even improve, an important feature of the existing electric cars Ioniq Electric and Kona Electric: The efficiency of the drive.

Major features

- In principle, the E-GMP is designed as a rear-wheel-drive platform, but can also be equipped with a second electric motor on the front axle. The motors – the power range for most models is to be between 70 and 200 kW – were completely newly developed for the platform. The electric motors are supposed to turn up to 70 per cent faster than those in the current Hyundai BEVs, for which the transmission ratio of the differential was of course adapted. Hyundai expects – you guessed it – better efficiency from the faster rotating engine. In addition, the engines are to be smaller and lighter. The inverters based on silicon carbide are also supposed to work faster and more efficiently.
- The engineers rejected water cooling and instead opted for integrated oil cooling. In the motor itself, the copper windings of the electromagnet were replaced by so-called hairpin windings. Compared to the windings with round copper wire, the Hairpin needles allow more copper to

be accommodated in the same installation space. Hyundai speaks of ten per cent more. Hairpin windings in electric cars are not new, but rare.

- The battery system is designed for up to 300 amperes. With the 800 volts, this results in a theoretically possible 240 kW. It remains to be seen how much of this Hyundai can actually use, and above all how for long when charging.
- The maximum range depends on the vehicle and its aerodynamics. In the presentation, Hyundai mentions a range of up to 500 kilometres. A charge



of up to 80 per cent would mean that electricity could be recharged for 400 kilometres in 18 minutes. After deducting the usual losses to real consumption, this would still be just over 300 kilometres in those 18 minutes.

- Even for a cutaway model, it is noticeable that the battery is very flat. When asked, Hyundai gave the length of 130 millimetres for the battery housing. The low centre of gravity and long wheelbase should result in good handling. For the larger models, Hyundai has developed its own five-link rear axle built around the electric motor. The electric four-wheel drive is also intended to increase driving pleasure.

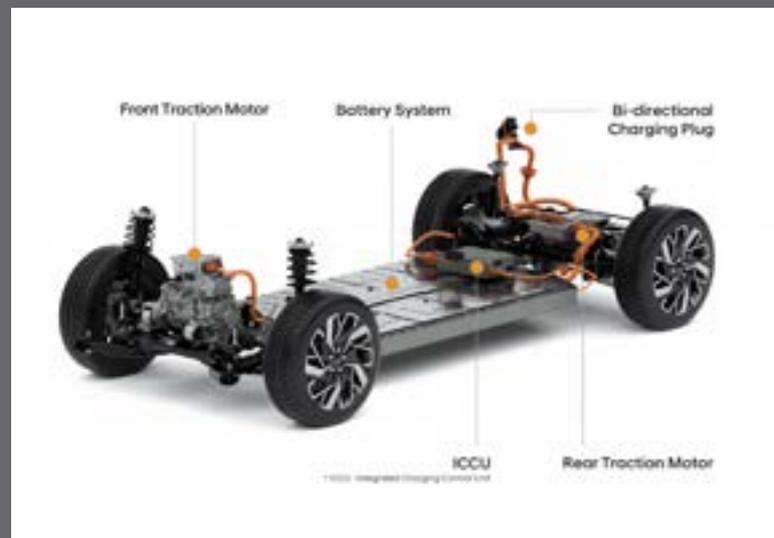
Sales launch

The first model of the new platform will be the Ioniq 5, which is set to be unveiled in early 2021.

Manufacturing location

Initially, the models are to be built in Korea, according to Biermann, officially Head of R&D Division Hyundai Motor Group. “Depending on market demand, we are also considering regional production,” says the former BMW manager who said that this decision has not yet been made.

<https://www.electrive.com/2020/12/02/hyundai-presents-e-gmp-electric-car-platform/>



New Jaguar F-Pace SVR Becomes Faster, More Luxurious And More Refined

Sitting at the pinnacle of the Jaguar performance SUV range, the new F-Pace SVR is faster than ever and features motorsport-inspired exterior design, a luxurious interior and the latest connected technologies. Jaguar SV has refined the F-PACE flagship with a range of enhancements, providing sharper responses and heightened composure to accompany the latest Pivi Pro infotainment and connectivity technologies available across the rest of the performance SUV line-up. The new F-PACE SVR is available exclusively with Jaguar's 550PS 5.0-litre V8 Supercharged petrol engine, now with 700Nm torque – an increase of 20Nm. This uplift in torque delivers enhanced performance, with the F-PACE SVR capable of 0-100km/h in 4.0

seconds, three-tenths of a second faster than before, and a top speed of 286km/h, an increase of 3 kmh. The powertrain now features the same torque converter used in the record-breaking Jaguar XE SV Project 8 sedan, to withstand the higher loads produced.

<https://www.jaguar.com>



Hispano Suiza Unveils More Powerful Carmen Electric Supercar

Hispano Suiza is getting ready to start production of the Carmen Boulogne in Barcelona, Spain, as the manufacturing process requires approximately twelve months with the first unit scheduled for delivery in 2022. Limited to only 5 cars, the lighter and more exclusive variant of the electric hypercar will join the 14 examples of the regular Carmen with a name that pays homage to the 1920s H6 Coupe racer put through its paces around the French city of Boulogne, which brought the company three consecutive wins in 1921, 1922 and 1923. Powering the Carmen Boulogne are four permanent-magnet synchronous electric motors, two on each rear wheel, which generate a total output of 1,114 PS

(820 kW), 95 PS (70 kW) more than the standard Carmen, and 1,600 Nm of torque. Tipping the scales at 1,630 kg, a 60 kg weight improvement, it does the 0 to 100 km/h in just 2.6 seconds in Sport driving mode. An 80 kWh lithium-ion polymer battery is on-board, which supports 80+ kW DC fast charging. It takes 30 minutes to juice it up from 30 to 80 percent via a CCS2 fast charger, and once it is fully charged, it enables a driving range of up to 400 km.

<https://www.carscoops.com/2020/12/hispano-suiza-carmen-boulognes-production-capped-at-5-units-pricing-starts-at-2-million/>





EUROPE

Second Generation Toyota Mirai Introduced to the European Market

Toyota has introduced the second generation of its Mirai Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV) to the European market.

Major features

- A comprehensively redesigned fuel cell system, intelligent packaging and aerodynamic efficiency help extend the driving range to around 650 km, with no other emissions than pure water. In developing the new Mirai, Toyota was committed to delivering all-round improvements to increase customer appeal, from its performance capabilities to the way it looks and drives.
- The new Mirai displays more attractive vehicle proportions: overall height has been reduced



by 65 mm to 1,470 mm, and there is a 140 mm increase in the wheelbase (2,920 mm). With the rear overhang extended by 85 mm, overall vehicle length is now 4,975 mm. A 75 mm increase in the track width and the use of larger, 19 and 20-inch wheels add to the lower and more dynamic stance and visual sense of the new Mirai's lower centre of gravity.

- A more efficient and well-balanced arrangement of the new FCEV powertrain – notably with the fuel cell stack moved from beneath the cabin to the front compartment – has allowed for a more spacious, five-seat interior with improved legroom for rear seat passengers.
- The rigidity of the body has been increased with strategic bracing and reinforcements, the wider application of body adhesives and the use of laser screw welding.
- The new platform also accommodates new multilink front and rear suspension, in place of the previous front MacPherson struts and rear torsion beam arrangement. This set-up provides a high level of stability, controllability and ride comfort. Details include the use of thicker anti-roll bars, optimal upper and lower ball joint location and overall high suspension rigidity, yielding rewards in terms of responsiveness and stability.
- The car's improved aerodynamics, with a lower roof line, full under cover and lower drag

coefficient figure, plays its part too in raising the quality of handling and stability, and achieving the longer cruising range.

Sales target

- The introduction of the new Mirai will see Toyota target deeper market penetration with a 10-fold expansion in sales volume. This growth will be supported by the new model's stronger performance and greater customer appeal, notably as a more affordable vehicle with a selling price reduced by around 20%. The practicality of hydrogen FCEV ownership will also steadily increase as markets improve their hydrogen infrastructure, the number of filling stations rises and Governments and local authorities introduce new incentives and regulations for cleaner mobility.

Manufacturing location

- Toyota began development of a hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicle in 1992, successfully introducing the Mirai sedan to world markets in 2014. Just like its predecessor, the second generation Toyota Mirai is produced at the Motomachi Plant in Toyota City, Japan.

<https://www.toyota-europe.com>



Official Debut of the Renewed Tipo and Panda Line-Up

The Fiat Functional Family – consisting of the best-selling Tipo and Panda models – has been completely refreshed. Both models are now available in a newly structured line-up featuring three souls: Life, Sport and Cross. The innovations include the New Tipo Cross, the New Tipo City Sport and the New Panda Sport, to complete the refreshed line-up. The two models account for 58% of total Fiat car sales and 40% of FCA's total.

What's new

- The Tipo family has been expanded by with the arrival of a new body – the New Tipo Cross, to add to its other three body variants (4-door, 5-door and Station Wagon). It is aimed at a completely new target audience. Indeed, families – the long-standing customer base for the Fiat Tipo – have broadened their preferences and

tastes and are increasingly seeking alternative styles.

- The new Tipo City Sport has also been unveiled, aimed at a young and dynamic customer looking for a distinct character, sporty feel and technological innovation in a car. Even more so, the new version boasts a bolder design, best-in-class safety and infotainment systems and a better-performing and environment-friendlier engine line-up.



- Panda has also been refreshed in its style and substance. The new Panda Sport will complete the refreshed line-up, responding to the needs of a new target customer base boosting Fiat's offering.

Major features

- The height of the New Tipo Cross has been raised by almost 4 cm and includes larger tyres for an even more robust look. It comes with a fully configurable new 7" digital TFT cluster, replacing the conventional analog instrument panel. The New Tipo Cross can be fitted with the 95 or 130-hp turbodiesel 1.6 Multijet or the new gasoline-powered 100-hp 1.0 GSE T3.
- The New Tipo City Sport is immediately recognizable for its distinctive aesthetics, such as the specific "Sport" badge under the front mirror, and the exclusive Metropolis Gray livery embellished with 18" diamond-cut alloy wheels and numerous gloss black details. Available in 5-door and Station Wagon body variants, the New Tipo City Sport can be fitted with the 130-hp turbodiesel 1.6 Multijet or the new gasoline-powered 100-hp 1.0 GSE T3.
- The New Panda Sport is marked out by its distinctive aesthetics: the new two-tone 16"

'Sport' alloy wheels with black and red tires; the handles and wing mirror caps in the same color as the bodywork, on demand in gloss black paired with a black roof (optional); and the exclusive chrome "Sport" logo on the side panel, above the direction indicator. A new and exclusive Matt Gray livery is also available. The new Panda Sport is fitted with the 70 hp 1.0-litre 3-cylinder FireFly Hybrid gasoline engine.

Sales launch

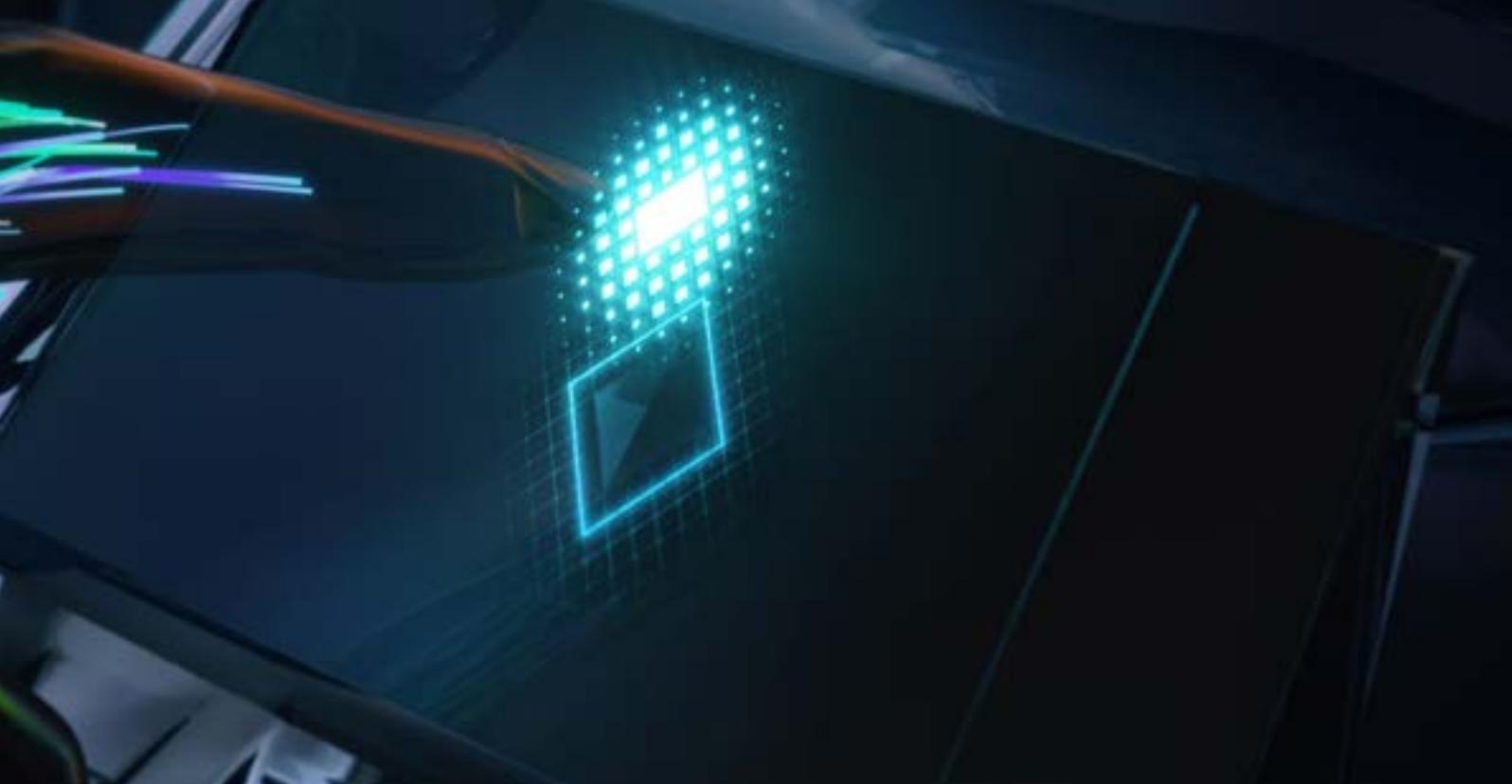
Orders for the new Tipo City Sport can be made from the end of the first quarter of 2021.

Manufacturing location

- The Fiat Tipo has been in production in Bursa, Turkey, since 2015. The 500,000th Tipo Rolled off the line at Tofas in February 2019.
- The Panda is produced at Fiat's plant in Pomigliano, near Naples in southern Italy.

<https://www.fiat.com/>





All-New DS 4 Combines Bold Design and Innovative Technology with Plug-In Hybrid Efficiency

DS Automobiles reveals first details of its new Premium C-segment design: DS 4 DS Automobiles has revealed first details of the all-new DS 4: a new premium C-Segment vehicle that combines French luxury expertise and augmented technology encapsulated in a daring new design. Created for customers who want style, purity, intuitive technology and driving enjoyment, the all-new DS 4 will go on sale in 2021. Built on a new version of the EMP2 platform, the DS 4 combines four key pillars that will underpin all future DS models: electrification, connectivity, dynamic serenity and the next-generation DS light signature.

Major features

- Thanks to a new version of the EMP2 platform, the all-new DS 4 has a body-to-wheel ratio that is completely unique in the premium C-Segment and achieves a silhouette that is both athletic and aerodynamically efficient.
- The all-new DS 4 E-Tense is available with a 180 hp four-cylinder petrol engine that is paired

to a 110 hp electric motor for a combined 225 hp. The all-new DS 4 is capable of more than 30 miles in zero-emissions mode – making it ideal for both urban and rural areas.

- Sensory and experiential technology is part of a wider offering, at the heart of a completely re-imagined infotainment system, the DS Iris System. The new interface takes the usability of a smartphone with a tactile, seamless and responsive interface based around the idea of

profiles that can be completely personalised. The display and driver settings load automatically when entering the car and the personalisation allows different drivers to adjust the content to suit their personal preferences. The DS Iris System can be controlled by voice and gesture.

- The new DS Extended Head Up Display is the first step towards augmented reality. With new immersive technology, driving information such as vehicle speed, navigation instructions, warning messages or driving aid information appear as if projected directly onto the road ahead. Using an optical illusion, data is displayed four metres beyond the windscreen for ease of view. The technology is a first for the segment.

- An innovative ventilation system has also been developed with compact vents, positioned high up and fitted with invisible vanes. The principle behind DS AIR is to control the direction of the air flow using a cone, providing the best possible ventilation both in an upwards and downwards motion. The design is discreet and in-keeping with the high-end feel of the all-new DS 4 interior.

- The all-new DS 4 is available with DS Automobiles' latest, Level 2 semi-autonomous driving technology: DS Drive Assist 2.0 and is the highest level that's allowed on the road at

the moment. DS Drive Assist 2.0 is based around the extensive use of sensor technology, including front radar technology and sensors placed at each corner of the car, while a camera is positioned at the top of the windscreen.

- One of the innovative features of the all-new DS 4 is DS Active Scan Suspension, which is another first for the segment. Using the camera positioned at the top of the windscreen, the technology scans the road surface ahead and transmits data to a state-of-the-art electronic control module.

- The all-new DS 4 features a new generation of ultra-modern slim-line DS Matrix LED Vision headlights. The DS Matrix Beam and Dynamic Bending Light technology have been combined to provide a distinctive and unique identity with powerful illumination.

Sales launch

The all-new DS 4 will go on sale in late 2021.

<https://newspressuk.com/releases/company-View/95513>





Hybrid Drive Finds Another New Home at Audi as Q3 SUV Joins the TFSI e Family

Another convert to the zero local emissions movement is confirmed today as the new Q3 45 TFSI e stakes its claim as the first ever plug-in hybrid Audi model in the compact SUV class. The eighth member of the flourishing electrified TFSI e family will be available to order in Q3 and coupé-inspired Q3 Sportback forms. In both a 1.4-litre TFSI petrol engine and an 85 kW electric motor generate a system output of 245PS to enable travel without tailpipe emissions for up to 31 miles between charges. The four-cylinder 1.4 TFSI petrol engine powering both new Q3 models contributes a healthy 150PS output, and this is supplemented by the 85 kW of power delivered by the permanently excited synchronous motor (PSM). Together, they generate 180 kW

of system power (245 PS) and system torque of 400 Nm, on the strength of which both variants can reach 100 kmh from a standing start in 7.3 seconds. The PSM is integrated into the housing of the six-speed S tronic transmission together with the separating clutch. This dual-clutch transmission transfers the power to the front wheels, and integrates an electric oil pump which maintains supply even when the TFSI engine is switched off to enable normal functioning and gear selection to continue. The Q3 45 TFSI e is set to join the Audi range next spring as its eighth plug-in hybrid model.

<https://www.audi.com>

LATIN AMERICA

2021 Peugeot Landtrek Pickup Truck Debuts In Latin America

Peugeot has been present in the pickup truck segment since 1938, when they launched a flatbed vehicle derived from the 202. After the war, it was replaced by the 203, and then they launched the 403 and 404, and, in 1979, the 504. Fast forward to the present day and the French auto brand has yet another workhorse in its lineup. It's dubbed the Landtrek, is aimed at emerging markets and has recently celebrated its media launch in Los Cabos, Mexico. The Landtrek will launch in Latin America in two phases: in Mexico, Uruguay, Ecuador, Paraguay, Panama, Peru, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti

and Chile at first, and in Argentina, Brazil and Colombia afterwards. Sub-Saharan Africa will also get it, as Peugeot announced at the beginning of the year during the reveal, and then it will arrive in other markets. The pickup truck will be available with two engines, a 1.9-liter diesel delivering 148 HP (110 kW) and 350 Nm of torque, and a turbocharged 2.4-liter gasoline four with 207 HP (154 kW) and 320 Nm.

<https://www.carscoops.com/2020/11/2021-peugeot-landtrek-pickup-truck-debuts-in-latin-america/>



EUROPE

MG to Start Sales in Germany Soon

Former British brand MG is now owned by the Chinese carmaker SAIC and it will start selling its ZS EV compact electric SUV in Germany in the first quarter of 2021. A spokesman for MG confirmed this to 'kfz-betrieb'. The plug-in hybrid EHS will follow shortly afterwards, for which the company will provide details in December. „In addition, there is certainly room for four to five other models in the next few years,“ a company spokesman said. MG only wants to sell electric cars and plug-in hybrids on the European continent. In Great Britain, where the brand has been active for several years since the restart under Chinese management, ICE vehicles are also in the range. After the start in



Germany, the market entry in Italy, Spain, Portugal and Sweden is also planned for 2021.

<https://www.automobil-industrie.vogel.de/mg-startet-vertrieb-in-deutschland-a-982170/>

Citroën Bolsters Berlingo Range with Rip Curl Special Edition

The Berlingo Rip Curl is the latest in a long line of models created through a joint venture between the well-known surf brand and Citroën, with the most recent being the C3 Aircross Rip Curl Edition launched in May. The new model has versatility at its core thanks to three individual rear seats which can be folded into the floor, revealing up to 3,500 litres of storage space. The exterior of the car bears the Rip Curl logo



as well as Ochre-yellow highlights which help to differentiate it from the rest of the Berlingo range. The colour is applied to the trim pieces surround the fog lights as well as on the Airbump trim. All Rip Curl models benefit from a specification equivalent to standard 'Flair' variants, which sees 16-inch alloy wheels, black roof bars and dual-zone climate control as standard equipment. Two engines are available from launch. The first is a Blue HDi diesel linked

to a six-speed manual gearbox, while the second is a more powerful petrol combined with an automatic transmission. The new Berlingo Rip Curl special edition is available to order now, with first customer delivered expected to commence early next year.

<https://www.eveningexpress.co.uk/motoring/citroen-bolsters-berlingo-range-with-rip-curl-special-edition/>

Lexus Launches New Sport Edition of Best-Selling UX Crossover in Europe

Targeted at younger urban drivers, Lexus designers have created a dynamic new appearance for the UX Sport. The first addition to the UX line-up since the new model was introduced last year, the UX Sport follows in the tracks of the successful Sport versions of the RX luxury crossover and NX mid-size crossover in offering a sporty treatment at an attractive price. Design highlights include an all-black Lexus signature grille flanked by darkened Bi-LED headlights. Black 18" or optional dark grey 17" alloy wheels underscore the distinctive crossover shape, while

black door mirrors and roof rails complete the distinctive look. Offered for the first time with full Tahara upholstery throughout, the UX Sport interior strikes a stylish note, and is also available with grey or blue accents. A more accessible alternative to leather, the Takumi-crafted Black Tahara upholstery is more environmentally efficient to produce and features the look and suppleness of leather in a durable product that contains no animal-sourced materials.

<https://www.lexus.eu/>



Toyota Europe Announces New Electrified LCV

Toyota is adding another chapter in its zero emission vehicle strategy. Following PROACE Van and Verso Electric medium-duty announcements, Toyota will add BEV (Battery Electric Vehicle) versions of PROACE CITY in the Toyota Professional commercial vehicle range. This valuable mobility option will be available with a 50kWh lithium-ion battery providing maximum output of 136 DIN hp, ensuring smooth operations in low emission zones. All PROACE CITY Electric versions are fitted with 7.4 kW single-phase onboard charger as standard and optional 11 kW three-phase if faster charging is needed. The line-up will offer Compact and Long body lengths, and both utility-Van and Verso passenger variants to better suit customer needs for business,



fleet and private use. First customer deliveries of the Toyota PROACE CITY Electric will begin from autumn 2021.

<https://newsroom.toyota.eu/toyota-announces-new-electrified-light-commercial-vehicle/>

Mazda2 Will Be a Rebadged Toyota Yaris Hatchback in Europe by 2022

The Mazda2 is struggling to stay competitive in Europe. Rather than develop an all-new model on its own, Mazda has apparently decided to ask Toyota if it can borrow the Yaris Hybrid for a little bit. Badge-engineering is becoming an increasingly common tactic for cash-strapped Japanese automakers. Right now, Suzuki has its badges plastered all over the RAV4 and Corolla wagon. Why? Because Toyota makes some of the best hybrids, and Autoevolution suspects this is the reason behind the Mazda2 change. According to a new report from Autocar, the new



Mazda2 will be built by Toyota. This information is based on a recent financial presentation which mentioning an “OEM-supplied model based on Yaris THS [Toyota Hybrid System]” which will launch within the next two years. Mazda simply doesn't have the right resources to keep its small car alive otherwise. The 1.5-litre motor which usually powers the B-segment probably

can't be made to meet the latest emissions targets in Europe. Another benefit is that the Toyota Yaris is assembled locally in Northern France.

<https://www.autoevolution.com/news/mazda2-will-be-a-rebadged-toyota-yaris-hatchback-in-europe-by-2022-152389.html>

Groupe PSA to Launch All-Electric Versions of Its Compact Van in 2021

Since 2019, Groupe PSA has launched all-electric or plug-in hybrid versions of all its new models. The Group's objective is to offer a fully electrified portfolio by 2025. Following the 2020 launch of electric versions of their medium van models (D-Van) and large van (E-Van), the four brands, Peugeot, Citroën, Opel and Vauxhall will complete their line-ups in 2021 with all-electric versions of their compact van (B-Van) and associated passenger cars. Xavier Peugeot, Senior Vice-President of Groupe PSA's Light Commercial Vehicles Business Unit said: “With these all-electric versions of compact vans and

associated passenger cars, Groupe PSA is continuing its electrification offensive and now offers a completely electrified LCV portfolio without compromises on performance”. The electric compact vans and the battery packs will be assembled at the Vigo plant (Galicia, Spain), the electric motors in Tremery (France) and the final drive gears in Valenciennes (France).

<https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20201202005393/en/Groupe-PSA-to-Launch-All-electric-Versions-of-Its-Compact-Van-in-2021>



41 Years and 400,000th Mercedes-Benz G-Class Built

Mercedes-Benz has been building the G-Class for more than 40 years, and now it's hit another production milestone. Though it's not as big of a number as you might have guessed, with the formerly utilitarian now largely luxury G hitting 400,000 units since 1979. The Mercedes-Benz G-Class was developed starting in 1972 as a military vehicle, undergoing extensive testing in the kinds of rugged conditions that such a vehicle would need to face. It was considered by the armed services of many countries back then, who went another direction before changing

course nearly 30 years later and buying G-Wagons in the early 2000s. The G was launched to civilians in 1979 with four engine options, the choice of a convertible and short or long wheelbase options and it went largely unchanged all the way to 2018. All it gained over time was a series of ever more powerful engines including V12 models and some special editions like six-wheel drive and lifted 4x4 G's.

<https://motorillustrated.com/41-years-and-400000th-mercedes-benz-g-class-built/65881/>



NORTH AMERICA

2022 Acura MDX Teased In Production Form, Debuts December 8th

Acura introduced the MDX Prototype in October and now the company has confirmed plans to unveil the production model on December 8. While the teaser image isn't very revealing, the 2022 MDX should look virtually identical to the prototype. As a result, we can expect a stylish front fascia with sporty air intakes and a diamond pentagon grille that is flanked by slender JewelEye LED headlights. The model should also have streamlined styling, a sportier greenhouse and a sharply sculpted beltline which helps to emphasize the longer wheelbase. More important changes will occur in the cabin as the MDX should adopt a 12.3-inch digital instrument

cluster and a 12.3-inch infotainment system. Other notable highlights should include a panoramic moonroof, a 25-speaker ELS Studio 3D sound system, and an ambient lighting system with 27 different schemes. The crossover's longer wheelbase should result in a more accommodating cabin as Acura has previously said the MDX Prototype featured additional cargo room as well as more legroom in all three rows.

<https://www.carscoops.com/2020/12/2022-acura-mdx-teased-in-production-form-debuts-december-8th/>



2021 Nissan Kicks Teased For The US, Debuts December 8

The Nissan Kicks arrived on US shores in 2018, replacing the quirky-styled Juke as the subcompact crossover in the automaker's lineup. A facelift is coming for 2021, and Nissan is teasing the new model that will debut on December 8. The 2021 Kicks debuted in May 2020 for Thailand, where it launched as a hybrid with a small gasoline engine used exclusively to charge batteries for the electric motor driving the wheels. Whether or not that powertrain option comes to the US is unknown, and for now, Nissan isn't offering up any details. But the styling refresh adopts Nissan's larger V-Motion grille, which is easily the most notable difference compared to the outgoing model. A big grille requires a new front fascia, and the update adds thinner headlights that connect to prominent sculpting on either side of the grille. Updated

taillights and minor tweaks to rear fascia are also in store, while inside, the Kicks sees minor changes to the existing greenhouse. The center console is updated with a smaller shift stalk, and the in-dash infotainment screen is a bit larger.

<https://www.motor1.com/news/458006/2021-nissan-kicks-teaser-us-debut/>



IRAN

Bahman Announces Dignity Specifications



Bahman Motor of Iran has teamed up with Dongfeng in China to sell the Fengguang ix5 crossover coupe under its own brand. Features of the new model, called Dignity has now been published - but still there are no prices and the company did not talk about its sales plans at all.

<https://bahman.ir/>

CHINA

China Grants Tesla Green Light to Start Selling Shanghai-Made Model Y SUV

Tesla Inc. has obtained permission to start selling its Shanghai-made Model Y sports utility vehicle in China. The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology published the approval on its website on Monday. Tesla, now sells its Model 3 electric cars in China and has been building new car manufacturing capacity in Shanghai to make its Model Y SUVs. It applied for the Shanghai-made Model Y SUV sales permission earlier this month. It started delivering vehicles made in its Shanghai factory last December and sold more than 13,000 vehicles in China in October.

The company has started exporting China-made Model 3 cars to Europe and said last week it plans to also start making electric vehicle chargers in China in 2021.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-tesla-china/china-grants-tesla-green-light-to-start-selling-shanghai-made-model-y-suv-idUSKBN28A0BE>



AFRICA

Nissan Appoints Japan Motors as Vehicle Assembly Partner in Ghana

Nissan appointed longtime partner Japan Motors Trading Co. as its local partner in Accra's all-new vehicle assembly facility. The appointment is a result of the 2018 memorandum of understanding between Nissan and the government of Ghana. The first model to be assembled at the new facility will be the all-new Nissan Navara pickup.

<http://www.nissangabon.com/articles/nissan-appoints-japan-motors-as-vehicle-assembly-partner-in-ghana>



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