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EUROPEAN

Automobile

Manufacturers



Bentley Continental GTC



Introduced: Frankfurt, Germany

Production start: late 2011

Production location: United Kingdom

Export countries: Worldwide



- Based on second-generation Continental GT, the open-top version was unveiled at the 2011 Frankfurt Auto Show
- Due to painstaking efforts, cabin noise measured at ear level is now 4.5 decibels lower, or a 7 per cent improvement from its predecessor
- New, even more comfy seats and the Neck Warmer air-flow system further enhances the interior
- Electrically operated huge fabric roof can be stowed in 25 seconds
- Six-liter W12 engine has been tuned to 575 hp
- All-wheel-drive remains, but with a new front/rear torque split of 40:60 from 50:50 previously

BMW 3-series



Introduced: Munich, Germany

Production start: October, 2011

Production location: Germany
(to be assembled in other countries later)

Export countries: Worldwide



- New, more conservative BMW 3-series sedan was launched at a special ceremony in Munich
- About 2,8 units were sold of the previous-generation 3-series (E90) since its launch in 2005
- Optional head-up display and eight-speed transmission appear in the category for the first time
- Hybrid 3-series will be introduced late 2012
- More than 200,000 units are planned to be produced at the Munich plant next year, which has been upgraded with an investment of around EUR 500 million
- BMW 3-series will be assembled in Russia, China, Mexico, South Africa, Egypt et. al.

Citroën C4 Aircross



Introduced: France

Production start: 2012

Production location: Japan

Export countries: Worldwide



- Badge-engineered version of Mitsubishi ASX and sister model to Peugeot's 4008
- C4 Aircross receives distinctive front and rear ends and other typical Citroën styling touches
- The shape of the large 18-inch wheels and the rear lights, are directly inspired by the 2008 Hypnos concept car
- Engine line-up includes 1.6-liter diesel (110 hp), 1.8-liter diesel (150 hp) and a 1.6-liter petrol (115 hp). Outside Europe Citroën will also offer a Mitsubishi-sourced 2.0-liter petrol (150 hp) variant
- Both 2WD and 4WD versions will be marketed
- Market launch will commence during Summer, 2012

Fiat Panda



Introduced: Frankfurt, Germany

Production start: late 2011

Production location: Italy

Export countries: Worldwide



- Third-generation of best-selling supermini
- While second-generation Panda was built at the company's Polish assembly plant in Tychy, latest model returns to Italy - it will be built at the Giambattista Vico plant in Naples
- Engine range will include two versions - a normally aspirated (65 hp) and a turbocharged (85 hp) - of the award-winning, two-cylinder, 900 cc TwinAir engine, plus a revised 1.2 liter petrol and the well-known 1.3-liter Multijet diesel
- Length grew from 3,54 meters to 3,65 meters. Wheelbase has also been stretched for a more roomy interior
- Front-wheel-drive version will be joined by a 4x4 variant later on

Lancia Thema



Introduced: Turin, Italy

Production start: September, 2011

Production location: Brampton (Toronto), Canada

Export countries: Europe



- Lancia Thema is first result of Lancia-Chrysler alliance as it is a slightly redesigned and rebadged 300C. The Chrysler badge will be retained in United Kingdom and Ireland, where Lancia models are not sold
- Though its „American origin“ is highlighted, the executive sedan is in fact produced in Canada
- Thema is a resurrection of a popular nameplate from the 1980s. New Thema is a successor to the uniquely styled Lancia Thesis, which was discontinued in 2009
- New Thema is joined by the New Voyager, another Chrysler product. Soon the Chrysler 200 Cabrio will also appear under the Lancia brand, utilising the Flavia nameplate
- New Thema is five meter-long (196.9 in) and features three different engines, in four guises. The Chrysler-sourced 3.6-liter V6 has been mated to a 8-speed automatic. Tthe V6 3.0 Multijet diesel, which is available in two power levels, comes from Fiat

Maserati Kubang



Introduced: Frankfurt, Germany

Production start: late 2012

Production location: North America

Export countries: Worldwide



- Officially still dubbed as „concept”, but confirmed for production from late 2012
- Second version of Kubang concept. First version was unveiled in 2003
- Will be based on Jeep Grand Cherokee underpinnings, but promises to feature distinctive Maserati styling, powertrains and equipment
- Kubang is one of the cornerstones of Maserati’s ambitious growth plans to sell 45,000 cars a year by 2014

Mia Electric



Introduced: Frankfurt, Germany

Production start: July, 2011

Production location: France

Export countries: Europe



- Mia Electric SAS was set up in June, 2010 and took over assets and personnel of the bankrupt Heuliez company
- Major shareholders are Kohl Group, a German pharmaceutical company and Conenergy, a German consulting company through its Mia GmbH subsidiary
- Research and development chief is Murat Günak, formerly a designer at Mercedes-Benz and Volkswagen
- Mia was originally a project by Heuliez, called the Friendly
- Production of the Mia Electric was launched in July, 2011. By December, 2011 production volume will reach 1000 units a month
- 3,2 meter long and seats up to three people, a basic Mia can travel 130 kilometers with one charge
- Priced from GBP 22012

Microcab H2EV



Introduced: United Kingdom

Production location: United Kingdom

Production start: trial production was launched in October, 2011

Export countries: -



- Microcab is fuel-cell vehicle specialist spin-off of Coventry University
- The Microcab H2EV features a 3 kW fuel cell which enables the car to travel around 160 km before needing a refuel
- A small fleet of Microcab H2EV vehicles will be given to West Midlands' CABLED (Coventry and Birmingham Low Emission Demonstrator) for testing and to see how the technology copes within the current infrastructure
- The Microcab H2EV is built around a chassis which was developed by Lotus, in conjunction with Delta Motorsport and Microcab
- Possible full-scale production and market entry will be determined upon the results of the trial

Mini Roadster



Introduced: United Kingdom

Production start: late 2011

Production location: United Kingdom

Export countries: Worldwide



- Sixth member of Mini family, Mini Roadster is the production version of the concept with the same name
- Concept's styling has been retained with the car sitting 20 mm closer to the ground than the standard Mini
- Strictly two-seater, like its Coupé sibling
- Engines and transmissions will be the same as in other Mini models
- Four variants will be offered: Cooper, SD, S and John Cooper Works
- First public appearance will be at 2012 Detroit Auto Show in January
- To be launched in Western Europe in February, 2012. In Germany base price will be EUR 22600

Peugeot 308 Sedan (China)



Introduced: Chengdu, China

Production start: late 2011

Production location: China

Export countries: -



- Following the long-wheelbase 408 sedan, this is the second 308-based Peugeot made in China
- Peugeot 408 is more upmarket, with a length of 4680 mm, while the three-box 308 stretches to 4558 mm
- Engine options include a 1.6-liter and a 2.0-liter petrol with both manual and automatic transmissions are made available
- Produced by DongFeng-Peugeot in Wuhan. Sales target is 60,000 units a year
- Following its introduction at the Chengdu Auto Show in September, the car was launched at a Peugeot dealer meeting on 20 October, priced from RMB 103900 (US\$ 16,350)

Peugeot 4008



Introduced: France

Production start: 2012

Production location: Japan

Export countries: Europe



- Badge-engineered version of Mitsubishi ASX and sister model to Citroën C4 Aircross
- 4008 features sleek design, based on the 2010 SR1 showcar
- Engine line-up will match the Citroën C4 Aircross: 1.6-liter diesel (110 hp), 1.8-liter diesel (150 hp) and a 1.6-liter petrol (115 hp). Outside Europe Peugeot will also offer a Mitsubishi-sourced 2.0-liter petrol (150 hp) variant
- Both 2WD and 4WD versions will be marketed
- Market launch will commence during Summer, 2012

Peugeot 508 RXH



Introduced: Frankfurt, Germany

Production start: 2012

Production location: France

Export countries: Europe



- Introduced at the Frankfurt Auto Show, 508 RXH is a tall-wagon, similar in style to the Audi A6 Allroad
- 508 RXH is a raised and widened version of the standard 508 Touring wagon
- A Limited Edition series of just 300 units was announced at the Show, featuring all-wheel-drive and special equipment. It sold out in three days, despite its €48,950 price tag
- 508 RXH is powered by Peugeot's HYbrid4 powertrain, which teams a 2.0-litre diesel engine with an electric motor. It can also be used in electric mode only for short trips
- Exterior is being differentiated by „lion claw” LED daytime running lights at the front, grey plastic body add-ons, 18” wheels and a panoramic glass sunroof

Porsche 911



Introduced: Frankfurt, Germany

Production start: October, 2011

Production location: Zuffenhausen

Export countries: Europe



- New generation of iconic sportscar with sleeker styling, more interior space and even better handling
- All-new lightweight body, with alloy-steel construction
- Seven-speed manual transmission comes as standard equipment
- Two models are being offered at the moment: entry level Carrera with a 3.4-liter, 350-hp engine and the Carrera S with a 3.8-liter 400-hp engine
- Fuel consumption and emissions are up to 16 per cent lower
- Already available in Germany, with a base price of EUR 88,037 including 19 per cent VAT

Renault Pulse (India)



Introduced: India

Production start: late 2011

Production location: India

Export countries: -



- Pulse is the third in line after Fluence and Koleos and it will constitute the core of Renault's product range in India
- To be manufactured at the local Renault-Nissan plant in Chennai, Pulse is based around the Nissan Micra, which is also produced at the same plant
- Only a 1.5-liter diesel powertrain will be offered
- Following its launch at the Indian Grand Prix, the car will be publicly unveiled at the New Delhi Motor Show in January, 2012

Seat Mii



Introduced: Spain

Production start: October, 2011

Production location: Lozorno (Bratislava), Slovakia

Export countries: Europe



- Sister model to Volkswagen up! and Skoda Citigo
- Will be launched in Spain during November, 2011 with other European countries to follow from Spring, 2012
- Same engines, gearboxes and options are available for Mii as for other up! Variants
- In Spain a basic Mii retails for just EUR 8,690

Skoda Citigo



Introduced: Mlada Boleslav, Czech Republic

Production location: Lozorno (Bratislava), Slovakia

Production start: October, 2011

Export countries: Europe



- Badge-engineered version of Volkswagen up! With Skoda's own front-end treatment
- Same three-cylinder 1.0-petrol engines and same gearboxes are available
- Equipment includes a portable navigation system and a Radar Sensor to prevent collisions below 30 km/h
- Citigo will be available on the Czech market by the end of this year, with a pan-European sales launch is planned for next summer

Travec Tecdrah



Introduced: Frankfurt, Germany

Production start: 2012

Production location: Germany

Export countries: Worldwide



- First ABS plastic bodied off-roader, Tecdrah from German supplier, Travec is a spiritual successor to the Citroen Mehari
- 70 per cent of its body is made from recycled material
- Based on Dacia Duster running gear, with 1.5-liter, 90-hp diesel engine
- Mainly aimed at NGOs (United Nations, Red Cross)
- Production set commence in mid-2012

Volkswagen up!



Introduced: Frankfurt, Germany

Production start: August, 2011

Production location: Lozorno (Bratislava), Slovakia

Export countries: Europe, South America, India



- Volkswagen's long-awaited supermini debuted at the Frankfurt Motor Show in September
- Company pulled out all stops and created six different concepts to show versatility of up!, including a faux off-roader, a GT-version, a modern take on the classic buggy and an electric up! – the latter will be available from 2013
- Three-door, four-seater up! is only 3540 mm (139.4 in) long. Five-door to join line-up next year
- New, Euro-5 compliant, three-cylinder, 1.0-liter frugal engines can be ordered with a 5-speed manual or an optional 5-speed automatic gearbox
- An EcoFuel version, powered by natural gas will be added to the range next year
- Cheapest Volkswagen in Europe, with a starting price of EUR 9,850 in Germany
- Volkswagen's state-of-the-art Lozorno plant, near Bratislava has been upgraded to cater for the production of the up! (NFS) family, including Seat and Skoda-badged versions



NORTH AMERICAN

Automobile

Manufacturers

Chevrolet Colorado



Introduced: Bangkok, Thailand

Production start: September, 2011

Production location: Thailand

Export countries: Worldwide



- Second-generation Colorado was primarily engineered in Brasil
- Thailand is one of the biggest markets in the world for pickup trucks
- General Motors' Rayong plant in Thailand will churn out the Colorado for local and export markets, but North American versions will be produced in Missouri
- Its front-end treatment looks similar to the recently introduced new Malibu
- Colorado features two new diesel engines in Thailand with 2.5 and 2.8 liter capacities. The top-of-the line models receives a six-speed automatic transmission

Fisker Surf



Introduced: Frankfurt, Germany

Production start: first half of 2012

Production location: United States of America

Export countries: Worldwide



- Shooting brake companion to Karma, Surf was designed alongside the sedan back in 2009
- Name reflects Fisker's South Californian origin
- Surf is powered by two 300 kW electric motors, which gets the necessary juice from a 20 kW lithium-ion nanophosphate battery pack. If all else fails, there's a 2.0-liter petrol engine, sourced from GM which can be used to recharge the batteries
- Recharging the battery on a 220V outlet, takes about six hours
- Pricing will be announced next Spring



JAPANESE

Automobile

Manufacturers

Honda Civic (Europe)



Introduced: Frankfurt, Germany

Production start: late 2011

Production location: United Kingdom

Export countries: Europe



- Following its launch earlier this year in North America as a sedan, the 9th generation Civic arrived to Europe at the 2011 Frankfurt Auto Show
- New Civic, which is available as a hatchback will be built at the company's UK plant in Swindon
- Styling is more evolutionary, than revolutionary
- Uncompetitive 2.2-liter diesel has been retained, but refined to be more cleaner and efficient. Familiar 1.4 and 1.8 liter petrol engines complement line-up
- Prices in United Kingdom start from £16,495 (EUR 18,800)
- Every new Civic comes with Idle Stop fuel-saving technology (manual transmission only) and an ECON switch. ECON tells the car's management system to adopt specific settings to improve fuel consumption

Honda Civic (China)



Introduced: China

Production start: October, 2011

Production location: China

Export countries: -



- Following its launch in North America and Europe, the ninth-generation Civic was officially introduced in China at the Chengdu Auto Show in September
- New model went on sale in Beijing, Shanghai, Guanzhou, Wuhan and Chengdu simultaneously on 29 October, priced from RMB 131,800 (US\$ 20,733)
- Two engines are available, the well-known 1.8-cylinder four-cylinder is joined by a more sporty, 2.0-liter, 155 hp powertrain
- The 1.8-liter is available with a 5-speed manual or 5-speed automatic, the 2.0 is automatic only
- Dongfeng-Honda aims to sell 100,000 new Civic sedans annually

Isuzu D-Max



Introduced: Bangkok, Thailand

Production start: September, 2011

Production location: Thailand

Export countries: Worldwide



- New D-Max is based on the new Chevrolet Colorado, a vehicle which was primarily developed by General Motors engineers in Brazil
- Body is 42 per cent stiffer, thanks to new, i-grip platform
- The four-cylinder 2.5-liter diesel is common between the two models. For the D-Max it is offered in two forms, one producing 116 hp and another with 135 hp. There's also a 3.0-liter diesel with 177 hp
- Both five-speed manual and five-speed automatic transmissions will be offered
- New D-Max is already available in Thailand, with exports set to commence early next year

Mazda CX-5



Introduced: Frankfurt, Germany

Production start: late 2011

Production location: Japan

Export countries: Worldwide



- Production version of Minagi concept, CX-5 is the first production model from Mazda which uses the new Kodo (soul of motion) design language, a toned down evolution of the Nagare styling direction
- CX-5 will also be the first Mazda to utilize the company's new SkyActiv Technology, a raft of fuel-saving technologies for both petrol and diesel engines. It also includes more efficient solutions for transmissions and chassis
- Powertrain options will include a 2.0-liter petrol and a 2.2-liter diesel engine, coupled to either manual or automatic transmissions
- CX-5 is successor to the Mazda Tribute, which was a rebadged Ford Escape. Unlike the Tribute, CX-5 doesn't use many Ford parts
- Sales will be launched during Spring, 2012 on major markets

Subaru XV



Introduced: Frankfurt, Germany

Production start: late 2011

Production location: Japan

Export countries: Worldwide



- New XV is a fourth-generation Impreza with raised ground clearance and body add-ons, similar in concept to the Legacy-based Outback
- XV was previewed as the XV Concept at Auto Shanghai 2011 in April
- Previous Impreza generations had similar model variations, like the Impreza RV and Sportwagon
- Two petrol engines will be offered in Europe at the beginning with 1.6 and two-liter capacities. Transmission options will include a revised CVT gearbox, called Lineatronic
- A new diesel engine, specially developed for the European market will join the line-up soon

Toyota Pixis Space



Introduced: Japan

Production start: September, 2011

Production location: Japan

Export countries: -



- Toyota's first kei vehicle is a badge-engineered version of the Daihatsu Move Conte
- „Sophisticated square styling” provides room for four passengers
- 660 cc, three-cylinder engine is good for 52 hp, with a 64-hp turbocharged version providing additional pizzazz
- Both FWD and 4WD models are available

KOREAN

Automobile

Manufacturers



Hyundai Eon (India)



Introduced: India

Production start: September, 2011

Production location: India

Export countries: -



- Hyundai's new supermini challenges Maruti-Suzuki's entry-level models in India
- Eon, means eternity
- The car has been designed at Hyundai's Namyang R&D centre located in the Gyeonggi Province in South Korea
- Hyundai's Eon will be available with 0.8 L iRDE engine delivering 56PS@5500rpm of maximum power and 7.65Kgm@4000rpm of peak torque
- Sales target: 150,000 units a year

Hyundai i30



Introduced: Frankfurt, Germany

Production start: late 2011

Production location: South Korea, Czech Republic, China

Export countries: Worldwide



- Second-generation of Hyundai's first credible mid-size family car, a rival to the Ford Focus, Volkswagen Golf et. al.
- New i30 was designed and engineered at Hyundai's European Technical Centre in Rüsselsheim, Germany
- I30 is the latest Hyundai to feature „fluidic sculpture” styling, including its distinctive hexagonal-shaped grille
- New I30 is longer and wider, but its height has been reduced for more sportier appearance
- In Europe the new-generation i30 will be available with a choice of three gasoline and three diesel variants, with power outputs ranging from 90 to 135 hp. There will be both manual and automatic six-speed transmissions offered
- I30 will also be launched in South Korea and will also be assembled by Beijing-Hyundai in China later on

Ssangyong SUT1



Introduced: Frankfurt, Germany

Production start: 2012 1Q

Production location: South Korea

Export countries: Worldwide



- First new Ssangyong since Mahindra took over ownership of South Korean company
- SUT-1 was previewed as a concept at the 2011 Geneva Motor Show. It is a replacement for the Actyon Sports, a small pickup truck with quirky styling
- Both rear-wheel-drive and switchable four-wheel-drive models will be in the line-up
- SUT-1 is riding on a 3060 mm (120.5 in) wheelbase with a total length of 4990 mm (196.4 in)
- Euro-5 compliant 2.0-liter diesel engine is capable of 114 kW (155 hp) coupled to a six-speed manual or automatic transmission
- There's double wishbone suspension at the front and five-link arrangement at the rear



INDIAN
Automobile
Manufacturers

Mahindra XUV500



Introduced: Mumbai, India

Production start: September, 2011

Production location: India

Export countries: Worldwide



- First global SUV by Mahindra&Mahindra, an Indian off-roader specialist competing with Toyota RAV4, Honda CR-V and the likes
- Developed entirely in-house from scratch
- Mahawk 2.2-liter diesel engine is only component shared with its predecessor, called Scorpio but its maximum power has been hiked to 140 hp, thanks to a new turbocharger from Borg-Warner
- XUV500 will be sold globally, including Europe, South Africa, South America and Australia
- List of features includes ABS, DVD player, voice activation, TPMS
- Priced from INR 1.08 million (US\$ 22,000) at its home market
- Current production rate of 2000 cars per month will be raised to 3000 units per month from January as company can't keep up with overwhelming response on Indian market