

## Honda City recalled in India; Nissan Evalia Facelift in works; Petrol price hiked again & Corvette celebrates its 60th anniversary, ONCars.in, July 1

-Chevrolet Corvette is celebrating its 60th anniversary this week and to mark the occasion, General Motors have released some key facts about the Corvette's history and some of them are really interesting. The Corvette made its official debut in concept form at the General Motors Autorama show in New York City on January 17, 1953. Following positive public reaction, General Motors then went on to build a limited run of 300 production Corvettes on June 30 of that year.

- Nissan India is readying the Micra Facelift for its official launch that is slated to get underway on July 3, 2013 in an event in Mumbai. According to our sources within the company, Nissan India could also launch a low-cost variant of the new Micra which will be slotted a notch below its segment to take on the likes of Hyundai i10 and the Maruti Suzuki Wagon R.



- The third hike in petrol prices for the month of June 2013 was levied on the mid-night of June 29, as the value of Indian rupee continues its downward journey. This time the petrol price was hiked by up to Rs 1.82 per liter, excluding taxes.

- After we reported that Honda Cars India is mulling to launch four new models in the Indian market by 2015 - all-new generation models of Jazz and City, a Brio-based MPV and a brand new compact SUV - we now have managed to get our hands on a slew of leaked press shots of what

could be the next-generation Jazz.

- Honda Cars India Ltd have voluntarily issued a recall for the second generation City sedan in the country due to an issue detected with the vehicles' power window switched. A total of 42,672 units built in 2007 and 2008 have been affected by the said recall.

- Audi has introduced the Audi Q7 Luxury Edition in the Malaysian market, which has been loaded with a number of new features and exterior updates. However, the cost of the Special Edition Q7 is still the same as that of the regular Q7, i.e RM550,000 or Rs 1.03 crore approximately.

- Nissan has introduced the Nissan Micra Bolero Edition in Japan that now features a Bentley-esque grille and bumper and is being offered with a rick paint work and upmarket wheels.

- Fiat India who are readying to bring the Jeep brand in the country will reportedly, launch the first model during the last quarter of 2013. Meanwhile, the first spy shots of the 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee have been snagged in India, while doing test rounds around Mumbai.
- Nissan India is reportedly, working on the Evalia Facelift model, which is expected to be ready by Diwali to make it more appealing to the Indian market. We hear that new Evalia Facelift will feature Captain seats in middle row with better cushioning and improved plastics. The fixed middle window will also be re-engineered to slide open in the new model.
- Japanese automaker Isuzu Motors' Indian subsidiary, Isuzu Motors India have entered into an agreement with Hindustan Motors for contract manufacturing of Isuzu SUVs and pick ups in India. As per the agreement, the components for producing these vehicles will be imported by Isuzu from Thailand and assembled in HM's factory in Chennai. The move is expected to help the Japanese automaker to increase sales of its recently launched MU-7 and D-Max pick up, even before its proposed plant in Andhra Pradesh becomes operational.
- Daimler is reportedly, joining the foray of car and trucks that will be featured in the upcoming movie, Transformers 4. After director Michael Bay announced the custom-built Optimus Prime from Western Star, which is a subsidiary of Daimler Trucks North America to feature in his movie, the director has now released a photo of a Freightliner truck, which will be seen in the upcoming movie that is slated to release on June 27, 2014.
- Datsun has officially revealed the sketches of its upcoming small car, which will make its world debut on July 15, 2013 in New Delhi. The debut marks a significant milestone for the company as this upcoming small car will be the first new Datsun in 32 years.
- Ford Figo has earned yet another accolade in its career. This time the hatchback has notched the top ranking in the latest results of the prestigious J.D. Power Asia Pacific India Vehicle Dependability Study (VDA) 2013.
- It is the beginning of a new month and therefore, expect at least a dozen of sales reports coming your way from Indian automakers for the month of June 2013.
- First up is India's largest carmaker, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd who have registered a 12.6 per cent decline in sales in June this year at 84,455 units. The company had sold 96,597 units in the corresponding period last year.
- Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd have registered total sales of 38,092 units in June 2013 as against 41,322 units during June 2012. The company's domestic sales stood at 36,207 units during June 2013 as against 38,951 units during June 2012.
- Mercedes Benz India has registered a impressive 32.33 per cent growth in sales in the second quarter of 2013 (April-June 2013) with total sales of 1,756 units. The spike in sales figures is largely attributed to the newly launched models such as A-Class, M-Class, GL-Class and E-Class.
- Hyundai Motor India Ltd (HMIL), the country's second largest carmaker has registers approximately 1 per cent growth in domestic sales in the month of June 2013 at 30,610 units. The company has sold 30,450 units in the same month last year in the domestic market.

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