

Russian Automotive – Selected News

19.12 – 30.12.2011

10-day new year holiday period is about to start in Russia

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Ten day long new year holidays in Russia will start on Saturday, the 31st of December. The country will formally go back to work on Tuesday, the 10th of January. However, according to old Russian calendar, the new year corresponds to 13th of January. Therefore, in practice the holidays will extend thereuntil.

OIB Russia's next bulletin will be published at the end of January.
We wish you a happy new year!



Takata will start manufacturing spare-parts in Ulyanovsk in the second quarter of 2012

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Takata Europe, the European unit of Japanese Takata Corporation, will start operating in its new component plant in Ulyanovsk during the second quarter of 2012. Seat belts, air-bags and steering wheels will be produced in the factory, which will operate under the name of Takata-Petri Rus. The construction of the facilities, with an investment value of €20 million, has started in Zvolje Industrial Estate in May. It's anticipated that the factory, which will employ 400 people, will start production in April.

Lifan will produce cars in Belarus

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Chinese car producer Lifan is preparing to start production in Belarus. Belarusian Vice President Vladimir Semashko has announced that an agreement has been signed, proposing the establishment of a partnership with Lifan, in order to produce automobiles within the perspective of maximum localisation in the city of Borisov. BATE and BelAZ will form the Belarusian side of the partnership. Lifan is currently manufacturing Breeze, Smiley and Solano models for Russian Market in the city of Cherkesk, Russia.

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The four factories in St. Petersburg have produced more than 30,000 vehicles in November

26-12-2011 / Auto-Dealer-SPb

According to Auto-Dealer-SPb Agency data, Hyundai, GM, Nissan and Toyota factories established in St. Petersburg have made a total production of 30,100 vehicles during November. Thereby, the number of automobiles produced within the first eleven months of the year reached 226,900. These figures indicate that there has been an increase of 3.7% in production in comparison with the same period of the previous year and in addition the fact that the production of 14.18% of all automobiles in Russia has been realised in St. Petersburg. It's anticipated that the city's total production number will have reached 255,000 by the end of the year.

The models in production throughout the four factories are as follows; Chevrolet Cruze, Opel Astra, Nissan Teana, Nissan X-Trail, Nissan Murano, Toyota Camry, Hyundai Solaris and Kia Rio. Solaris, Astra, Cruze and Rio have ranked in Russia's best-sold 25 cars charts.

Faurecia will establish two new component factories in Kaluga

23-12-2011 / Itar-Tass

An agreement proposing the establishment of two new component factories in Kaluga in 2012 have been signed between Kaluga Regional Administration and Faurecia Automotive Development. Exhaust systems and interior details for foreign brand automobiles being manufactured in Russia will be produced at the two factories, which will have a total investment value of €30 million.

Russian bus industry has grown by 0.7% in November

21.12.2011 / Avtostat

According to ASM Holding data, the number of buses produced in Russia reached 40,100 during the first 11 months of the year, growing by 0.7% in comparison with the same period of the previous year. 4800 buses were produced in November only (+9.4%). 33,600 of the buses produced within the 11 months period belong to local brands (-2.3%) and the remaining 6500 to foreign brands (+20.3%).

On the other hand, the number of trucks produced in the country within the January-November period has grown by 38.2% in comparison with the same period of the previous year, following the production of 189,600 vehicles; 167,800 of which being local (+36.8%) and the remaining 21,700 foreign brands (+50.4%). The number of trucks produced in November reached 17,100.

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Sollers has produced 23,000 vehicles in Vladivostok this year

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Sollers Far-East Factory, which was established in December 2009, has manufactured 23,000 Ssang Yong cars this year. This number is expected to rise to 25,000 by the end of the year. A total number of 13,700 Rexton, Kyron, Actyon and Actyon Sport models had been produced in the factory during the year 2010. There are plans to establish welding and dying workshops in the factory, which operates with double production line, within the next 18 months.

As one may remember, in November, Sollers and Mazda have signed a memorandum of understanding in order to produce Mazda 6 in Sollers Far-East Factory as from next year. It's predicted that the number of vehicles to be produced by the partnership annually will be in between 25,000 and 50,000. The assembly components will be supplied by Japan.

Sollers Far-East is also planning to produce one of the most demanded automobiles in Russia; Toyota Land Cruiser Prado. The Toyota production in the factory is projected to start within 2012.

AvtoVAZ has completed the shift to Euro-4 standard

20.12.2011 / Vedemosti

AvtoVAZ has completed the shift to environmentally friendly Euro-4 standard in its car production, in the beginning of December. Following the shift, the prices of the vehicles have increased by 1000-3000 rubles. The shift required the modernisation of all Lada models, apart from Granta, which was produced in compliance with Euro-4 standards. The Ladas exported to EU on the other hand, are being produced within Euro-4 standards since 2006.

Car production in Russia has increased by 25% in November

19.12.2011 / Avtostat

According to Russian Statistics Agency Rosstat data, the car production in January-November period reached 1.6 million vehicles, increasing by 46.9% in comparison with the previous year. 200,000 vehicles have been produced in November only (+24.8%).

While AvtoVAZ has become November's production leader with 39,005 vehicles, Lada Samara has become the most produced model with 12,338 vehicles. On the other hand, the foreign producers continued to expand their range of models this month. The production of Skoda Yeti has started in Gorky Car Factory, Nizhni Novgorod, within the frame of the agreement signed between GAZ Group and Volkswagen. New generation business class Camry is another model, the production of which has started in St. Petersburg Toyota factory. GM-Auto, another manufacturer based in St. Petersburg, has started operating in three shifts.