

Geely Reports Record Sales in 2017

Geely Auto Group (Geely Auto) has reported annual sales of 1,247,116 units in 2017, an increase of 63 per cent from the previous year and beating their revised annual sales target of 1.1 million units. December sales reached a new high of 153,625 units, an increase of approximately 42pc over the same period last year.

Geely Auto's strong growth came on the strength of the brand's third generation models, all of which became benchmark products in their respective segments and have subsequently set their own sales records since being introduced in 2015.

Due to strong 2017 sales, Geely Auto Group has subsequently set its 2018 sales volume target to 1.58 million units (including the sales volume target for LYNK & CO-branded vehicles). Geely Auto's ambitious 2018 sales goal is far ahead of expected market growth, showcasing Geely Auto's confidence in its current and future product range. Under its "20200 Strategy," Geely Auto aim to reach 2 million in annual sales

by end of 2020.

Geely Auto is Setting New Industry Standards

Since Geely Auto launched its third generation of vehicles in 2015, Geely Auto has been able to push forward with strong growth thanks to their leading products, high quality, renowned service, and increased brand image.

For the last three consecutive months of 2017, Geely Auto's flagship SUV, Emgrand X7 SPORT, sold more than 30,000 units per month, with

December ending with 31,205 units sold and an annual total of 286,900 units. The Emgrand X7 SPORT has become a SUV market leader and has set a new benchmark within the market with its levels of intelligence and connectivity. In December, Geely Auto's first crossover SUV, the Emgrand GS, saw record high monthly sales of over 18,850 units and a total of more than 150,000 units in 2017.

Geely Auto's third generation compact sedan, Emgrand GL, which was designed to compete against foreign joint-venture brands in the Chinese A+ market segment(C Segment) sold

over 145,000 units over the course of 2017, becoming a best selling A+ class sedan in the Chinese market.

Retaining its title as the best selling Chinese A class(C Segment) sedan for the seventh consecutive year, the New Emgrand saw sales of 25,074 in December and over 264,400 units in 2017.

Geely Auto's sales success is due to its repositioning as a technology leader, the brand's balanced development of sedan and SUVs products, and the continuous upgrading of their nationwide sales and service network to meet the needs of a new generation of consumers.



14,088 units in December and



Audi recalls 127,000 cars

Audi is recalling 127,000 cars following the alleged discovery of emissions cheat devices by German authorities.

The recall affects the Audi A4, A5, A6, A7, as well as the Audi Q5, SQ5 and Q7 SUVs. It was imposed by the Federal Motor Transport Agency, or KBA.

According to German newspaper Bild am Sonntag (BaS), the recall was ordered after the KBA detected "unacceptable shut-off devices" on several new V6 diesel engines. (autoexpress)



Next-gen Jaguar XJ to be electric

Jaguar has great plans for the near future, including new SUVs and zero-emission vehicles such as the I-Pace, but the next-gen XJ is the one that will probably go through the biggest transformation. The British firm's next flagship saloon is reportedly going down the EV lane according to Autocar, with Jaguar planning an unveil towards the end of this year. The debut will also celebrate the 50th anniversary of the original XJ, which was introduced in 1968. The 2019 Jaguar XJ will be underpinned by an entirely new platform, which will be shared with a similar car-like model from Land Rover, believed to use the Range Rover badges. (carscoops)



Rolls-Royce Sweptail Drops By Abu Dhabi

The one-off Rolls-Royce Sweptail that made its debut last year at Villa d'Este was commissioned by somebody who reportedly paid almost \$13 million for the chance to drive something truly unique.

Underneath the bespoke bodywork lies a Phantom Drophead Coupe platform, but you certainly don't need to look too close in order to see how different this car is compared to the Phantom.

The way the rear window tapers off and the

curved elements in the rear fascia were all influenced by luxury yachts – and it shows. As for the front, it features new headlights and a new bumper design. Inside, gone are the rear seats, leaving room for a blue-lit wooden mid-shelf, like you get on a boat. There's also some Macassar Ebony and Paldao wood to go with the Moccasin and Dark Spice leather.

Still, \$13 million is a huge amount, one that could buy you four Bugatti Chirons – but we're pretty sure the individual who ordered this special Rolls is a "money no issue" kind of person who can get as many Bugattis as he/she likes as well.

On the other hand, wealthy car collectors can spend a lot more than that on classics. For example, back in 2014, somebody bought a 1962 Ferrari 250 GTO at an auction for just under \$40 million. (carscoops)