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City Evoquation

- Range Rover Evoque Convertible debuts

Unveiled at the first ever Festival of Motoring in Johannesburg South Africa in September, the Range Rover Evoque convertible is the first luxury compact SUV convertible. The New Range Rover Evoque Convertible combines the bold design and refinement of Evoque with comprehensive specification and a sophisticated folding roof to create a no compromise, all-season convertible.

If you are an all round collector of all things classy on wheels then this will be a great part of your collection. Who says you can't tackle the bundu in a topless vehicle? With this new offering from the Land Rover, Ranger Rover range you are sure to enjoy the best of all worlds, rugged and city driving without any compromise on comfort and drive.

The ground breaking and distinctive shape of the original Range Rover Evoque lends itself to an elegant convertible design and the new model sits at the pinnacle of the Evoque portfolio as the most exclusive and capable convertible in the world.

As the fifth member of the Range Rover family – and the first ever convertible – the highly desirable new model combines traditional Range Rover luxury with a distinctive four-seat design and versatile storage.

On a recent drive in Johannesburg South Africa, at a glance one would definitely underestimate its capabilities based on its sweet and sultry looks but on the drive it almost handles like its larger sibling the Range Rover Sport. Power delivery is way

above average with the handling leaving no room for negative comments from critics. It's a pity I had faux locks as a hair style, I wished I had loose big hair which could be blown by the wind as I drove down the country side outside Pretoria. One thing that makes this a classleading convertible is that there is no heavy wind that blows into the vehicle even at top speeds, it just breezes through, no jerking or messing up of neatly done hair dos ladies.

The Range Rover Evoque Convertible has been engineered to meet Land Rover's most rigorous standards, ensuring exceptional structural rigidity, trademark refinement, outstanding levels of safety and unrivalled breadth of capability.

"Range Rover Evoque Convertible is a vehicle for all seasons," said Gerry McGovern, Land Rover Design Director and Chief Creative Officer. "Its uniquely distinctive design and world-class engineering adds another dimension to the Range Rover family, further enhancing its desirability and appeal."

According to a study, the global SUV market is forecast to grow by 20 per cent over the next five years and Evoque Convertible will play a key role in continuing Range Rover's 45-year success story, pioneering an all-new SUV sector.

Evoque Convertible's eye-catching exterior design is made possible by a sophisticated fabric roof that has been shaped to create a crisply defined silhouette that remains faithful to the original design. Its Z-fold mechanism lays flush with the rear



bodywork for a sleek, uncluttered appearance when lowered. The fabric roof is the longest and widest currently fitted to any vehicle on sale today.

The fully automated roof stows in 18 seconds, and can be raised in 21 seconds, at speeds up to 48km/h. When closed it provides high standards of refinement with a layer of acoustic insulation ensuring interior comfort on a par with five-door Evoque. In addition, the position of the roof doesn't affect loadspace, with a generous 251-litre boot offering unrivalled practicality for a convertible.

At the heart of the high-class cabin is an all-new, high-resolution 10.2-inch touchscreen with Jaguar Land Rover's next-generation InControl Touch Pro infotainment system, which debuts in a Land Rover. Raising the standard of connectivity for the brand, the highly responsive and super-fast InControl Touch Pro offers seamless smartphone integration, door-to-door navigation, a premium sound system, as well as wireless and 3G connectivity.

Safety hasn't been overlooked with a Roll-Over Protection Device featuring deployable rollover bars hidden in the

rear bodywork. It deploys two aluminium bars within 90 milliseconds in the unlikely event of a rollover situation to create a survival space for occupants.

The Evoque Convertible is powered by Land Rover all-aluminium four-cylinder turbocharged petrol, producing 177kW and 340Nm. In addition to outstanding refinement and performance, it also offers superb efficiency.

Evoque Convertible is underpinned by Land Rover's world-class all-terrain capability, using the same advanced technologies as Evoque five-door and Coupé derivatives. A customary choice of four-wheel drive powertrains combines with Land Rover's nine-speed automatic transmission, Terrain Response system, Wade Sensing and All-Terrain Progress Control to ensure Evoque is a convertible for all seasons.

Being behind the wheel of this vehicle if familiar territory if you own any vehicle in the Land Rover family. The level of excellence is second to none and it will suit both urban and outback driving without compromise. Have a chat with Manfred Chaniwa for pricing and availability.



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The Hyundai Shopping Bag

The Hyundai Brand has become synonymous with both value and Quality and the vehicle car manufacturer has made giant strides in the automobile market. Displayed at the Clover Leaf Hyundai showroom in Bulawayo is this competitive brand.

Korean brands were once perceived as cheap quality but over the years companies like Hyundai have invested a lot of capital in brand development and this has resulted in the company being ranked number 10 world-wide. The key strategic selling point for Hyundai is offering more for less and also a wide product offering which means a car for everybody. The reviews below will give you information in brief on some of the Hyundai vehicle models available in Zimbabwe. I hope this will help you to decide which car fits your style and budget. Happy shopping!!

The Hyundai i20

The Hyundai i20 is a fun to drive Hatchback with a fresh look on the outside and an interior which reflects a feeling of luxury. When you drive the i20 you will be in for a big surprise because of its handling capabilities on the road. It is very stable and the engineers have done a fine job of creating a car with solid, surefooted dynamics on the road, and a well-tuned, direct steering setup that gives good feedback.

The extensive use of lightweight high-strength steel in the platform and bodyshell has yielded a reduction in core weight of the vehicle. Its fuel efficient and available in the following engine specifications the i20 1.2 Motion (manual); the i20 1.4 Fluid (manual); and the i20 Fluid equipped with an automatic 4-speed gearbox.

The Hyundai Santa Fe

The Hyundai Santa Fe has been upgraded and features the hexagonal front grille and a sharper profile depicting the signature Hyundai design. It is equipped with advanced safety and comfort features which include Smart Cruise Control and Blind Spot detection which further enhances the Santa Fe's appeal to SUV customers looking for assured quality with the latest

technology. The Santa Fe's new Smart Cruise Control function delivers a safer and more relaxing experience to the driver by maintaining a set distance from vehicles ahead, automatically decreasing the speed, or accelerating to a pre-set cruise in line with prevailing traffic conditions. Another new feature is the Smart Power Tailgate that opens at the push of a button – either on the tailgate door itself, or on the keyless entry fob, with an audible warning to anyone in the vicinity.

This is particularly useful when loading shopping bags in the spacious luggage area. The Santa Fe is equipped with a powerful 2.2-litre CRDi diesel engine, developing 145 kW and 436 Nm of torque. The engine is used in both the front-wheel drive and four-wheel drive Elite variants, coupled to a six-speed automatic gearbox that offers the option of manual gearshift.

The Hyundai Tucson

Originally launched in 2005, the Hyundai Tucson caught the attention of Sub Saharan SUV buyers and became a firm top-seller in the segment for several years when it was followed by its successor, the ix35, in 2009. The all-new Hyundai Tucson comes in five derivatives, ranging from the entry-level Hyundai Tucson 2.0 Nu Premium with a either a manual 6-speed gearbox or automatic 6-speed transmission, to the range-topping Hyundai Tucson 1.6 TGD Elite derivative with the 7-speed Dual-Clutch Transmission (7DCT) and All-Wheel Drive. The All-New Tucson design concept incorporates a sleek, urban style combined with the strong ruggedness typical of an SUV. Peter Schreyer, President and Chief Design Officer at Hyundai Motor Group, explains how Hyundai designers achieved the dynamic proportions; "Design expresses our progressive spirit and passion, and it is transforming our brand. The All-New Tucson has a distinctive and athletic presence achieved through refined, flowing surfaces, bold proportions, sharp lines and most importantly, our newest generation hexagonal grille - our brand signature," summarised Schreyer.

In global vehicle manufacturing terms Hyundai is a relatively young company but it has done exceptionally well and continues to defy the odds by introducing world class vehicle models into the market.

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Driving in the rain

Have you noticed that there are a lot of accidents on our roads when it starts raining than on a normal sunny day? This is due to the fact that when it starts raining there is a sudden rush and panic as everyone tries to go home or to a place of shelter just away from the rain. Of course the farming community will be celebrating but for some the rain just brings a certain level of discomfort! Personally I love the rain, I enjoy the sounds of rain water gushing through the drains on the streets, the earthy scents and the water dropping on the roof which is just pleasant music in itself. As much as I like the rain I hate the accidents that happen on our roads and lives that are lost during this time. In this issue I will share a few tips on how to drive in the rain. I hope you will find them beneficial and they will help to save lives on the road.

- **Slow down:** Firstly you need to slow down, stopping distances are likely to increase in wet weather because your tyres will have less grip on the road. It is prudent to reduce speed and increase following distance
- **Switch your headlights on:** Switch on your lights to protect yourself and others around you.
- **Keep a safe following distance:** Maintain a proper following distance between you and the car in front of you. There should be at least 3 car lengths between you and the car in front you.
- **Pull over:** If you can't see the car in front of you in the rain at a safe distance, it is probably a good idea to pull over and wait for the rain to clear up. Breakdowns are likely to be high during this time because the damp weather causes electrical faults. When this happens keep the bonnet closed whilst you wait for help to arrive. This will help to avoid further damage to your electrical system.
- **Stay in the middle lane and drive in the tracks of the car in front of you:** Try to stay in the middle lane of the road (when you have more than two lanes available) because the water tends to gather in the outside lanes. Keep lane changes to a minimum, as water tends to build up between the tyre grooves in the lanes. The car in front of you will clear most of the water. By driving in the tracks of the car in front of you, you will be able to see the road better and your car will have more traction. And remember to always keep calm in any situation.

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In 2007 Nissan launched a cross over vehicle which got about 2.7 million customers world-wide in a frenzy. The Qashqai became a trend setting vehicle in the cross over market and other vehicle manufacturers began to follow suit by designing luxurious cross over vehicles. The elevated driving position and its stylish looks just made the Nissan Qashqai the most coveted cross over vehicle of all time. The new Nissan Qashqai sets a new benchmark for crossover design, featuring a striking new look with powerful curves, clean lines and intricate details, taking Nissan's iconic crossover to the next level.

Keeping everything fresh, the bold new design is fronted by the prominent Nissan V-motion grille, supported by angular headlights and an aggressive front bumper with a deep air dam for a purposeful look. All models are also characterised by new boomerang LED welcome and follow me home lights which create a light signature that is unquestionably Nissan Qashqai. At the rear, a pert tail gate is flanked by strong wraparound tail light clusters with LED elements and a sophisticated bumper design which rounds off the SUV appeal. In creating Nissan Qashqai's cabin, Nissan's design and engineering teams wanted to put the driver at the heart of the action. The car's numerous comfort, convenience and safety systems have been analysed and redesigned to give the driver easy access to all key controls. Thanks to the intuitive 5-inch Advanced Drive-Assist Display, drivers are able to perfectly tailor the Nissan Qashqai's functions to their needs. The Qashqai has spacious seating for five occupants with improved leg-, head- and shoulder room. The capacious 430 litre boot, fronted by a tailgate which now opens 150 mm higher than before, is 20 litres bigger than that of the first generation Nissan Qashqai. Cargo capacity is extendable to 1 585 litres with the rear seatbacks folded down in a 60:40

split - standard in all models.

"The new Qashqai was produced at the Nissan Sunderland Plant in England and it comes in an eight model range supported by two engines" said William Sibanda the General Manager- Croco Nissan. "The Qashqai is not just a reworked original with a new lease on life it also offers enhanced efficiency because of the massive weight reduction of about 40kgs" Sibanda reiterated. The petrol engine offering starts in the form of the all-new 1.2-litre direct injection turbocharged mill, paired with a six speed manual gearbox. Power is transferred easily to the front wheels ensuring comfortable economical driving. The 2.0-litre direct injection petrol engine is also paired with a six-speed manual transmission, 2WD as well as a XTRONIC CVT option in 2WD and AWD with ALL MODE 4x4-i. The 1.6-litre diesel common rail turbocharged diesel engine comes with a 6-speed manual transmission, available in 2WD or AWD with ALL MODE 4x4. Power output is 96kW (130hp) at 4 000 rpm, with generous torque of 320Nm (32.6kg-m) peaking as low as 1 750 rpm.

Safety was of paramount importance when the new Nissan Qashqai was being developed. All models carry the highest complement of safety equipment as standard, including four-disc ABS with Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD) and Brake Assist System (BAS), driver and passenger airbags for Visia models and additional side and curtain airbags on Acenta models, Vehicle Dynamic Control (VDC) which incorporates traction control, hill start assistance, an electric parking brake, three-point seat belts for all five seats and ISOFIX child seat anchor points. All models also feature a full-size 16-inch spare wheel.

The Qashqai has great handling capabilities and is just the ideal vehicle for Zimbabwean roads. The new Qashqai is available for sale at Croco Nissan.



A practical game-changer new Nissan Navara



Nissan for decades has been a market leader in the manufacturing of durable and practical workhorses. Come 2017 and the stage is set for the breath taking long awaited Navara which by the recent drive in Morocco promises to do more than what's on paper. For our Zimbabwean road's this will be a perfect travel mate as the roads now need more raised vehicles with tougher suspensions that can withstand the potholes and uneven surfaces. Talk about bundu bashing in the city...

The Nissan Navara sets a new benchmark in the one-tonne pick-up sector, combining the best of Nissan's crossover leadership with more than 80 years of experience in designing and manufacturing robust and cleverly engineered pick-ups.

During the vehicles development, improving comfort and refinement while maintaining the Navara's acclaimed off-road ability, durability, loading and towing capacity, was the overriding goal. The model has a robust and tough chassis which introduces a host of new engineering features designed to further improve drivability and practicality.

Using the same crossover DNA that has produced landmark passenger cars such as the class-leading Qashqai and X-Trail, the Navara brings a new level of car-like refinement, style, comfort and quality - as well as first-in-class technologies - to the pick-up market.

Improving refinement and delivering a cross-over-style driving experience was a key element of the Navara's development. To help achieve this without compromising the vehicle's acclaimed off-road ability, Nissan designed an all-new five-link rear suspension system for the Double Cab, providing significantly enhanced ride comfort and improved handling on and off-road. It is also 20kg lighter than the previous leaf spring layout.

The King Cab features a substantially updated version of the leaf spring design fitted to the previous generation model. Not only does the new overslung leaf weigh 7kg less than the previous underslung design, it also gives the King Cab a 3.1 per cent improvement in rear wheel approach angle and delivers a reduction in road noise.

As customers have come to expect, the new Navara is as capable off-road as it is on the tarmac. The 'shift-on-the-fly' four-wheel drive system builds on the strengths of the design fitted to the previous generation model, and delivers sure-footed traction over rough terrain. Hill Descent Control (HDC) and Hill Start Assist (HSA) give drivers reassurance when tackling hills, with the electronic locking rear differential making the most of available traction.

The Navara introduces an array of new customer technology. In a sector that has traditionally been slow to adopt the very latest in comfort and safety features, it sets a new benchmark for affordable in-car technology. Around View Monitor and Forward Emergency Braking - both highly acclaimed features from Nissan's crossovers - are unique to the Navara in the pick-up market. Further safety and convenience features include cruise control, keyless entry and parking sensors. Moving with the times and adopting every aspect of technology being used in crossovers is set to set the Navara apart from its competitors.

The fully redesigned interior delivers on every level, and has been optimised to provide the best possible quality, comfort, space and practicality for drivers and passengers.

2017 sees this vehicle coming in both the 160PS single-turbo and 190PS twin-turbo versions of the Navara's 2.3-litre dCi diesel engine are fitted with an advanced and efficient Euro 6 engine. It has made a significant difference to the pick-up's environmental performance - a vital consideration for buyers because it affects running costs. CO2 emissions start from as low

as 159 g/km, a reduction of 8g/km on the predecessor Euro 5 engine. It's an enhancement which makes the Nissan Navara the best in its class. Fuel consumption on the Official Combined Cycle has dropped to 6.1 l/100km, down by 0.2 l/100km. These are the two derivatives driven recently in Morocco and the specification for sub Sahara Africa will be communicated closer to when it will be available.

Knowing that pick-up owners need their vehicles to earn their keep, the Navara's load-carrying and towing ability across the range is better than ever. With payload ratings in excess of one tonne across the range and an impressive towing capacity of up to 3,500kg, the Navara is ready for the toughest and most demanding of jobs or leisure pursuits. For Nissan as a

brand, putting the customer's needs first will always be what drives them to make the vehicles they make.

The Nissan Navara, with its impressive array of performance, safety, technology, comfort and convenience features, and coupled with efficient running costs, is the ideal partner for work and leisure. The range features up to five trim grades depending on the market, with all offering outstanding levels of equipment. All models come with seven airbags, electronic braking differential, off-road electronic.

So till next year we wait for the arrival of the Navara on the Nissan Dealers showroom floor. Dealers are as follows: AMC, Amtec, Croco Nissan & Nissan Clover Leaf Motors.



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The Christmas holiday is just a few days away and we are all excited to get off work and travel to various places and spend time with family and friends. Traffic on the roads is bound to increase and this is the time a lot of accidents occur. Motorists are urged to exercise extra caution during this time to avoid unnecessary carnage on our roads.

In addition to the universal rules; do not drink and drive, do not text whilst you are driving and do not speed, we have packaged a few extra tips and we hope they will make your holiday driving more enjoyable.

- Firstly make sure that your vehicle is functioning properly attend to all issues like the oil, tyre pressure, lights and brakes. If your vehicle has exceeded its service limit make sure it is serviced before you embark on your journey.
- Plan your route and avoid taking short cuts, do a research on the state of the roads you are going to use to travel to your holiday destination so that you are better prepared. Take a paper map or GPS if you are travelling to that destination for the first time.
- Stick to the stipulated speed limits, if the road you are driving in is congested exercise patience and drive defensively.
- Before travelling make sure that you get a good night's sleep, it will help you to be more relaxed and alert on the road. Always take breaks regularly so that you are continuously energised. If you are feeling drowsy get some sleep and continue the journey when are feeling well rested.
- If you are towing a caravan make sure that the tow hinge is secure, trailer brakes are working properly and the rear view mirrors should be adjusted accordingly.
- Exercise extra caution when driving at night and leave a greater distance between you and the car in front of you to cater for your reduced vision and reaction time.
- Lastly never engage in speeding competitions with other motorists on the road, be calm and do not allow your ego to be bruised easily. Do not copy driving stunts that are not in the Highway Code. Most importantly drive safely and enjoy your holidays

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