

Renault and AutoVAZ Close Strategic Deal

Now that Renault and AutoVAZ have signed the final agreement of their strategic partnership, the Russian carmaker is intending to start production of new seven-seat estate cars.

Although the new automobile will be created jointly with Renault, it will come under the Lada brand. The new model will be allegedly made on the Logan platform using French-manufactured power units and gearboxes. All other components will be of Russian or some other origin, but definitely without a Renault presence.

This is a very attractive project to the Russian automaker, all the more so because, installing French engines and gearboxes into the new car, the company will get the foreign technology. And, although technology tends to go obsolete very quickly, for Russia's retrograde motorcar industry it will be of use for quite some time. The engine technology could be used for creation of totally Russian-produced units and junctures that will better an overall performance of Russian-made cars.

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