

TaGAZ to launch diesel engine line

Taganrog automobile works (TaGAZ) has been the first carmaker to benefit from the industrial license-based assembly program.

This June TaGAZ will start flow production of 2.6 liter 100 HP diesel engines hoping to turn out 50-60,000 units per annum. The engines will be used to power Tager and Road Partner cars (analogues of the SsangYong Korando and Musso models), that have been manufactured from early 2008.

The works designed the engine based on the SsangYong technology and will use Korean component parts for mass production.

TaGAZ spokespeople did not say to what extent production will be localized, yet the newly designed engine is a product of the technology transfer. It is clear that the Korean carmaker will not disclose its cutting-edge technology, but TaGAZ will be Russia's first company to put a domestically designed diesel engine into mass production.

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