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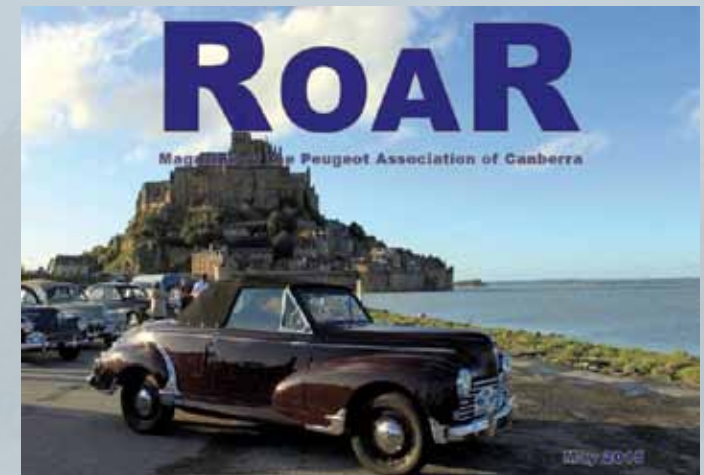
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A 203 Cabriolet at Mont Saint-Michel, Normandy, France, during a gathering of Peugeot 203s.

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Greetings all,

Good news – after paying all the bills for the Yass Pageant, last month, I am pleased to report that the Pageant was close to cost-neutral for the club, which for an overall budget of over \$8,000 is an excellent result.

One of the prizes awarded at the Yass Pageant was a Peugeot-branded Monopoly game, kindly donated by Melrose Peugeot. Richard and Kay Marken won it (photo courtesy Phil Torode) for the top car in the concours – their spectacular, yellow 504 Cabriolet. I would have quite liked to win that prize, so I may decide to buy one for myself when I next visit the showroom at Melrose Peugeot.

Ever since the Pageant, I had noticed an annoying background noise coming from under my 508. It was something like a light drumming sound, almost a grumble, accompanied by a slightly

lumpy ride, like the tyres weren't quite round.

Indeed, when the car went in for its 80,000 km service recently, the mechanics reported that the rear tyres were 'scalloped' and in need of replacement. The next day, I had two new Michelins fitted and the problem disappeared. The tyres had been on the car since new, so I reckon I got my money's worth in terms of wear and distance travelled.

While the 508 was being serviced at Melrose Peugeot's new workshop facility in Fyshwick, I was once again given the opportunity to drive the 3 cylinder 1.2 litre turbo petrol 308, and once again I was impressed with its performance. I could even become a convert to stop-start technology if it means improved fuel economy, especially as unleaded petrol jumped 10 cents/litre to around 142 cents/litre last week.

Fortunately diesel fuel is not subject to such savage price fluctuations, and the price remains around 132 cents/litre. But, as my wife, Sue, reminded me recently, it's only cheap if you actually put it in a diesel car. I should explain that, while on a recent trip to Mildura, Sue accidentally filled her 308 HDi with petrol. Fortunately, although there is no Peugeot dealer in Mildura, there is a good diesel service centre and the 308 was efficiently fixed after checking with



Melrose Peugeot that the warranty on the car would not be voided – it wasn't.

Meanwhile, back in Canberra, the annual Battle of Waterloo event will be held on Sunday 21 June, from 10 am to 3 pm. This year we will be returning to the Rond Terraces, beside the lake, at the south end of ANZAC Parade. Entry to the site is from Constitution Avenue, via Wendouree Drive, and look for entry signs near Blundell's Cottage – see calendar for full details.

Last year, the French forces had a resounding win over the British forces, so all PAC members are encouraged to come along and swell the French ranks for this 200th anniversary of the famous battle.

Entry is free and is open to all French car owners, regardless of whether they are club members. Hot pink berets will again be recommended head-wear for the French forces. Many PAC members already have a pink beret, but those who don't need not despair – berets will be available for purchase (only \$5) on the day. Participants are also required to have a drip tray under their cars.

The next club meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 May at 8pm at the Raiders Weston Club, with drinks, as usual, from 7pm. Please join us.

Keep on Pugging.

Brad Pillans

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CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

505 Peugeot STI 1984

505 Peugeot STI 1984. Same owner since 1993. 288,000kms. Well maintained. Log book. \$4,000 ono. PEU 505. Ray 02 6352 5826.



504 Peugeot 1974

504 Peugeot 1974, auto sedan, Trak Orange, square port head, good tyres. No rego, best offer. Colin 0414 484 398.

Peugeot 405 1994

Peugeot 405, 1994, red, manual. Near new tyres in great condition, and good battery. Useful for parts. Some mechanical and bodywork issues. Best offer accepted. Please contact me for further information - Elliot, 0416 828 931, Canberra.

407 Peugeot, 2010

407 Peugeot, 2010, 2 litre turbo diesel. White gold; 6 speed auto sedan; full black leather interior with heated front seats; sun roof; retractable side mirrors; front weather shields; 5 alloy wheels; tow bar; tinted windows. One owner, full service record. Excellent condition, 122,000 kms. Just serviced by Bill Macnamee. 5 months rego. \$16,450 ono. Call Peter on 0417 662 870

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Peugeot 403

Rare car with original 75, 566 miles. Original interior in great condition. Bare metal respray by BMW expert painters prior to purchase in 1996, and paint still in excellent condition. Owned since 1996. On historical NSW club plates 27133H. Always garaged. Has original sales receipt and warranty from Canada Cycle and Motor Co in 1960. Drive away today, great mechanical condition. Offers over \$8,500. Plus Peugeot 403B for sale, suitable for restoration or parts. Phone Jon and Bev Molvig 02 49986152, located near Cessnock NSW.



PARTS

203, 403, 404, 504 parts

Peugeot parts for 203, 403, 404 and 504. Too many to list, call to see what is available. Phone Jon and Bev Molvig 02 49986152, located near Cessnock NSW.

404 head

404 head (5 bearing, 1970), carefully wrapped up and stored. Reconditioned around the mid-1980s, it has stayed wrapped and cared for 25-30 years. I am after a fair and reasonable price for it. I have an idea what that might be, but I am open to reasonable offers? The freight is at the buyer's expense. Philip, 0418 93 25 26. I am not throwing or giving it away.

404 hubcap

404 hubcap (1 only) for sale for \$25, at Cooma. Contact Noel Carter noelcarter@exemail.com.au

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

1905 Peugeot Veteran Motorcycle



500cc Single 3 1/2 HP. Very rare motorcycle. The bike is on club plates (not transferable). It has been regularly used on club runs, and was at the Parkes Veteran M/C rally in 2013. The bike has new tyres, and the magneto has been completely serviced by Peter Scott. It has a B&B carby, and comes with tools, and a rebuilt original seat.

\$34,000

Contact Geoff on 0415 228 877



CLUB EVENTS 2015

- 26 May 2015** Club meeting, the Weston Club, with dinner from 7 pm and the meeting at 8 pm. The Weston Club at 1 Liardet St, Weston.
- 29-31 May 2015** Historic Winton, Winton & Benalla, Victoria.
- 21 June 2015** Battle of Waterloo. French reinforcements needed for this 200th anniversary! Location will be either Rond Terrace on Lake Burley Griffin or Kings Park.
- 28 June 2015** PCCV organised motorkhana, Shepparton. See brochure overleaf.

FRENCH CAR DRIVES 2015

Sunday June 28

Goulburn to visit Old Goulburn Brewery, 23 Bungonia Rd Goulburn. Historic tours and beer tastings are available. <http://goulburnbrewery.servebeer.com>

Sunday August 23

Crisp Gallery, Gap Range Bowling and afternoon tea at Rollonin Cafe in Bowling. www.petercrisp.com.au

Sunday October 25

Braidwood Historic Town walking tour, self guided. <http://www.visitbraidwood.com.au/expbwd>

Sunday December 6

Christmas BBQ at Lake Ginninderra

Please contact Lisa on reno1338@hotmail.com.

Lisa Molvig

Social Secretary

Renault Owners Club of Canberra

Australia

BATTLE OF WATERLOO

SUNDAY JUNE 21 ROND TERRACE

A gathering of French and British cars, including some bicycles, will be held on Sunday 21 June 2015 at Rond Terrace located at the bottom end of Anzac Parade. The event will be to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. The gathering is being sponsored by Shannon's Insurance. In past years, the event has attracted up to 100 cars and around 150 participants depending on the weather. Entry to the event is open to the general public.

The event is being organized by the Renault Owners Club of Canberra (ROCC) in conjunction with the Peugeot Association of Canberra (PAC) and sponsors.

Entry to and egress from the event will be via Constitution Avenue, then to Wendouree Drive next to the ASIO building. The entry/exit is opposite Blundells Cottage and will be signposted.

The sign at the entrance will designate an advisory speed limit of 5kph. An official in a fluoro vest will guide cars to their respective locations.

Public parking will be directed to the hard standing area at the bottom of Anzac Parade or next to Blundells Cottage. All cars will be parked on red granite area next to the lake. Drip trays are required.

Coffee, tea and drink facilities will be available. Food will be provided by a BBQ run by the PAC next to the coffee van. Each will have waste disposal facilities. Toilet facilities are located in the adjacent at Commonwealth Park.

Door prizes comprising bottles of "The Arrogant Frog" will be available as door prizes to be drawn towards the end of the event. So stick around in case you are a winner. They are donated by Shannons. Otherwise the event is to be glass free.

Depending on forecasts, the event will be cancelled if there are forecast high or gusty winds or if there is rain. Advice as to any cancellation will be posted the day before on the ACT Council of Motor Clubs website and via email to participating clubs.

Event Schedule

Set up at 9am Event 10am to 3pm.
Take down and clean up from 3pm.

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PCC NSW Invites enthusiasts to the Oh 3 Weekend 2015 Mudgee 4th-6th September 2015

We will arrive Friday and explore Mudgee town at leisure.

Dinner is available at the Mudgee Club next door.

Saturday morning breakfast at the motel or in town, then visit the markets and shops.

A nice drive on roads 203's love to a mountain picnic for cuppa.

Lunch at winery with BBQ with an outstanding motor bike museum next door.

Afternoon visit other wineries at your leisure.

Dinner at the Brewery Restaurant where you can enjoy a Mudgee Mud beforehand.

Sunday drive to Lue where we visit a multi award olive grove and enjoy a guided tour learning about and sampling extra virgin olive oil.

Short drive to romantic Rylstone for lunch before heading home.

Motel Cost is \$243 for 2 nights for 2 people (excluding breakfast)

Contact: Jim Kearns

(Organiser for details & Brochures etc)

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Soldiers motel-Ask for Robyn

Phone: 02 6372 4399

Email: soldierm@bigpond.net.au

Motorkhana Shepparton

Greetings from Victoria.

After watching you have fun at this year's Pug Pageant we thought we'd better invite you along to our latest event.

PCCV is organising a motorkhana on a concrete surface in Shepparton on Sunday 28 June.

This event is more than suitable for any modern Peugeot and no experience is necessary.

Bring junior or inexperienced drivers and your friends, even if in a non-Peugeot.

Some of us will drive as a touring group from Melbourne to Shepparton on Saturday before having a meal and staying the night.

Limited accommodation is available at the hotel after dinner but motels abound in Shepparton.

Sunday we will be driving around the large dry concrete skid-pan that is normally used for truck and bus training. Water will be sprayed onto the surface later in the day to make it more fun.

Please read the attached invitation and contact Graham Wallis or me – Phil Torode – if you want to come.

Cheers

Phil Torode

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Pugger Buggers to Cameron Corner, Mark III, 2015.

Neville Summerill of the New South Wales club is organising another trip to Cameron Corner – the junction of the New South Wales, Queensland and South Australian borders.

The trip is suitable for two wheel drive vehicles with reasonable ground clearance. This year we will commence in Dubbo.

The plan is to meet there on Friday 7 August and depart the following morning. An itinerary of about 14 days is being developed that will include Tiboburra, Cameron Corner and north-west New South Wales.

Please let Ross Berghofer (0409 504 551) or Neville Summerill (02 6458 7208) know if you are thinking of joining the tour. An itinerary is being prepared – watch this space.



Pappa, jy kan maar nog 'n bietjie trap...ek sien ons is nou eers op dertig.

Dad, you can put your foot down, I see we are only doing thirty.

Dawid Botha writes from South Africa: "Die Burger's cartoonist Fred Mouton did own a 404 station wagon in the 70s when I was a journalist there. We spent many lunches together having our sandwiches at the office. Later he had a 205GTi, which is still in the club. This is his second 404 cartoon."

Car of Year tops at last

Peter Wilson

The heavy promotion of the Peugeot 308 has paid off at last; with official registration figures showing the new generation of the three series became the marque's most popular Australian model in the first quarter.

The French-built European Car of the Year for 2014 has triumphed over the Asian-sourced 4008, which took over as Peugeot's sales leader here during 2013. A total of 403 Peugeot 308s gained new plates in the March quarter compared with 293 4008s.

The result is ahead of a wider range of new generation drive trains becoming available for the 308 and the introduction

of the 308 GT, factors that could consolidate the leading position of the model and extend its honeymoon status.

The Peugeot 308 registrations in the first quarter accounted for a third of Peugeot Automobiles Australia's total of 1,216 units this year. The 308 also beat the 399 of the Renault Megane, which last year had double the sales of the previous 308.

The 4008 had 293 sales in the quarter, a steady improvement on its fourth quarter result. Both the 308 and 4008 showed sales gains over March 2014, giving the importer two star performers. The increases were in line with the 8 per cent revival in the market that resulted in record national March sales of 105,054 vehicles; at least the motor industry has seen a change in consumer sentiment.

The Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries pointed out that car affordability, as tallied by Comsec, is the best for 40 years. In his survey of March, the chamber's chief executive Tony Webber, noted SUV sales were up 15.3 per cent on March 2014, and up 15.4 per cent year-to-date.

With private, business and government purchases all up, the 33,503 SUV registrations represented a third of all vehicle sales. Australia's appetite for SUVs is now on a par with that of the US, the leading SUV market, and is on trend to overtake it, according to Go Auto analysis.

The 4008 is an important model for

Peugeot in Australia and last year accounted for more than a third of the distributor's sales. Some dealers report the 4008 remains their most popular model in line with SUV growth while the Pug's cousin, the Mitsubishi ASX, is a hot property in the compact SUV category as second in sales to the Hyundai ix35.

Mike Costello of Car Advice pointed out that the ASX is one of the year's top models for volume growth, with a record 3,162 registrations in the first quarter, a gain of 1,365 over the 1,796 in the March quarter of 2014.

The ASX sells on value; it is well-equipped for the money and has excellent ownership credentials as honest, reliable transport, he said.

A newcomer in the fastest-rising small SUV category, Honda's new HR-V baby, made a tremendous start with 2,122 registrations in the quarter, including 1,081 in March.

The heavily promoted Renault Captur – a runaway success in most markets – made an impressive debut with 289 registrations in the quarter, topping the brand's long-time sales leader, the Koleos (258). But when David McCowen in Drive compared the entry level 2008 (\$24,990 plus on road) with the top-priced Captur Dynamique (\$27,990 plus on road) it was hardly an even task given the difference in equipment and prices.

While the Pug had more room, solid standard features and superior occupant safety, he preferred the funkier Renault with its



newer drive train and extra stuff such as sat nav, 17 inch wheels, and longer warranty.

Although the dozen small crossover models are gradually sending small car sales south, Peugeot's 208 did better with 234 registrations in the quarter than the 2008 (95). Interest in the 508 picked up ahead of the "changing of the guard", the introduction of the facelift model, with 103 new plates compared with 74 in the March quarter last year.

Buyers showed renewed interest in the RCZ; the quarter's 33 registrations were the equivalent of a third of total 2014 RCZ sales. Peugeot was No 23 in the market in March, its 405 registrations up 41 units on March 2014 and steady compared with January (406) and February (also 405).

Renault led the French at No 19 with 958 units, spearheaded by the Clio, Fiat led the Italians at No 21 with 550 units, and Citroën had its best month since last July with 140 units to position it at No 25, behind Mini and Alfa Romeo.

Toyota remained market leader with 19,082 units in March, the Corolla being the most popular model (4,261) and the Hilux (3,346) third on the charts behind the Mazda3 (3,559) Trailing Toyota were Mazda (10,237), Hyundai (8,509), Holden (8571), and Nissan (7138).

The Pugilist

Position	Model	Q1 2015	Q4 2014	FY 2014
126	Peugeot 308	403	350	1,004
146	Peugeot 4008	293	275	1,240
159	Peugeot 208	234	225	869
191	Peugeot 508	103	74	357
194	Peugeot 2008	96	98	488
200	Citroën Berlingo	82	83	280
208	Citroën Grand C4 Picasso	66	47	244
212	Citroën C4	58	42	125
222	Citroën C3	47	93	154
240	Peugeot RCZ	33	32	108
241	Peugeot 3008	33	22	115
245	Citroën C5	31	37	166
251	Citroën DS3	24	22	134
254	Citroën DS5	20	11	77
265	Peugeot 5008	13	8	90
266	Citroën DS4	12	18	77
277	Peugeot Partner	7	8	29
291	Peugeot Expert	1	0.0%	11



Peugeot's latest design offers food for thought

7 April 2015

Le Bistrot du Lion is a fully functioning foodtruck concept that offers space for up to 30 diners as well as chefs and a DJ and will be going into service at Milan Design Week.

The French may have been a little slower than the US and other parts of Europe to embrace the concept of the foodtruck, but Peugeot's latest concept, which will be heading to Milan for Design Week, shows that they're clearly making up for lost time.

Dubbed 'Le Bistrot du Lion' by the team at the Peugeot Design Lab, the concept is much more than just a stripped out and refitted van. Instead, working from a



brief that demanded a complete dining experience, the foodtruck literally splits in two to create a kitchen and a dining space.

"We wanted to create a complete food truck experience, not only creating a kitchen for the chef but a restaurant and cafe for the customers. A lot of attention was given to opening up the kitchen and allowing the chef and food preparation to be as close to the public as possible," Cathal Loughnane, Head of Peugeot Design Lab.

"We also wanted to create a

real sense of surprise as the compact Peugeot Foodtruck transforms into an amphitheatre-like dining space."

The truck is certainly theatrical, but it is also a fully functional mobile kitchen. The truck will be put into active service, first at Milan Design Week, which opens its doors to the public on April 14 and then will be taking up residence at the French pavilion for the full six months of the 2015 Milan Expo.

As such, Peugeot

partnered with leading French foodtruck builder Euromag to make sure the concept is up to the task and meets all health, safety and hygiene regulations.

The food preparation area is pro-grade featuring two grill plates, four induction burners, a deep fryer, a 400 litre under-floor cold store for food and a 350 litre fridge for drinks and of course a top-of-the-range espresso machine.

As for patrons, the truck can offer standing room for 30 customers at a time, shaded by parasols and entertained by an integrated DJ booth and a widescreen display



that relays a live feed of the chefs at work in the kitchen.

Peugeot also claims that the truck has been set up to “recuperate and recycle all waste” so that nothing is left behind when it hits the road again.

Yahoo! News



PSA's new EVs will be cheaper with longer range

Bruce Gain
3 May 2015

PSA/Peugeot-Citroen's new electric cars will be cheaper and have a longer range than the automaker's current EVs, CEO Carlos Tavares said. The company also is close to completing development of its first series plug-in hybrid, he said.

PSA's second-generation EVs will launch in 2020, Tavares told the company's annual shareholders meeting on April 29. "They will have a better performance, greater range and a lower price to the customers," he said.

Sales of EVs and plug-ins are growing in Europe as automakers expand their offerings of such cars to help lower CO2 emissions and meet demand for environmentally friendly models. But PSA's electric cars, the Peugeot iOn and Citroen C-Zero, have not taken off. Combined sales of the EVs reached just 1,300 units last year, according to PSA. Both cars are based on the Mitsubishi i-MiEV.

PSA will build new EVs on its EMP1 platform, which will underpin the automaker's next generation of B (subcompact) and entry-level C (compact) cars.

"PSA will make pure electric cars from

the bottom of the market upwards based on the new platform by the end of the decade,” a PSA spokesman told Automotive News Europe.

Tavares told shareholders that PSA has created a group to develop its new-generation EVs.

Plug-in hybrid

PSA will also launch a gasoline-electric plug-in hybrid model in 2019 based on the company’s larger EMP2 platform, Tavares said. EMP2 already underpins two of PSA’s core compacts, the Peugeot 308 hatchback and Citroen C4 Picasso, and will also be used for the replacements for the Citroen C5 and Peugeot 508 midsize cars.

“We have completed the architectural aspects and are currently deciding on the battery technology,” Tavares told shareholders at the annual meeting.

Tavares did not say which vehicles will be sold with plug-in hybrid variants. Press reports have said DS will be the first PSA brand to offer a plug-in hybrid. PSA would not comment on the reports, saying only that the plug-in hybrid powertrain will debut in one of the automaker’s high-end models.

PSA has become more

bullish about EVs since Tavares joined the automaker from Renault “bringing EV expertise with him,” said Ian Fletcher, an analyst with IHS Automotive. “As a global automaker, I don’t think you cannot be involved in the EV segment,” Fletcher said. “As emissions standards become even stiffer in the future and consumer accept-

ance grows, you could be left behind the curve.”

Automotive News Europe



Peugeot revs up for return to Tehran

Michael Stothard in Paris

19 May 2015

When western sanctions prevented PSA Peugeot Citroën from supplying cars to Iran three years ago, the French car manufacturer lost access to its second-largest market. Until then, the company had been selling nearly half a million vehicles in the country each year.

The sale of Peugeot branded cars remained mysteriously strong, however. Around 300,000 Peugeot branded cars were registered last year alone in Iran, according to registration data and a person close to the company, as partners which had once constructed the cars locally from Peugeot kits appeared to source components from elsewhere.

There is little that Peugeot can do about these sales under its brand name, according to people close to the company. Nevertheless, the case highlights the money that the group could once again hope to make when sanctions on Iran over its nuclear program start to be lifted.

Peugeot last month signed a non-binding agreement with Iran

Khodro for a 50:50 joint venture to produce cars together as soon as possible, people close to the French group have revealed.

Peugeot is just one of a number of European companies — including many in industry, energy and finance — poised to get back into Iran, after world powers came to a preliminary agreement on curbing the country's nuclear ambitions.

A final deal still needs to be reached by a

June 30 deadline but, if all goes to plan, then sanctions on foreign trade and investment should start to ease.

Elsewhere in the car market, Renault has already started a low-level supply of car kits to Iran, in compliance with certain recently relaxed sanctions.

Financial Times



Made in Tehran: an unassembled Peugeot 206 sits in the Iran Khodro auto plant

New Peugeot 408 GT to take aim at VW CC

Four-door coupe from Peugeot is on the way, and could be sold in the UK

Peugeot has made no bones about its attempt to move further upmarket and match premium mainstream brands like VW, while at the same time distancing itself from sister brands Citroën and DS.

In a move that will see both of those objectives brought closer to reality, the French manufacturer has its eyes set on tackling the swish four-door coupé market with the 408 GT, seen here in our exclusive images.

Peugeot has seen the growing appeal of models such as the Mercedes CLA, Volkswagen CC and Audi A5 Sportback, and the 408 GT is its attempt at taking a slice of the growing market.

In such a style-led sector, the 408 GT will have a fight on its hands competing with the likes of the CLA and CC in the style stakes. However, design inspiration from the Exalt concept introduced at the Beijing Motor Show last year should give it a fighting chance.

Claw-shaped LED headlights are swept back over the flared arches, while the short overhangs, chunky C-pillar and cascading roofline depicted in our exclusive

images endow it with a compact and purposeful stance.

And the chances of the 408 GT getting the green light are stronger than you may think, with Peugeot general director, Maxime Picat, announcing at the reveal of the Exalt concept last year that “this kind of saloon segment is key”.

The 408 name won't even be completely new to Peugeot as the badge is currently used in China on a saloon version of the 308 hatch, which also features a longer wheelbase.

Interestingly, at last month's Shanghai Motor Show, Peugeot also revealed the 308 S – another saloon version of the hatchback – mean-

ing if the 408 name is to carry on, it would take on a new image in the form of the GT. Its primary target for sales will be China, where models of this sort already have a healthy customer base, but UK sales are possible.

Peugeot already has all of the mechanical running gear necessary to bring such a model to life. Beneath the skin, the EMP2 platform which underpins the current 308 would be carried over, meaning the line-up of BlueHDi diesel and PureTech petrol engines would slot neatly under the bonnet.

Auto Express



Production Peugeot 208 sets fuel consumption record

22 April 2015 Frankfurt
Eric Auchard

Peugeot has announced the 208 equipped with a BlueHDI diesel engine has set a new long-distance fuel consumption record.

A 2,152 km distance was covered with 43 liters of diesel, which translates into an average fuel consumption of 2.0 l/100km (141.2 mpg). The French company says this record “confirms the technological excellence of the latest Euro6 BlueHDi Diesel engines and their contribution to the reduction of CO2 emissions”.

This performance was achieved at the end of April on a test circuit at Belchamp, France, and was supervised by the French Type Approval Authority, UTAC.

The machine used was “a strictly standard” production 208 with a 1.6-litre BlueHDi 100 S&S engine, mated to a 5-speed manual gearbox. The car ran for 38 hours and several drivers were used to arrive at this result, each taking a turn of 3 to 4 hours at the wheel.

Source: Peugeot



Peugeot unveils new Vision Gran Turismo concept

Harry Tucker

9 May 2015

Adding to the growing list of futuristic supercars appearing in Sony's racing simulator Gran Turismo, Peugeot has shown off a new concept car that is faster than even a Formula 1 racer.

To mark 15 years of the Gran Turismo series, car manufacturers have been making virtual concepts for the game, with some even making physical models.

Peugeot's new model for the game is aptly named the Vision Gran Turismo. It's a supercar that's based on the brand's latest design themes and puts out a brutal 652kW of power from a 3.2 litre turbo V6 engine.

The concept is based around the idea of a good power-to-weight ratio, and with the Vision GT tipping the scales at just 875kg, it certainly has that covered.

Combine that with a sophisticated all-wheel-drive system, and the virtual

supercar will propel from 0-100km/h in 1.73 seconds. To put that into context, a Formula 1 car does 0-100km/h in around 2.1 seconds.

Unfortunately, this car will almost certainly never make it into production. Peugeot has made it pretty clear in the last few months that while it will continue to make performance models, it doesn't have any plans for a stand-alone sports car.

Peugeot's only current sports car is the

RCZ, a 1.6-litre coupe that pushes out either 147kW of power or 199kW of power depending on what model you buy. Despite generally positive reviews, Peugeot hasn't sold many RCZs, which might explain why they're not interested in a follow up.

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Peugeot 508 successor to feature self-driving tech

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Peugeot will debut new self-driving systems on its next 508 replacement in a move to compete better in the segment.

PSA is seeking ways of boost Peugeot's image, giving a more upmarket feel in its future models. Carlos Tavares, PSA's CEO said that the new driver assistance systems will be a step closer to fully autonomous driving.

A spokesman from the company said that the new 508 will offer hands-free steering and automated braking control in heavy traffic situations, among the usual electronic assistance for highways and parking without providing more info.

The new generation of Peugeot's 508 is expected to be launched in 2017 and will be based on the EMP2 modular platform.

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