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Vauxhall is continuing its journey towards electrification with the new Grandland X all-wheel drive plug-in hybrid electric vehicle.

The new Grandland X Hybrid4 is Vauxhall's first-ever plug-in hybrid and features state-of-the-art plug-in hybrid technology using a 200hp, 1.6-litre turbocharged direct injection four-cylinder petrol engine and an electric drive system with two electric motors with combined output 109hp), all-wheel drive and a 13.2kWh lithium-ion battery, producing 128mpg while emitting just 49g/km CO2.

The next Skoda Superb will include a plug-in hybrid.

It will use the technology of sister-company VW's Golf 1.5 TSI and electric motor good for 200hp.

The VW California classic camper van is now available with selected accessories free of charge.

Buyers can specify up to £1,000 of add-ons along with a travel guide to download and zero interest finance or a £2,500 discount.

Race and rally legend Paddy Hopkirk and his son Patrick achieved the highest civilian driving standard in the UK recently, when they both passed IAM RoadSmart's Masters with Distinction qualification.

Paddy, 86, and Patrick, 47, were assessed on 8 May by Richard Gladman and Stuart Haythorn, who ensure that all driving standards are of the highest level for IAM RoadSmart.



The DVSA has launched a new free service to allow motorists to replace a lost, stolen or damaged MOT certificate.

The service can be used to get MOT certificate copies for cars, vans and motorcycles and copies for lorries, buses and coaches will be available later in 2019.

Car sales continue to decline in China.

Last month saw a 14.6% dip over a year earlier, the tenth month of decline, with a slowing economy, potential trade war and tougher emissions taxes in some areas.

Nissan still oppose Renault taking a bigger slice of their business, *Automotive News Europe* report.

The Japanese vehicle maker has been struggling with falling US sale, older models and a replacement cycle which is out of step, and it's just reported its lowest profit in a decade.