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A GT Sport Nav+ model has been added to the revised Mazda CX-5 range of 2WD and AWD models with petrol or diesel engines.

All models now come with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto together with revised suspension but the new trim includes real wood and satin chrome fascia highlights, new interior lights and 19-inch bright alloys.

Almost one-in-three new cars sold in Norway last year was pure electric the highest percentage in the world.

Norway exempts battery-driven cars from most taxes and offers benefits such as free parking and charging points to hasten a shift from diesel and petrol engines which it wants to achieve by 2025.

Former Nissan chairman Carlos Ghosn will remain in Japanese detention until at least 11 January.

He was arrested in November during a probe into alleged financial misconduct and undeclared income and had his appeal for release rejected, but another director has been freed on bail.

Italy will offer a low emissions subsidy to new car buyers.

But it will also increase tax on larger petrol and diesel models, annoying its automotive industry and workers, in a move trailed in December.



Deflation in Turkey is expected to hit Ford, Toyota and Fiat Chrysler, who make models there and have large market shares.

The value of the Turkish lira has collapsed but the country's auto sector supplies parts from the rest of the world so it costs more to make them and showroom prices have risen to slow sales by as much as 42% in November.

European car sales are expected to stagnate this year, say analysts.

The cyclic demand for new cars is partly to blame, but the effects of Brexit, tariffs, troubles in Italy and the product delays caused by the WLTP tests will aggravate the situation.

Volkswagen has developed a mobile charging station for electric vehicles, broadly similar to an external power pack for mobile phones.

It can be coupled to mains power source or stand alone in temporary locations and feed 15 vehicles before it is exhausted.

Buyacar is now using facial recognition to match finance applicants with submitted document data in a bid to hinder fraud.

On-line fraud is said to have reached £10 Billion a year but the company says it has not suffered and its system is quicker and seamless.