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The Japanese Automotive Industry Feb 14 2022 As the University of Michigan Center for Japanese Studies reflected on the deteriorating position of the domestic auto industry in the fall of 1980, and the strong competitive threat being posed by the Japanese automakers, we were struck by the extraordinary low quality of the public discussion of these critical issues. The national importance of the issues seemed only matched by the superficiality of the analyses being offered. The tendency to think in terms of scapegoats was particularly evident. The Japanese as the basic cause of our problems has been a particularly notable theme. To be sure, cooperation with the Japanese in formulating a rational overall trade policy may be an important part of the solution. It has also been fashionable to blame it all on American auto industry management for not concentrating on the production of small cars when "everyone knew" that was the thing to do. Alternatively, government meddling was blamed for all our problems. Clearly, the complex problem we faced required more penetrating analyses. It seemed therefore, that the time was ripe for a public seminar which moved beyond the rhetoric of the moment and probed some of the deeper causes

of our problems and possible directions for future policy. In holding the January 1981 auto conference, the Center took it as their task to begin addressing the critical issues facing the industry, with particular, but not exclusive, attention to examining the role of the Japanese auto industry. They had in mind not to simply conduct a rational discussion of the trade issue but to probe the sources of Japanese competitive strength, especially those features whose study might profit them. In these proceedings, they bring those discussions to a wider audience. Question and answer sessions at the conference were necessarily short and a few speakers delivered abbreviated remarks; this volume restores a number of omissions, and provides additional answers to some pertinent questions put by the audience. The Center hopes to encourage the serious problem-solving these complex issues demand. Far too much time has been spent trying to fix the blame. [intro]

Job Specifications for the Automobile-manufacturing Industry, June 1935 Apr 04 2021

High Voltage May 25 2020 A behind-the-scenes look at the robustly competitive race to dominate the market for electric cars, the larger-than-life moguls behind them, and the changes that are transforming the auto industry In the 1980s, it was unimaginable that the home computer would become as common and easy to use as a toaster. Today, plug-in charging stations and smart grids seem like something still far off in the future.

But by 2020, the auto industry will look very different from today's field of troubled auto giants. The combination of technological breakthroughs and charging networks driven by global warming and peak oil makes it clear that revolutionary change in the auto industry is happening right now. In *High Voltage*, Jim Motavalli captures this period of unprecedented change, documenting the evolution from internal combustion engines to electric power. Driven by the auto world's ambitious and sometimes outlandish personalities, the book chronicles the race to dominate the market, focusing on big players like Tesla and Fisker, as well as a tiny start-up and a battery supplier. Flashing forward to the changes we'll see in the coming years, *High Voltage* shows a not-so-distant future where we will live on a smart grid, our cars "fueling," that is, charging, while we shop or sleep. The ramifications of these changes will be on a grander scale than most of us ever imagined—altering foreign policy, reducing trade deficits, and perhaps even ending global warming.

The Automobile Hand-book Aug 20 2022

The End of Automobile Dependence May 17 2022

Cities will continue to accommodate the automobile, but when cities are built around them, the quality of human and natural life declines. Current trends show great promise for future urban mobility systems that enable freedom and connection, but not dependence. We are experiencing the phenomenon of peak car use in

many global cities at the same time that urban rail is thriving, central cities are revitalizing, and suburban sprawl is reversing. Walking and cycling are growing in many cities, along with ubiquitous bike sharing schemes, which have contributed to new investment and vitality in central cities including Melbourne, Seattle, Chicago, and New York. We are thus in a new era that has come much faster than global transportation experts Peter Newman and Jeffrey Kenworthy had predicted: the end of automobile dependence. In *The End of Automobile Dependence*, Newman and Kenworthy look at how we can accelerate a planning approach to designing urban environments that can function reliably and conveniently on alternative modes, with a refined and more civilized automobile playing a very much reduced and manageable role in urban transportation. The authors examine the rise and fall of automobile dependence using updated data on 44 global cities to better understand how to facilitate and guide cities to the most productive and sustainable outcomes. This is the final volume in a trilogy by Newman and Kenworthy on automobile dependence (*Cities and Automobile Dependence* in 1989 and *Sustainability and Cities: Overcoming Automobile Dependence* in 1999). Like all good trilogies this one shows the rise of an empire, in this case that of the automobile, the peak of its power, and the decline of that empire.

Forward Drive Oct 10 2021 This comprehensive

account of the past, present and future of the automobile examines the key trends, key technologies and key players involved in the race to develop clean, environmentally friendly vehicles that are affordable and that do not compromise on safety or design. Undertaking a rigorous interrogation of our global dependency on oil, the author demonstrates just how unwise and unnecessary this is in light of current developments such as the fuel cell revolution and the increasing viability of hybrid cars, which use both petrol and electricity - innovations that could signal a new era of clean, sustainable energy. The arguments put forward draw on support from an eclectic range of sources - including industry insiders, scientists, economists and environmentalists - to make for an enlightening read.

Global Automobile Demand Jan 13 2022 Global Automobile Demand is a two-volume work analysing the impact of the Great Recession and the structural factors which shape automobile demand in developed and emerging countries. The second volume examines the automobile demand in the BRICS and other emerging countries: Brazil, Russia, India, China, Turkey, Mexico, Thailand and Malaysia.

Cars of Legend Mar 15 2022 The origins of the automobile date back to the seventeenth century, specifically to the year 1678, in that year the French Jesuit Ferdinand Verbiest created the first rolling machine, as it was called in his

time. Later in 1769 a French engineer named Cugnot created what for many is the beginning of the history of the automobile, although previously in the fifteenth century, and according to some historians there was a German watchmaker, who invented a wooden car that moved like a device of watchmaking of the time. Also some historians affirm that the inventor and man of the Renaissance, Leonardo da Vinci, had created the first car-mobile of history. In this book *Autos de Leyenda*, we will review the history of the automobile, from its beginning until the mid-nineteenth century, (1769-1897), we will see the progression of the car through the ages, locomotives land, locomobiles, steam cars, electric vehicles , with wheels of wood, iron, rubber and all the technical advances that were emerging in each era. This book talks about the top 120 brands in history, with stories, events and anecdotes from its manufacturers and creators.

The Automobile Theft Investigator Aug 28 2020
Development Strategies for the Automobile and Parts Industry of the Republic of China Jan 21 2020

Driving Around the USA Feb 26 2023 Capturing the excitement of a nation as it became a driving force -- in more ways than one -- *Driving Around America* is the story of how America's romantic, restless spirit found its counterpart in the automobile. With Henry Ford's assembly lines lowering the price of cars, ordinary people began

to travel where and when they pleased with a freedom never before known -- and the nation would never be the same. People moved farther from their work, creating suburbs; the demand for gasoline increased, spurring the growth of the petroleum industry; and individual members of families moved far from each other, changing the social fabric of the nation. From the auto's early beginnings to the commonplace use of cars in all aspects of life today, *Driving Around America* is a fascinating portrait of how America transformed as its citizens were on the move more and more.

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For Love of the Automobile Apr 28 2023 In his cultural analysis of the motor car in Germany, Wolfgang Sachs starts the assumption that the automobile is more than a means of transportation and that its history cannot be understood merely as a triumphant march of technological innovation. Instead, Sachs examines the history of the automobile the late 1880s until today for evidence on the nature of dreams and desires embedded in modern culture. This book explores the nature of Germany's love affair with the automobile. A "history of our desires" for speed, wealth, violence, glamour, progress, and power--as refracted through images of the automobile--it is at once fascinating and provocative. -- Sachs recounts the development of the automobile industry and the impact on German

society of the marketing and promotion of the motor car. As cars became more affordable and more common after World War II, advertisers fanned the competition for status, refining their techniques as ownership became ever more widespread. Sachs concludes by demonstrating that the triumphal procession of private motorization has in fact become an intrusion. The grand dreams once attached to the automobile have aged. Sachs appeals for the cultivation of new dreams born of the futility of the old ones, dreams of "a society liberated progress," in which location, distance, and speed are reconceived in more appropriately humane dimensions.

Materials Research Agenda for the Automobile and Aircraft Industries Jun 06 2021 This volume presents a materials research agenda for the commercial aircraft and automobile industries for the next two decades. Two case studies are used as a basis for discussion: the 50-mile-per-gallon, 5-passenger sedan and the high-speed civil transport. Also identified are those general materials drivers and the materials research required for each field.

The Life of the Automobile Jul 07 2021 *The Life of the Automobile* is the first comprehensive world history of the car. The automobile has arguably shaped the modern era more profoundly than any other human invention, and author Steven Parissien examines the impact, development, and significance of the automobile over its turbulent and colorful 130-year history. Readers learn the

*grand and turbulent history of the motor car, from its earliest appearance in the 1880s—as little more than a powered quadricycle—and the innovations of the early pioneer carmakers. The author examines the advances of the interwar era, the Golden Age of the 1950s, and the iconic years of the 1960s to the decades of doubt and uncertainty following the oil crisis of 1973, the global mergers of the 1990s, the bailouts of the early twenty-first century, and the emergence of the electric car. This is not just a story of horsepower and performance but a tale of extraordinary people: of intuitive carmakers such as Karl Benz, Sir Henry Royce, Giovanni Agnelli (Fiat), André Citroën, and Louis Renault; of exceptionally gifted designers such as the eccentric, Ohio-born Chris Bangle (BMW); and of visionary industrialists such as Henry Ford, Ferdinand Porsche (the Volkswagen Beetle), and Gene Bordinat (the Ford Mustang), among numerous other game changers. Above all, this comprehensive history demonstrates how the epic story of the car mirrors the history of the modern era, from the brave hopes and soaring ambitions of the early twentieth century to the cynicism and ecological concerns of a century later. Bringing to life the flamboyant entrepreneurs, shrewd businessmen, and gifted engineers that worked behind the scenes to bring us horsepower and performance, *The Life of the Automobile* is a globe-spanning account of the auto industry that is sure to rev the engines of*

entrepreneurs and gearheads alike.

The Automobile Blue Book Sep 09 2021

The Fate of the Sleeping Beauties Oct 30 2020

"Say "Sleeping Beauties" to committed car enthusiasts and they will immediately know what you're talking about: a world famous 1980s photo series, showing an extraordinary collection of classical automobiles rusting away in a French barn, neglected by their owner. Famous brands like Bugatti, Lancia, Ferrari, Alfa Romeo, Cord and Aston Martin, laying under thick layers of dust, spending their remaining days falling apart in isolation. Many have tried to find out what happened to these cars over the last twenty-five years - decayed? destroyed? sold? - but all leads fizzled out ... until two Dutchmen and a German hung on where others had given up. In true Boy's Own style, their book tells of the three-year-long search for the fate of the cars from that French barn. It tells the story behind the collection's origins in 1948, through the moment in 1983 when the famous photos were published, up to the day in 2007 when the authors talked to the current 79 year old owner - a man who finally broke his silence about the fate of his collection for the first time in 25 years."--Publisher description.

Automation in Automotive Industries Dec 20 2019

G. Volpato, A. Camuffo, A. Comacchio 1.1 The background During recent years the dynamics of automotive industry and its supply chain has catalysed the attention and the research effort

of a wide international group of scholars as: the International Motor Vehicle Program (JMVP) of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Permanent Study Group for the Automobile Industry and Its Employees (GERPISA) of Paris, and the International Car Distribution Programme (ICDP) of Solihull. This favoured the publication of relevant studies and the growth of networks of academicians and practitioners interested in studying the patterns of industry evolution and in organising meetings to present and discuss issues of common interest. In 1992 some members of these research projects decided to organize a first conference in Berlin dedicated to the main theme of automation and organization in the automobile industry. In 1993 a second conference took place in Tokyo, followed by a technical visit to a few automobile manufacturers and components suppliers plants (Toyota, Nissan, Mitsubishi, etc.).

The Book of the Automobile Jan 01 2021 Excerpt from *The Book of the Automobile: A Practical Volume Devoted to the History Construction, Use and Care of Motor Cars and to the Subject of Motoring in America* How shall we explain this attitude? Let us be fair and point out that some of the automobilists themselves are, unfortunately, partially to blame. Some drivers of the automobile regard it in the light of a toy to furnish amusement in speeding and racing on the highway. So regarded, it is truly a nuisance, a menace to life, and no legitimate means of

street locomotion. Further, nearly every man has his mind directed to many abuses which are continually advertised by the yellow journals to increase their circulation. He hears that a million aire has ordered a 120 H. P. Machine, costing to beat the record of another millionaire, and that fortunes are spent with impunity by the rich on these space-devouring monsters, just for the fun of speeding. He reads that Mr. So-and-so, when giving bail, tossed a hundred-dollar bill to some clerk, afterward forgetting to have the money refunded. All these and other highly colored and sensational stories, mostly untrue, influence his imagination, and when he is forced by a drunken or reckless automobilist to jump for his life, it is but natural that he should nurse hatred against the man. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

The Automobile Club of Egypt Dec 24 2022 In British-occupied Egypt, on the eve of the 1952 revolution, respected landowner Abd el-Aziz Gaafar has fallen on hard times. Bankrupt, he moves his family to Cairo and takes a menial job at the Automobile Club, a luxurious lodge for its European members, where Egyptians appear only as fearful servants. When Abd el-Aziz's pride gets the better of him and he stands up for himself, he is subjected to a corporal punishment that ultimately kills him—leaving two of his sons obliged to work in the Club. As the nation teeters on the brink of change, both servants and masters are subsumed by social upheaval, and the Egyptians of the Automobile Club face a choice: to live safely but without dignity as servants, or to risk everything and fight for their rights. Exuberant and powerfully moving, The Automobile Club of Egypt is an essential work of social criticism from one of the Arab world's greatest literary voices.

Code of Fair Competition for the Automobile Manufacturing Industry Mar 03 2021

Math for the Automotive Trade Jun 25 2020 MATH FOR THE AUTOMOTIVE TRADE, 6th Edition, is the practical worktext that can jumpstart automotive repair careers! Starting with beginner math and a review of automobile systems, this book walks students through hands-on problems and exercises, completing repair orders and documents according to manufacturer specs, and checking their work against industry data in the appendices.

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The Automobile Nov 23 2022 The present edition includes technical data of new Indian cars and trucks. A chapter 'Air Conditioning of Automobiles' also has been added. Some new topics such as Rotary Distributor Fuel Injection Pump, Glow Plugs, Metric Size Tyres, etc., have been incorporated. The glossary of technical terms has been expanded. Some Questions have been modified keeping in view new models of cars, trucks, buses, etc. At the end, a Survey Report has been given to provide information about the modern trends in Indian automobile manufacturing.

Algorithm & SoC Design for Automotive Vision Systems Feb 02 2021 An emerging trend in the automobile industry is its convergence with information technology (IT). Indeed, it has been estimated that almost 90% of new automobile technologies involve IT in some form. Smart driving technologies that improve safety as well as green fuel technologies are quite representative of the convergence between IT and automobiles. The smart driving technologies include three key elements: sensing of driving environments, detection of objects and potential hazards and the generation of driving control signals including warning signals. Although radar-based systems are primarily used for sensing the driving environments, the camera has gained importance in advanced driver assistance systems

(ADAS). This book covers system-on-a-chip (SoC) designs—including both algorithms and hardware—related with image sensing and object detection by using the camera for smart driving systems. It introduces a variety of algorithms such as lens correction, super resolution, image enhancement and object detections from the images captured by low-cost vehicle camera. This is followed by implementation issues such as SoC architecture, hardware accelerator, software development environment and reliability techniques for automobile vision systems. This book is aimed for the new and practicing engineers in automotive and chip-design industries to provide some overall guidelines for the development of automotive vision systems. It will also help graduate students understand and get started for the research work in this field.

English for the Automobile Industry Nov 30 2020
Watch Those Car Guys Nov 11 2021 WATCH THOSE CAR GUYS Eve used an apple...these guys used steel
"Watch Those Car Guys" provides a window into the hectic, fast-moving and free-wheeling world of the automobile business during the post-war period. The absence of standardized factory prices for automobiles provided the dealer with the opportunity to manipulate prices in order to confuse customers. Quick sales by any manner were the primary objective. The pre-war practice of providing good service at fair prices for the purpose of repeat business was all but gone. Marty Stein is transformed from a respectful

college sophomore into a devious automobile dealer. The greed and irresponsibility in his life parallels the practices evolving in the automobile business. His fifteen-year journey from a college sophomore to a felon leaves behind a wake that contains scores of deceived and disgruntled customers, a lover who almost dies from a bungled abortion, a son he may never see and the suicide of a trusting friend that was to a large extent Marty's fault.

Policing the Open Road Dec 12 2021 Winner of the Littleton-Griswold Prize Winner of the Ralph Waldo Emerson Award Winner of the Order of the Coif Award Winner of the David J. Langum Sr. Prize in American Legal History Winner of the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians Book Prize A Smithsonian Best History Book of the Year "With insights ranging from the joy of the open road to the indignities--and worse--of 'driving while black,' Sarah Seo makes the case that the 'law of the car' has eroded our rights to privacy and equal justice." --Paul Butler, author of Chokehold "A fascinating examination of how the automobile reconfigured American life, not just in terms of suburbanization and infrastructure but with regard to deeply ingrained notions of freedom and personal identity." --Hua Hsu, New Yorker "From traffic stops to parking tickets, Seo traces the history of cars alongside the history of crime and discovers that the two are inextricably linked." --Smithsonian When Americans think of freedom, they often picture

the open road. Yet nowhere are we more likely to encounter the long arm of the law than in our cars. Sarah Seo reveals how the rise of the automobile led us to accept--and expect--pervasive police power, a radical transformation with far-reaching consequences. Before the twentieth century, most Americans rarely came into contact with police officers. But in a society dependent on cars, everyone--law-breaking and law-abiding alike--is subject to discretionary policing. Seo challenges prevailing interpretations of the Warren Court's due process revolution and argues that the Supreme Court's efforts to protect Americans did more to accommodate than limit police intervention. *Policing the Open Road* shows how the new procedures sanctioned discrimination by officers, and ultimately undermined the nation's commitment to equal protection before the law.

How Detroit Became the Automotive Capitol of the World Feb 20 2020 The author, a licensed Professional Engineer, has family roots in the Detroit area and has also been employed in an engineering capacity by all "Big Three" automakers; GM, Ford, & Chrysler. He has often wondered how the auto industry got its beginning in such a place as Detroit, Michigan, way off the beaten path, in an isolated glove-shaped piece of land thrust up between two lakes, where weather can be severe. Ohio and Indiana, who were also very active in the creation of the auto industry, are in the same general area of the country as

Michigan and share the same climate. Why would anyone favor this three state area? One would think that other parts of the country would be more conducive to the formation of such an important part of the history of this nation. After all, Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana were not members of the original 13 states and therefore have to be considered less developed territories than the original thirteen states around the turn of the 19th century when the American Gasoline-powered automobile was invented. Read how the author has searched for the answers to these somewhat perplexing questions on why Detroit became the "Motor City".

Louis Vuitton: The Art of the Automobile Jul 19 2022 "Such celebrations of automotive history and design are recalled here with magnificent photographs and previously unpublished documents, revealing the world of the automobile in all its glory."--BOOK JACKET.

Operating Averages for the Automobile Retailing Industry Sep 28 2020

Atlantic Automobilmism Sep 21 2022 Our continued use of the combustion engine car in the 21st century, despite many rational arguments against it, makes it more and more difficult to imagine that transport has a sustainable future. Offering a sweeping transatlantic perspective, this book explains the current obsession with automobiles by delving deep into the motives of early car users. It provides a synthesis of our knowledge about the emergence and persistence of the car,

using a broad range of material including novels, poems, films, and songs to unearth the desires that shaped our present "car society." Combining social, psychological, and structural explanations, the author concludes that the ability of cars to convey transcendental experience, especially for men, explains our attachment to the vehicle.

Corporate Power, American Democracy, and the Automobile Industry Aug 08 2021 A critical history of government policy toward the US automobile industry, assessing the impact of the large corporation on American democracy.

The Great Race Apr 16 2022 *The Great Race* recounts the exciting story of a century-long battle among automakers for market share, profit, and technological dominance—and the thrilling race to build the car of the future. The world's great manufacturing juggernaut—the \$3 trillion automotive industry—is in the throes of a revolution. Its future will include cars Henry Ford and Karl Benz could scarcely imagine. They will drive themselves, won't consume oil, and will come in radical shapes and sizes. But the path to that future is fraught. The top contenders are two traditional manufacturing giants, the US and Japan, and a newcomer, China. Team America has a powerful and little-known weapon in its arsenal: a small group of technology buffs and regulators from California. The story of why and how these men and women could shape the future—how you move, how you

work, how you live on Earth—is an unexpected tale filled with unforgettable characters: a scorned chemistry professor, a South African visionary who went for broke, an ambitious Chinese ex-pat, a quixotic Japanese nuclear engineer, and a string of billion-dollar wagers by governments and corporations. “To explain the scramble for the next-generation auto—and the roles played in that race by governments, auto makers, venture capitalists, environmentalists, and private inventors—comes Levi Tillemann’s *The Great Race*...Mr. Tillemann seems ideally cast to guide us through the big ideas percolating in the world’s far-flung workshops and labs” (*The Wall Street Journal*). His account is incisive and riveting, explaining how America bounced back in this global contest and what it will take to command the industrial future.

Automation in Automotive Industries May 05 2021
New Frontiers of the Automobile Industry Jul 27 2020
Analysing developments in digital technologies and institutional changes, this book provides an overview of the current frenetic state of transformation within the global automobile industry. An ongoing transition brought about by the relocation of marketing, design and production centres to emerging economies, and experimentation with new mobility systems such as electrical, autonomous vehicles, this process poses the question as to how original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and newcomers can remain competitive and ensure

sustainability. With contributions from specialists in the automobile sector, this collection examines the shifts in power and geographical location occurring in the industry, and outlines the key role that public policy has in generating innovation in entrepreneurial states. Offering useful insights into the challenges facing emerging economies in their attempts to grow within the automobile industry, this book will provide valuable reading for those researching internationalization and emerging markets, business strategy and more specifically, the automotive industry.

Automobile Mar 27 2023 What started as a love affair for Indian royalty is now the mainstay of Indian roads. Since Independence, the automobile has played an important role in India's industrial growth, as well as been the hero in many Bollywood movies. It has changed our cities and the way our houses and apartment blocks are configured, as well as transformed the countryside, connecting the remotest corners of our vast nation and providing jobs to millions. It has also empowered women in many parts of the nation, enabling them to attend schools and universities and commute to work and the marketplace. For thousands of Indians, the automobile has been, and remains, an object of pleasure, pride, status, excitement, emotion and passion. In *The Automobile*, Gautam Sen has not only traced the history of the automobile in India and the way it has shaped society for over

a century but has also delved into the fascination Indians have for all matters automotive, such as motor racing, bikes, road movies and historical vehicle shows. A riveting story told in the most fascinating anecdotal tone, this book is filled with well-researched facts and beautiful pictures for lovers of automobiles.

The Psychology of the Car Jun 18 2022 *The Psychology of the Car* explores automotive cultures through the lens of psychology with the goal of achieving a low-carbon transport future. Worldwide there are now more than one billion cars, and their number grows continuously. Yet there is growing evidence that humanity needs to reach 'peak cars' as increased air pollution, noise, accidents, and climate change support a decline in car usage. While many governments agree, the car remains attractive, and endeavors to change transport systems have faced fierce resistance. Based on insights from a wide range of transport behaviors, *The Psychology of the Car* shows the "why of automotive cultures, providing new perspectives essential for understanding its attractiveness and for defining a more desirable transport future. *The Psychology of the Car* illustrates the growth of global car use over time and its effect on urban transport systems and the global environment. It looks at the adoption of the car into lifestyles, the "mobilities turn, and how the car impacts collective and personal identities. The book

examines car drivers themselves; their personalities, preferences, and personality disorders relevant to driving. The book looks at the role power, control, dominance, speed, and gender play, as well as the interrelationship between personal freedom and law enforcement. The book explores risk-taking behaviors as accidental death is a central element of car driving. The book addresses how interventions can be successful as well as which interventions are unlikely to work, and concludes with how a more sustainable transport future can be created based on emerging transport trends. Features deep analyses of individual and collective psychologies of car affection, moving beyond sociology-based interpretations of automobile culture Illustrates concepts using popular culture examples that expose ideas about automobility Shows how fewer, smaller and more environmentally friendly cars, as well as low-carbon transport modes, are more socially attractive

Catch up processes in the global automobile industry Mar 23 2020 Master's Thesis from the year 2012 in the subject Business economics - Miscellaneous, grade: 1,2, Berlin School of Economics and Law, language: English, abstract: This thesis seeks to contribute to the discussion on latecomer firms by gaining insights into the catch up processes of five automobile companies in the passenger car segment, namely BYD (PRC), Chery (PRC), Geely (PRC), Tata Motors (India) and

Mahindra & Mahindra (India). Based on learning theories and the core processes of automobile manufacturers, the thesis develops a catch up framework to systematically compare automobile latecomers. Korean automobile manufacturer Hyundai serves as an example for successful catch up and provides a contextual framing for catch up processes in the automobile sector. An analysis of empirical data provides evidence for the evaluation of the catch up status of the five challenger firms. The author emphasizes the influence of institutional settings in China and India and the role of business groups which both can act as facilitators for the catch up process. Finally, the thesis clusters the catch up strategies of the five observed companies in order to compare their approach. The results indicate that the observed automobile latecomers have not achieved a sophistication level comparable to incumbents in terms of capabilities. However, opportunities to accelerate the capability building process exist. Latecomers can leapfrog through partnering, acquisitions or changing the rules of the game in the industry.

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