



Brand new year Brand new cars The newest cars, fresh off the dealerships.

Whatever 2014 brings us, from what we've found out by talking to all the brand new car dealerships in Dhaka, it's going to be quite an exciting year in terms of the zero mileage cars you can buy.

Right off the bat, it's the Bangladeshi people's brand: Toyota. Navana tells us they'll be bringing in a few interesting options, like the Prius C (otherwise known as the Aqua). The hybrid, compact hatchback looks great, like an upmarket European hatch (funky paint options, too), and comes with a 1.5 litre petrol engine combined with the tried and tested Hybrid Synergy Drive from the Prius. Other than the C, the other Toyotas making it to our shores would be the revamped 2014 Corolla and the all new Yaris.

The Corolla is a best-selling model here, but in recent times the brand new models haven't fared as well as the older

reconditioned models, mostly due to the higher cost of buying a brand new car. The 2014 Corolla is very good looking, with up-market touches here and there, so it might be worth an upgrade from the reconditioned Corollas that are flooding the market.

Expect the releases to be spread out through the next year.

Next up, DHS. Honda will be launching a fresh lineup of models to complement their already strong lineup. The Stepwagon is a large MPV with sliding rear doors and the average size and shape of the Toyota Noah, but with the added advantage of being a brand new car instead of a reconditioned one. The Freed is a smaller sized MPV competing with Toyota's Avanza, and has a stylish front end with a less than imaginative rear end. It's an alternative to the Avanza, but how will it fare with Bangladesh's Toyota crazy car buying crowd?

The 2014

Accord will go up against the Camry in the executive sedan segment, with a stylish exterior and loads of tech. The Accord's interior is more upmarket than previous models, featuring very nice touches like the large, centered speedometer. Other than that, there's some exciting news in the form of the Honda CRZ, a sporty, stylish hybrid two door hatchback which has been getting some rave reviews worldwide. We can't wait to see how it squares off against the Prius C.

In the high-end luxury car segment, Executive Motors, the dealers of German giant BMW, will be offering the 2014 BMW X5. The F10 5-series diesel is a hot seller in Dhaka, but it has been around for more than a year now, so the X5 will inject some newness into BMW's sales lineup for Bangladesh. There are possibilities of the 4-series and 2-series being brought in as well, so there are plenty of options for a German engineering enthusiast.

Jaguar officially entered the Bangladeshi market in late 2013 with the XF and XJ, and Pacific

Motors will be looking to up their sales of the British luxury marque, along with their present

lineup of Land Rover and Hyundai models. Nissan's Bluebird and Patrol is also going to be offered alongside.

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Stepwagon: Possible Noah alternative?



Jazz: Hybrid hatches will be the next big thing.



Corolla: Sleeker, upmarket-ish motoring for the masses.



CRZ: Awkward looks according to some, but it's funky.



Yaris: If you want value for money Toyota reliability.



Prius C: Funky colors, good looks, hybrid power.

Movie Review Rush One of the fiercest F1 rivalries, held up on the silver screen

Gone are the days when Formula One drivers could be called real men, or more than mere men. In the golden days of F1, in the 60's and 70's, the cars were louder, devoid of the safety features demanded by modern safety regulations, and the tracks on the race calendar demanded drivers with balls of steel. The drivers flirted with death every day, and their lifestyles off the track reflected this: they lived as they raced; fast, loud, and occasionally way over the top. Rivalries resulted in fistfights and brawls in the pit lanes, but the real men fought it out on the track. The 1976 season saw one of the most well remembered rivalries in F1 history: James Hunt of McLaren versus Niki Lauda of Ferrari. Now that spectacular season of dogfighting between these alpha males of the racetrack have been recreated in

finally given a level playing field when Emerson Fittipaldi left McLaren, and Hunt, desperate for a drive (since Hesketh pulled out after running out of money), went and begged them to give him a chance.

The rest, as we know it, is one for the history books. The movie shows the lives of these two men in 70's technicolor, with their love-lives and their fiery encounters with each other. The racing isn't shown to that great a detail, but even then the movie stretches to almost two hours long. Overall, the cinematography isn't all that great, but considering it's a relatively low budget film, it's actually quite good.

Why would you watch it if you aren't an F1 geek? Well, for the ladies you have Chris Hemsworth being



Real life men on the right, movie counterparts on the left. All kinds of cool.



James Hunt was notorious for celebrating wins with a smoke...and a woman.

rose tinted 70's glory, in a film made by Ron Howard. Rush shows the roots of British driver James Hunt and Austrian Niki Lauda, as they face off in Formula Three. The rivalry that spanned the peaks of both men started here, and expanded into Formula One after Hunt "The Shunt" humiliated Niki and took his win from him by literally shoving him off the track. Enraged and ever determined, Niki bought his way into the BRM team in Formula One, bullying and convincing, till he made it into the top flight. Partnered with Clay Regazzoni at BRM, he wowed his team with his immense talent at setting up the car for maximum efficiency, and when Clay was signed for the giant in F1, Ferrari, Clay had one condition for them: hire Niki Lauda as well.

On the other side of the fence, James Hunt, boiling because the man he humiliated is moving up the ranks, was desperate to get a big break. That break came when Lord Hesketh, close friend and owner of the Formula 3 team Hunt raced for, decided to compete in the top division and use Hunt as the driver. Hesketh never stood a chance against the bigshots, but Hunt managed a best overall 4th in the standings even with an underpowered car. Hunt was

badass as James Hunt and Daniel Bruhl as the resilient, one woman family man. For the men, you have loud cars, a ton of heavy, manly inspiration, and loads of women who happen to be extremely nice to look at. Now that we think about it, hardcore F1 geeks will shun the movie in favour of a proper documentary.

Rating: 7.5/10

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McLaren VS Ferrari

Niki Lauda vs James Hunt.
Alonso vs Button.
458 vs MP412C.



	Ferrari	McLaren
Races Entered	852	722
Races Won	219	182
Constructors' Championships	16	8
Debut	1950 Monaco Grand Prix	1966 Monaco Grand Prix
Founder	Enzo Ferrari (Italy)	Bruce McLaren (New Zealand)
Factory Location	Maranello, Italy	Woking, Surrey, England
Famous Drivers	Alberto Ascari, Juan-Manuel Fangio, Phil Hill, Jacky Ickx, Mario Andretti, Clay Regazzoni, Niki Lauda, Gilles Villeneuve, Nigel Mansell, Alain Prost, Michael Schumacher, Rubens Barrichello, Kimi Räikkönen, Giancarlo Fisichella, Felipe Massa, Fernando Alonso.	Bruce McLaren, Emerson Fittipaldi, James Hunt, Alain Prost, Keke Rosberg, Ayrton Senna, Mika Häkkinen, David Coulthard, Kimi Raikkönen, Juan Pablo Montoya, Fernando Alonso, Lewis Hamilton, Jenson Button, Sergio Perez.

