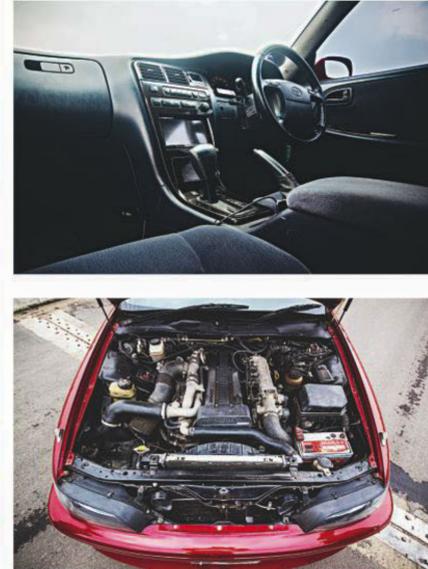


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PROJECT CARS



2017 Ford Mustang launched

The Ford Mustang EcoBoost was officially launched by AG Automobiles, Ford's authorised dealers in Bangladesh, on Thursday, 27th April 2017, at the AG showroom in Uttara.

AG Automobiles Managing Director Khaled Hossain and Director Yousuf Aman pulled back the drapes on the bright yellow Mustang, which comes equipped with a 2.3 litre EcoBoost 4 cylinder motor, putting out 310 HP and 320 lb-ft of torque.

Khaled Hossain commented on the Mustang's illustrious 53 years of history, saying "I grew up dreaming of driving a Ford Mustang in Bangladesh, and thankfully we have presented the opportunity for the people of Bangladesh to see a Mustang in the flesh. It's currently one of the best selling sports cars on the planet and now the legend is here."

The EcoBoost Mustang might not sell in volume in Bangladesh, but it presents a unique opportunity for the automotive enthusiasts of the country to take in a thoroughbred sports car.

The two units brought into Bangladesh so far are in Triple Yellow Tri-coat and Oxford White colours.



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TWIN TURBO SLEEKNESS

The seventh generation Mark II, code-named "X90", was the first in a long line of Mark-II's with which Toyota experimented with a different design language - for the X90, they deleted all the sharp edges from the previous generations because it was the 90's and Toyota wanted to bring a more futuristic look to their cars. You were only left with a hard-top which looks better, having a lower roof line and no window frames.

Toyota used this approach to integrate luxury in a smaller package than the Crown. The 7th Generation was offered in multiple variants packing a variety of power-trains including the performance oriented Tourer trims, which came with either a naturally aspirated 2.5L 1JZ-GE / 3L 2JZ-GE or a tasty twin turbo 2.5L 1JZ-GTE engine packing 276 bhp, with an optional manual transmission.

This particular example is a Tourer V that has the factory look, aside from the aftermarket front bumper, which I think



makes the car look even better and matches perfectly with the factory lines of the car. Small changes make this Tourer look fresh and updated.

We caught up with the owner, Fahim Faysal Khan, for a Q&A session about his beautiful Mark-II.

How long have you had this Mark II?

I've had this car for around 2 years now.

Why do you like it?
I like it because I always wanted to own one when I was a teenager. Because I can cruise around in this and when required, I always have the power of twin turbos under my right foot.

How is the experience of driving a large, twin turbo sedan in Dhaka? Isn't it

difficult to drive in traffic?
I'm quite accustomed to driving long cars in Dhaka traffic. It's not at all difficult but you need to have patience. It's very fun to drive so you wouldn't mind sitting in traffic. And the fact that it's very comfortable makes it very easy to drive around the city.

What other cars have you owned and driven before?
I had a Toyota AE101 Sprinter Trueno which had the first "7A-GE" conversion done in Bangladesh by Autosmith. Before that a Toyota Vista with a 3S-GE.

If you could start over and do the project again at no cost, what would you change about the Mark II?
I wouldn't change anything aside from a bigger turbo which I'll be doing in the near future and a MT conversion, which is on its way.

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COLLECTIBLES



Easier to own a home AND a car in Bangladesh than to pay for a single 1:1 Mustang. Doesn't mean you still can't have one. In 1:64 scale (3 inches) you have the Hot Wheels version. Brilliantly detailed for a 150 taka car with proper sized wheels. On the other end of the scale the best in 1:18 right now would be the Autoworld model with all opening parts, fully carpeted interior/trunk and a highly detailed engine including that awkward looking coolant reservoir. All for \$94 from their site. For more Mustang options, head to our site.



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All new BMW 5-series coming soon

The all new BMW 5 series is due to be launched this week via Executive Motors, the authorised dealers of BMW vehicles in the country.

The 5 series is a significant model in Bangladesh, Executive Motors having sold more units of the 5 series than any other model in BMW's range of executive sedans. Globally, the 5 is a best-selling, class leading luxury sedan, thanks to a winning formula of efficient design, effective powertrains and innovative

technology.

For the latest G30 series 5er, BMW has stuck with the formula and updated and refreshed the specifics in typical German fashion.

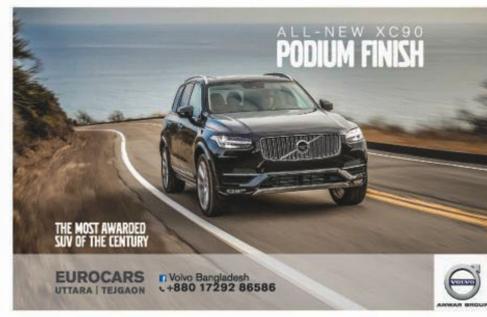
Under the hood is a new 2 litre 4 cylinder motor utilising BMW Efficient Dynamics and Twin Power Turbo technology to develop 252 HP and 258 lb-ft of torque, sprinting to 100 km/h in just 6.2 seconds. Top speed is electronically limited to 250 km/h.

Inside, expect the typical leather, brushed surfaces and some of the best tech and gadgets available in the mid-range luxury class. There's a whole host of driver assist systems, from heads-up displays to automated systems controlling everything from cooling to braking.

Outside, the new 5 series bridges the link between the 3 and 7 series, while incorporating more design features from BMW's flagship sedan. The M package has

tons of visual aggression on offer, with particularly brilliant 5-spoke alloys and deep valances for the front bumper. There's 21 colours on offer, and a whole catalogue's worth of upgrades and options.

We'll bring you more details and an in-depth look at the 5-series. Watch our Facebook page for instant updates during the launch event and a first impressions video. Test drive of the new 5 series comes soon.



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