

Mitsubishi could share all-new 'global small' car with Peugeot and Citroen

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MITSUBISHI Motors Corporation could be set to extend its model collaboration with PSA Peugeot Citroen to its forthcoming new-generation 'global small' compact series, according to overseas reports.

Citing French newspaper *Les Echos*, the Reuters news agency reports that the compact car is "the central theme" of recent talks between the Japanese and French manufacturers, with production due to commence in Thailand as early as 2011.



The news comes after MMC president Osamu Masuko told Australian journalists, including GoAuto, that the forthcoming sub-light car would be smaller and more affordable than the current Colt and was being developed for global markets, including Australia.

It will be powered by both all-electric and conventional internal combustion engines, with the EV version joining the range about a year after launch.

A fresh deal with PSA, which already rebadges Mitsubishi vehicles and will later this year introduce the i-MEV-based Peugeot iOn and Citroen C-Zero, could result in the French group switching from Toyota for its next-generation micro-cars.

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