

WHEEL SCOTS

THE third-generation Toyota Prius hybrid power car goes on sale in the UK this summer, and adopts a larger, 1.8-litre petrol engine mated to an electric motor. It will be marginally longer than the current model, with the roof profile changed to improve rear seat headroom. There's more boot space, too. Full specification details and prices will be revealed at the Geneva Motor Show in March.

CITROEN'S C1 city car now gets a smarter look for 2009. The front end is restyled, there are new body colours and trims, plus lower CO2 emissions and improved fuel economy. The latest C1, available with either a 62.8mpg, 1.0-litre petrol or 68.9mpg, 1.4-litre diesel engine, is in UK showrooms now. The specifications have been cut to just two – VT and VTR.

CHECK with the nearest Seat dealer for details of attractive finance offers on many of the firm's models. The deals run alongside the Seat Revolution campaign, which sees savings of up to £5110 against competitor cars, and up to £2000 off list prices. The dealers have full details of the promotion, which also includes zero per cent hire purchase offers and low-rate contract-purchase terms.

A NEW pay-as-you-drive car insurance has been launched in the UK, called Coverbox. It uses GPS technology to monitor distance covered and time of day or night a vehicle is in use, and charges according to mileage covered in off-peak (daytime), peak (rush-hour) or super-peak (11pm-5am) periods. And Coverbox can track and locate a car if it is stolen. Log on to the website www.coverbox.co.uk to learn more or get a selection of quotes.

