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## **Next Green Car releases Awards 2011 shortlists**

Welcome to the **Next Green Car Awards 2011**, the most scientifically based Green Car Awards in the UK.

27 of the UK's greenest new cars of 2011/12 have been selected for shortlists across nine vehicle categories. The winners will be announced on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011.

Next Green Car uses its unique Green Car Rating to rank the greenest new cars to come to market, honouring the most innovative low emission models with the Next Green Car Awards.

To be selected for one of the Awards, new models must be commercially available for purchase or order in the UK during 2011. After-market conversions are not eligible and all cars have to be available directly from the manufacturer.

Eligible models on the Awards shortlists are primarily selected for their low Green Car Rating. However, account is also taken of the level of innovation, value, drive experience and design.

In addition to tailpipe CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the Green Car Rating assesses the impacts of seven additional emissions across the life cycle of the vehicle, making it possible to compare different fuel types/drive-trains on a single scale.

This year, Awards are given for eight vehicle classes and a new 'Next Generation' category, which includes new technology models close to market launch. An overall winner is also awarded the title of Next Green Car 'Gold Award' 2011.

As noted by Dr Ben Lane, Managing Editor of Next Green Car: "2011 has already proved to be an exciting one for green cars with the launch of several high quality pure electric and hybrid models, the Plug-in Car Grant and many low emission petrol and diesels models under the 'magic' 100 gCO<sub>2</sub>/km threshold."

He continues: "We have developed our Next Green Car Awards with the UK car buyer in mind. Our Green Car Rating and Approved lists, which highlight the best new green cars each month, have proved very popular with our website users. The annual Next Green Car Awards gives our visitors an additional independent view to help them select their next green car."

For each Award category, the Next Green Car Awards 2011 shortlists are as follows:

#### **City-car shortlist 2011**

- Peugeot iOn & Citroen C-Zero – CO2: 0 g/km – NGC Rating 21
- Hyundai i10 1.0-litre – CO2: 99 g/km – NGC Rating 27
- Toyota iQ 1.0 litre VVTi – CO2: 99 g/km – NGC Rating: 27

#### **Supermini shortlist 2011**

- Renault Clio 1.5 dCi Eco – CO2: 94 g/km – NGC Rating 27
- Vauxhall Corsa 1.3 CDTi EcoFlex – CO2: 94 g/km – NGC Rating: 27
- Audi A1 1.6 TDI Start-Stop – CO2: 99 g/km – NGC Rating 28

#### **Small Family shortlist 2011**

- Nissan LEAF Electric – CO2: 0 g/km – NGC Rating 27
- Skoda Octavia 1.6 TDi Greenline II – CO2: 99 g/km – NGC Rating 28
- Ford Focus 1.6 TDCi – CO2: 109 g/km– NGC Rating 32

#### **Large Family shortlist 2011**

- Peugeot 508 Saloon 1.6 e-HDi – CO2: 109g/km – NGC Rating 32
- Volkswagen Passat 1.6 TDi BlueMotion – CO2: 114g/km – NGC Rating 32
- Citroen C5 1.6 e-HDi – CO2: 120g/km – NGC Rating 34

#### **Family Estate shortlist 2011**

- Ford Focus Estate 1.6 TDCi – CO2: 109 g/km– NGC Rating 32
- Peugeot 508 SW 1.6 e-HDi – CO2: 110g/km – NGC Rating 32
- Volvo V60 1.6 DRIVE – CO2: 119 g/km – NGC Rating 34

#### **Executive shortlist 2011**

- Volvo S60 1.6 DRIVE – CO2: 114 g/km – NGC Rating 32
- BMW 520d EfficientDynamics – CO2: 119 g/km – NGC Rating: TBC
- Audi A6 Saloon 2.0 TDI Start-Stop – CO2: 129 g/km – NGC Rating 35

#### **MPV shortlist 2011**

- Renault Scenic 1.6 dCi Start-Stop – CO2: 115 g/km – NGC Rating TBC
- Toyota Verso-S 1.33 VVT-i Optimal Drive – CO2: 120 g/km – NGC Rating 33
- Vauxhall Meriva 1.3 CDTi EcoFlex – CO2: 119 g/km – NGC Rating: 34

#### **Crossover shortlist 2011**

- Peugeot 3008 HYbrid4 – CO2: 99 g/km – NGC Rating TBC
- BMW X1 EfficientDynamics – CO2: 119 g/km – NGC Rating TBC
- Range Rover Evoque 2.2 TDi – CO2: 129 g/km – NGC Rating 35

#### **Next Generation 2012**

- Renault Fluence Electric – CO2: 0 g/km – NGC Rating 26
- Vauxhall Ampera E-REV – CO2: 40 g/km – NGC Rating TBC
- Toyota Prius Plug-in Hybrid – CO2: 59 g/km – NGC Rating TBC



The winners of the Award categories, including Next Green Car 'Gold Award' 2011, will be announced on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011.<sup>1</sup>

For more information about the Next Green Car Awards 2011, and details of all the models in the 2011 Awards shortlists, visit: [www.nextgreencar.com/awards-2011](http://www.nextgreencar.com/awards-2011).

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## **NOTE TO EDITORS**

### **About Next Green Car**

- Nextgreencar.com is the UK's leading green car website providing expert and independent information to those researching more environmentally friendly cars;
- Next Green Car's editorial team is at the heart of the UK's green transport community and provide passionate, expert & unbiased opinion on all the latest green car news, trends & models;
- Next Green Car provides the Green Car Rating – a full life cycle environmental ratings – for over 30,000 commercially available models in the UK since 2001;
- Next Green Car publishes the Next Green Car Approved List – the best of the best green cars, updated monthly.
- Next Green Car has developed Zap-Map, the most comprehensive UK-wide electric car charging point map, updated weekly: [www.nextgreencar.com/zap-map](http://www.nextgreencar.com/zap-map).

### **About Green Car Rating**

- The Green Car Rating includes all measured air-based emissions – not just CO2.
- This allows a realistic comparison between different vehicle and fuel types – for example, while diesel typically has lower tailpipe CO2 emissions than petrol, diesel emissions include higher levels of NOx and particulates.
- The Rating is designed to be used by non-experts and is therefore expressed as a score out of 100 ranging from 0 for the greenest vehicles to 100+ for the most polluting. For more info: [www.nextgreencar.com/ratings.php](http://www.nextgreencar.com/ratings.php).

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<sup>1</sup> The winner of the Crossover Award 2011 will be announced later in the year.