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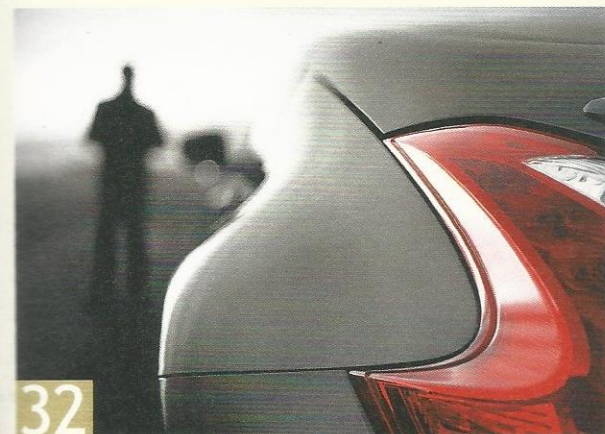




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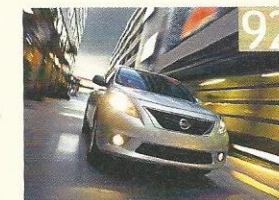


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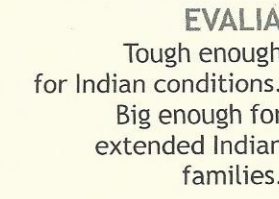


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The mid-size saloon that offers you full-sized space, comfort and features.



EVALIA

Tough enough for Indian conditions. Big enough for extended Indian families.

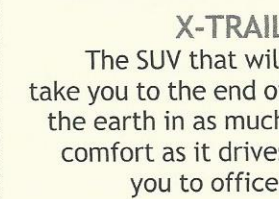


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TEANA  
Regal, robust and refined. The Nissan Teana creates a new royal class of travel.



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The SUV that will take you to the end of the earth in as much comfort as it drives you to office.



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# THE NISSAN STORY

WHICH JAPANESE CAR MANUFACTURER  
WAS THE FIRST TO COME TO INDIA:  
SUZUKI, TOYOTA, HONDA,  
MITSUBISHI OR NISSAN?





THE ANSWER MIGHT surprise you. In 1963-64, a Japanese 4X4 vehicle with a six-cylinder 3956cc petrol engine was inducted into the Indian army. This was the Nissan Patrol 60. These vehicles were built at the Vehicle Factory Jabalpur under license from Nissan, and came to be known as the JONGA from the Jabalpur Ordnance and Gun Carriage Assembly. These Nissans proved their worth and capability under the most hostile and demanding conditions, soldiering on without fatigue or complaint. No wonder these tough and hardy vehicles were produced for nearly a quarter of a century, with even a civilian version being launched. The last Jonga rolled off the line in 1999.

Unfortunately for India, while consumers across the world were benefiting from Nissan's engineering expertise and innovation, Indian customers and car lovers could only admire these cars on posters or on their rare foreign trips. Here was a company that not only produced bulletproof vehicles like the Patrol, but also memorable sportscars like the Datsun Fairlady roadsters, the Z-car line-up originally introduced in 1969 but still visible today as the 370Z, and the legendary GT-R, that began life as the Skyline in 1969.

Nissan has gone through many avatars to become the brand that we know today. The name Nissan can be traced back to