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# The New Auto Industry: New Brands and Opportunities

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- National Focus / Advantage
- Timing / Surprise
- Fundamentals / Physics, Economics

### **Materials and Brands**



**CAR = VEHICLE PLATFORM + PRIME MOVER** 

**FUNDAMENTAL CO2** = Mass x Acceleration

Mass = materials (brand core competence)

Acceleration = brand choice

### **Materials and Brands**



CAR = VEHICLE PLATFORM + PRIME MOVER

SHIFT 1 Prime Mover eg EV, PHEV, Small IC

SHIFT 2 Body materials and manufacturing

The latter enables different economices of scale and allows for new entrants and new Brands

#### New Brand success...is...



- Largest EV producer
- New range of well styled models
- GM's partner for EV in India
- Spearheaded EVs in London/Europe

**REVA G-Wiz** 

# EV Market size UK in 20 years



- Pure EVs 10%
- Plug-in Hybrids 30%
- Internal combustion/hybrid 60%

Then surprise may change this eg Hydrogen or small IC

#### **Axon as a New Brand**





**Lightweight Vehicles for Low Carbon Futures** 



### Steel to Carbon: that's us too





### Steel to Carbon: that's us









- Low tooling cost
- Mature market with many modelsgreat competitive
- Half weight, half power. Same P:Wt ratio, half CO2

advantage

Lightweight Vehicles for Low Carbon Futures



# Steel to Carbon: that's us too



Axon – 500cc petrol engine

- plug in hybrid
- 470 kg 130 mpg
- carbon fibre chassis frame
- 2 seats plus lots of luggage



Prius 1/x – 500cc petrol engine

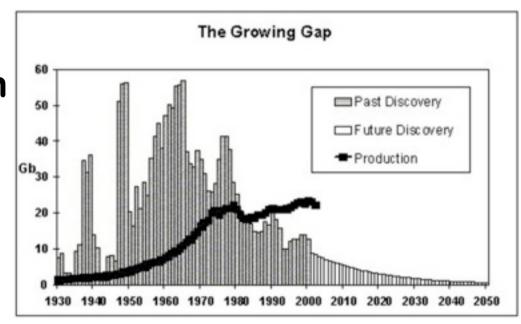
- plug in hybrid
- 420 kg
- carbon fibre chassis frame
- 4 seats little luggage150 mpg



### Steel to Carbon: Oil strategy

- Aircraft Industry now
   Carbon fibre led
- Tokyo University projection/simulation 100% of car production carbon by 2020
- A 2020 strategy for Japan given the prospect of 'peak oil'

# **Timing**





### Geographical Advantage



- Electricity abundant
- France Nuclear
- Denmark Wind
- USA Coal
- Therefore Electric
   Vehicles make sense



### Geographical Advantage



- UK strengths
- IC engines
- Composites
- Design engineering
- Electricity deficit
- UK rebuild existing supply



### Geographical Advantage



- India strengths
- CNG infrastructure
- Compact car mfr
- R&D facilities
- Electricity deficit
- increasing supply

### Why Axon will succeed



#### **Steve Cousins, Managing Director**

10 years Cranfield University Honda centre £100M Foresight Vehicle Programme

#### John Hall, Strategy Director & Chairman

Director of Strategy Jaguar-Land Rover Director 3 Range Rover designs, BMW

**David Payne, Director Automation** 

**BAE** systems, Vision Controls SME

**Kevin Lindsey, Director Engineering** 

Lotus, MG Rover, Gibbs Aquada

Lightweight Vehicles for Low Carbon Futures





# **Future UK Car Manufacturing**

UK assembles high volume cars

Has no domestically Owned and Head Quartered Manufacturers

8 new UK O&HQ Manufacturers, vol 50,000 target 2015, 450,000 2020. This is a new Sector.



# **Future UK Car Manufacturing**

New Brands are enabled by new manufacturing techniques

They enable new customer relations and the SHIFT to new fuels – EV, Plug-in EV, small IC and H2