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January Renault 160Nm manual transmission (JH) is used on Micra; Renault 200Nm manual transmission (JR) is used on Almera.

February Production of Nissan ND manual transmission begins at the Renault Cacia plant in Portugal. It is for Nissan models (Primera, Almera, Almera Tino) built at Nissan Motor Manufacturing (UK) Ltd. and Nissan Motor Iberica S.A. and for the Renault Mégane II.

March Sales of the Nissan Interstar in Europe, a double-badged vehicle with the Renault Master, begin.

March Renault and Nissan adopt the Alliance Quality Charter.

March 1 Renault increases its stake in Nissan to 44.3% for a total investment of ¥215.9 billion (€1.85 billion / \$1.62 billion).

March 4 Production of the Nissan Platina, derived from the Clio sedan, begins at the Nissan Aguascalientes plant in Mexico.

March 5 Sales of the Nissan March in Japan, the first vehicle built on the common B platform, begin.

March 8 Sales of the Renault Vel Satis, powered by a Nissan 3.5-liter V6 gasoline engine (VQ35), begin.

March 14 PSA Peugeot-Citroën, Ford and the Renault-Nissan Alliance establish a European joint venture in automotive telematics.

March 28 Renault and Nissan establish a common strategic management structure, Renault-Nissan bv.

March 29 Nissan acquires a 13.5% stake in Renault for a total investment of €1.9 billion.

April 2 Nissan launches its NISSAN 180 plan.

April 22 Production of the Nissan Frontier pickup, the second model produced at the LCV plant in Curitiba, Brazil, begins.

April 26 Carlos Ghosn joins the Renault Board of Directors.

May 28 Nissan increases its stake in Renault to 15%.

May 29 The Alliance Board, replacing the Global Alliance Committee (GAC), meets for the first time.

June 28 Renault and Nissan agree to increase the scope of common purchasing via RNPO from \$15 billion to \$21 billion.

July 1 Renault-Nissan Information Services (RNIS) is established.

September Sales of Renault Mégane II in Europe, the first vehicle built on the common C platform, begin.

September Sales of the second Renault Samsung Motors model, the SM3, with the technical support from Nissan, begin in South Korea.

September 2 Nissan and Toyota announce a partnership in hybrid vehicles

October Nissan V6 3.5 L engine (VQ35) is used on the Renault Espace IV.

October 22 Production of the X83 compact van begins at the Nissan Barcelona plant in Spain - the first cross-manufacturing project in Europe (sold as the Renault Trafic, Nissan Primastar and Opel/Vauxhall Vivaro).

November Establishment of the Global Alliance Logistics Committee (GALC) and of the Alliance Logistics Taskforce (ALT).

November 28 Nissan launches Micra production at NMUK in Sunderland.

December Renault 1.9 dCi engine (F9Q) is used on the Nissan Primera.

December Sales of the Nissan Almera in Europe, fitted with the Renault 1.5-liter diesel engine, begin.