

2006

January Renault-Nissan Alliance sells a combined 6,129,254 vehicles in 2005, up 6.0 percent over 2004, a global market share of 9.8 percent, the fourth largest global automotive group.

February 7 Exports of Renault Samsung Motors-built sedan SM3 begin to Russia and the Middle East under the Nissan badge

February 9 Renault Commitment 2009 plan is announced.

March 22 Renault unveils new Alliance diesel engine, developed by Renault, the 2.0dCi. It will be used initially in Megane, Laguna, Espace and Vel Satis models. Nissan vehicles fitted with the engine will be released later.

March 27 Nissan reduces its stake in Nissan Diesel from 18.9% to 5.9%.

July 15 Renault, Nissan and General Motors begin exploratory talks regarding the possibility of creating an industrial alliance.

September 26 Fourth Alliance Convention in Paris.

September 28 Nissan sells its entire stake in Nissan Diesel to AB Volvo.

October 5 Renault, Nissan and General Motors terminate discussions regarding a proposed alliance among the three companies.

December 22 Renault and Nissan announce that they are working together on lithium-ion battery technology and packaging, the electric motor and the software that is needed to manage the solution.