

## **Toyota to Introduce Tesla-Developed Electric RAV4 in November**

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Sept. 13 (Bloomberg) -- Toyota Motor Corp., the world's largest automaker, said an all-electric sport-utility vehicle it's developing with affiliate Tesla Motors Inc. will be introduced at the Los Angeles auto show in November.

The electric RAV4 compact SUV will be marketed in the U.S. by 2012, Toyota Executive Vice President Takeshi Uchiyamada told reporters today in Detroit. The model's battery pack and electric motor are being supplied by Palo Alto, California-based Tesla, he said.

Carmakers including Toyota City, Japan-based Toyota are under pressure in the U.S. and other markets to develop models that consume little or no petroleum and emit fewer gasses linked to global warming. The project with Tesla is separate from a previously announced, two-passenger electric car Toyota plans to sell by 2012.

Toyota, the world's largest seller of hybrid-electric cars, led by its Prius sedan, also plans to add six more hybrid models by the end of 2012, Uchiyamada said today.

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