

Japan set to ban sales of new petrol cars in mid-2030s: reports

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In September, California announced a goal for all passenger vehicles sold in the US state to be zero-emission by 2035.

Britain meanwhile has set a more ambitious target, aiming to ban sales of petrol and diesel vehicles by 2030.

Japanese economy and trade ministry officials were not immediately available for comment.

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Japan wants to ban sales of new petrol cars in around 15 years' time as part of efforts to reach carbon neutrality by 2050, reports said Thursday.

The [new policy](#) could be announced as soon as next week, building on an existing push to promote electric and [hybrid vehicles](#), the Mainichi Shimbun said without citing sources.

Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga in October set a 2050 deadline for Japan to become carbon-neutral, prompting big companies to draft plans on how to curb their CO₂ emissions.

The move has been welcomed by activists and the UN, but Japan is still heavily reliant on [fossil fuels](#) and the government has not yet laid out details of how it will achieve this.

The country's current target is to increase the share of low-emission cars sold—both hybrid and electric—to 50-70 percent by 2030, from around 40 percent in 2019.

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