

Evolved PHEV and S-AWC Systems of the Eclipse Cross Won RJC Technology of the Year for 2022 in Japan

Tokyo, November 9, 2021 – Mitsubishi Motors Corporation (MMC) today announced that the evolved plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV) and Super-All Wheel Control (S-AWC) systems of the Eclipse Cross won the RJC Technology of the Year in RJC Car of the Year for 2022 run by the Automotive Researchers' and Journalists' Conference of Japan (RJC).



Eclipse Cross PHEV model

The PHEV variant of the Eclipse Cross, a crossover SUV, uses an optimized twin-motor 4WD system and S-AWC integrated vehicle dynamics control system from the Outlander PHEV that is highly recognized around the world. The RJC selection committee acclaimed the technologies that bring out a high level of quietness and powerful, stable driving performance unique to PHEVs, as well as smooth acceleration and nimble handling.

MMC is committed to the development of environmentally-friendly vehicles that embody the company's unique Mitsubishi Motors-ness, or what defines MMC's vehicles – a combination of safety, security (peace of mind) and comfort. Electrification and all-wheel control technologies are at the core of such development and are fully utilized in the evolved PHEV and S-AWC systems adopted in the Eclipse Cross PHEV model.

This is the fifth time that MMC has won the RJC Technology of the Year. Other recognized technologies include the INVECS (Intelligent & Innovative Vehicle Electronic Control System) automatic transmission technology of Galant and Eterna in the award for 1993; the INVECS-II Sport Mode automatic transmission of FTO for 1995; the GDI (Gasoline Direct Injection) engine of Galant and Legnum for 1997; and the PHEV system of the Outlander PHEV for 2014.

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