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Camaro Moving From Ontario Plant to Lansing

TORONTO (AP) – General Motors Co. says it's moving production of the next version of its Camaro sports car to Lansing from Oshawa, Ontario.

GM said in a statement Wednesday that "lower capital investment and improved production efficiencies were key factors" in the move. The automaker says the new Camaro will be assembled at its Lansing Grand River Assembly plant in Michigan's capital city.

Toyota Crashes Group's Safety Tests

DETROIT (AP) – The Toyota Camry performed poorly this year in a new crash test and failed to get the best safety rating from an insurance industry group.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety gave the Camry a "Poor" rating on a test that measures how well people are protected when the front corner of a car hits another car or an object.

The Camry still did well on the institute's other four tests and earned a "Top Safety Pick" designation. But it failed to get a "Top Safety Pick-Plus" rating because of the bad performance on the new "small overlap" test of corner crashes.

Ten moderately priced midsize cars got the institute's highest rating.

They include the Honda Accord, Chrysler 200, Dodge Avenger, Ford Fusion, Kia Optima, Nissan Altima, Subaru Legacy and Outback, Suzuki Kashai and the Volkswagen Passat.

Toyota's Prius v gas-electric hybrid wagon also performed poorly on the new test, but still earned a "Top Safety Pick" designation.

"Toyota's engineers have a lot of work to do to match the performance of their competitors," IIHS President Adrian Lund said in a statement last week.

The report noted that Camry was redesigned in 2012 and that the driver's space was seriously compromised by intruding structure and that the test dummy's head barely contacted the

Webasto SEMA Car Showcases Baker Students' Talents

by Jennifer Knightstep

The most striking thing about the eye-catching blue Webasto Mustang GT from this year's SEMA show isn't the paint job, the cowl hood, or the carbon fiber trim panels. It's the fact that all of the mods were made by students of the Baker College Center for Transportation Technology.

The one-of-a-kind 2013 Mustang GT is so impressive, and earned so many accolades at SEMA, Webasto has announced the vehicle will begin a nationwide tour with the Tjin Edition RoadShow next month.

Needless to say, this is quite an accomplishment for a student-modified vehicle – the RoadShow will feature the Mustang at more than 25 special events in 2013, giving the Baker program, and its talented students, valuable exposure.

That sort of exposure was the point of the SEMA car project, said Josh Lupu, marketing manager for Webasto North America.

"We envisioned this initiative as an opportunity to showcase the skill and creativity of the automotive industry's youth," said Lupu.

"The project has put top manufacturers in touch with the future of the industry and has energized everyone in the process."

The Baker students made

dozens of modifications to the Mustang, inside and out. The Mustang's exterior modifications include a Webasto Hollandia 322L power sunroof, Roush body kit, Revelare Design cowl hood, 3dCarbon rear spoiler and a custom blue-and-grey paint job. The overall street-tough look was completed with a set of iForged Legacy V2 wheels with Falken Azenis FK453 tires.

Inside, students installed Katzkin leather seats and MRT Hi-Tech FX carbon fiber trim panels; under the hood, they added a Paxton Novi 2200-SL supercharger with a competition air inlet to give the Mustang extra muscle.

But the mods didn't stop there. Students also addressed control and handling with a Pedders adjustable coil-over suspension system and Baer 6-piston front and rear brakes.

With so much work to go around, students from several Baker programs – Auto Body, Automotive Service and Welding & Automotive Restoration Programs – participated, adding their ideas, and building their expertise. That hard work paid off, says Dan Trahey, auto body and welding program director at Baker College of Flint.

"This project was a great combination of practical experience and immediate gratification," said Trahey, explaining that the

"gratification" is due, in most part, to being chosen to tour with the Tjin Edition RoadShow next year.

Neil Tjin, founder of the Tjin Edition RoadShow, shared his thoughts on the logic of adding the Baker students' Webasto-sponsored Mustang to his 2013 tour.

"Bringing industry and academics together on initiatives like this is not only good corporate citizenship – it's smart business," Tjin said.

"The students of today will become the certified technicians and aftermarket artisans of to-



The 2013 Ford Mustang GT, as modified by students of Baker College's Center for Transportation Technology.

morrow, and that ultimately benefits everyone involved."

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