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Maruti Suzuki plans to compete with Honda and Toyota with the launch of the [Kizashi](#) in India at the 2010 Auto Expo. The Kizashi is Suzuki's first big car developed in-house. The car will be powered by the same 2.4L engine used in the [Grand Vitara](#). The Kizashi will be mated to a six-speed manual transmission and a CVT automatic with paddle shifts will also be offered. The car is expected to be the first-all-wheel-drive luxury car in India in the Rs 10-13 lakh price bracket.

Maruti will pitch the Kizashi as a sports crossover - a vehicle that derives from a car platform while blends features from a sports utility vehicle. The car will sport a large tyre size of a 21 inch wheel against Honda Civic's 15 inch. It is expected to roll out from Maruti's sprawling 500-acre Manesar facility. Maruti engineers have already started work on Kizashi and are likely to customise the luxury sedan for rugged Indian road conditions.

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