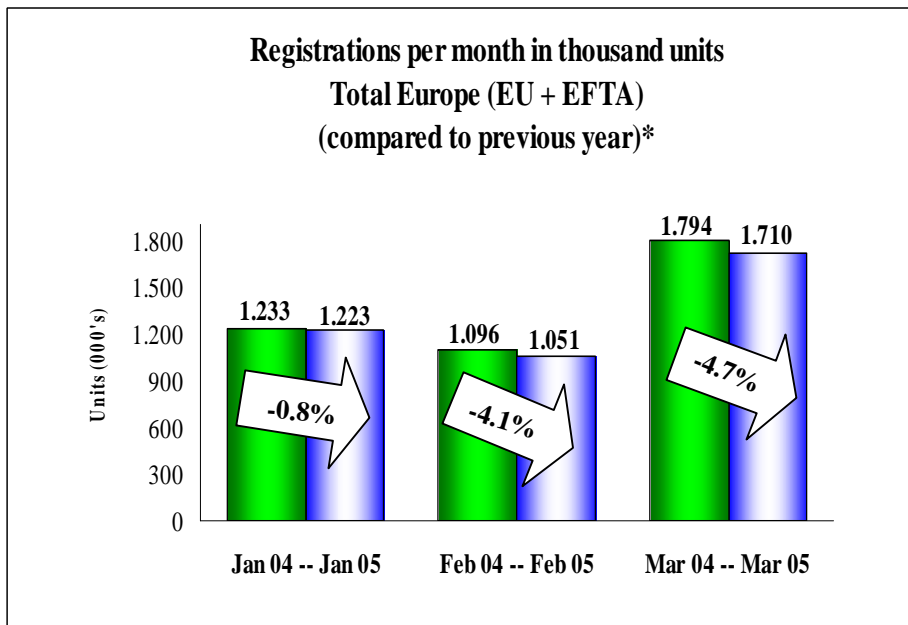
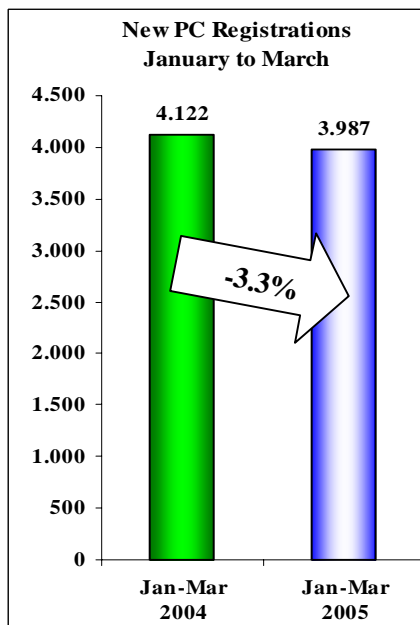




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13th April 2005

New Passenger Car Registrations *European Union + EFTA Countries*



*Not adjusted for working days

Total Europe (EU-23 + EFTA) passenger car registrations in March 2005 amounted to 1,709,616 units, which represents a decrease of 4.7% (and of 3.5% in the EU-15) with respect to March 2004. While these figures are heavily influenced by the Easter break falling this year in the month of March (which implied from 1 up to 3 working days less depending on the country), they also confirm the sluggish economic environment in the first quarter of 2005. Cumulative figures show a drop of 3.3% in total Europe (and of 2.4% in the EU-15).

With regard to national situations, France (+2.5%) is the only country among the five main markets posting an increase, while Germany (-0.4%), Spain (-3.6%), the U.K. (-5.1%) and Italy (-8.6%) reported negative variations. Among the other EU countries, six ended the month with positive results, ranging from +12.6% in Denmark to +0.2% in Austria, while decreases ranged from -14.9% in Belgium to -1.3% in Finland. EFTA countries (-11.4%) and new EU Member States (-24.2%) reported more tangible losses.

Cumulative figures for the first quarter 2005 in the EU-23 see 8 countries posting growth, ranging from +25% in Latvia to +1.1% in Sweden, and 15 reporting a loss, ranging from -0.1% in Spain to -33% in Poland.

Due to problems with the data collection process for the new EU Member States, ACEA is not able to publish the data by manufacturer for Total Europe (EU 23 + EFTA). The figures will be posted on the ACEA website (http://www.acea.be/ASB/ASBv1_1_new.nsf) on Tuesday, 19 April 2005.



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Press Release

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PROVISIONAL NEW PASSENGER CAR REGISTRATIONS BY MARKET EUROPE (EU* + EFTA)

13/04/05

	March '05	March '04	% Chg 05/04	Jan-Mar '05	Jan-Mar '04	% Chg 05/04
AUSTRIA	32.265	32.200	+0,2	74.310	75.616	-1,7
BELGIUM	51.869	60.965	-14,9	147.998	157.677	-6,1
DENMARK	11.730	10.417	+12,6	31.259	25.541	+22,4
FINLAND	12.915	13.084	-1,3	42.266	43.038	-1,8
FRANCE	202.692	197.691	+2,5	526.450	506.884	+3,9
GERMANY	331.538	332.962	-0,4	750.798	765.266	-1,9
GREECE	25.616	27.231	-5,9	77.838	81.382	-4,4
IRELAND	24.895	23.190	+7,4	88.029	76.932	+14,4
ITALY	228.104	249.659	-8,6	638.745	677.402	-5,7
LUXEMBOURG	5.933	6.209	-4,4	13.190	13.933	-5,3
NETHERLANDS	45.501	46.929	-3,0	150.621	155.846	-3,4
PORTUGAL	20.857	21.148	-1,4	52.460	50.080	+4,8
SPAIN	149.262	154.790	-3,6	373.694	374.064	-0,1
SWEDEN	23.936	25.187	-5,0	59.556	58.887	+1,1
UNITED KINGDOM	442.940	466.954	-5,1	701.506	756.005	-7,2
EUROPEAN UNION (EU15)	1.610.053	1.668.616	-3,5	3.728.720	3.818.553	-2,4
ICELAND	1.167	954	+22,3	3.572	2.426	+47,2
NORWAY	9.493	10.961	-13,4	25.193	27.489	-8,4
SWITZERLAND	22.936	26.002	-11,8	56.472	62.922	-10,3
EFTA	33.596	37.917	-11,4	85.237	92.837	-8,2
EU15+EFTA	1.643.649	1.706.533	-3,7	3.813.957	3.911.390	-2,5
CZECH REPUBLIC	11.057	12.272	-9,9	27.844	28.713	-3,0
ESTONIA	1.517	1.445	+5,0	4.183	3.918	+6,8
HUNGARY	17.275	20.719	-16,6	41.909	45.678	-8,3
LATVIA	1.083	964	+12,3	2.918	2.334	+25,0
LITHUANIA	849	809	+4,9	2.384	2.092	+14,0
POLAND	23.928	39.100	-38,8	66.005	98.460	-33,0
SLOVAKIA	4.599	5.091	-9,7	11.613	11.923	-2,6
SLOVENIA	5.659	6.674	-15,2	15.936	17.291	-7,8
EU (New Members)	65.967	87.074	-24,2	172.792	210.409	-17,9
EUROPEAN UNION*	1.676.020	1.755.690	-4,5	3.901.512	4.028.962	-3,2
TOTAL EUROPE (EU+EFTA)**	1.709.616	1.793.607	-4,7	3.986.749	4.121.799	-3,3

(*) EU 23 - Data for Malta and Cyprus are currently not available.

(**) ACEA estimates

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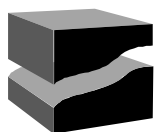
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PROVISIONAL

NEW PASSENGER CAR REGISTRATIONS BY MANUFACTURER EUROPEAN UNION (EU15) + EFTA Countries

13/04/05

	March					January to March				
	%Share '05	%Share '04	Units '05	Units '04	% Chg 05/04	%Share '05	%Share '04	Units '05	Units '04	% Chg 05/04
ALL BRANDS*			1.643.649	1.706.533	-3,7			3.813.957	3.911.390	-2,5
VW Group	17,2	16,9	282.260	288.454	-2,1	17,0	17,0	649.150	663.345	-2,1
VOLKSWAGEN	9,1	9,1	149.371	155.737	-4,1	9,0	9,3	342.771	365.315	-6,2
AUDI	4,0	3,6	66.067	61.294	+7,8	4,0	3,6	150.967	140.542	+7,4
SEAT	2,2	2,5	36.960	43.365	-14,8	2,3	2,5	88.760	96.445	-8,0
SKODA	1,8	1,6	29.364	27.628	+6,3	1,7	1,5	65.564	60.286	+8,8
Others	0,0	0,0	498	430	+15,8	0,0	0,0	1.088	757	+43,7
PSA Group	13,2	14,0	217.674	239.081	-9,0	14,3	14,6	544.238	572.373	-4,9
PEUGEOT	7,4	8,0	121.593	136.090	-10,7	7,7	8,1	294.671	315.391	-6,6
CITROEN	5,8	6,0	96.081	102.991	-6,7	6,5	6,6	249.567	256.982	-2,9
FORD Group	12,3	12,4	202.631	211.816	-4,3	11,6	11,8	443.585	461.025	-3,8
FORD	9,6	9,6	157.168	164.252	-4,3	9,0	9,2	341.421	360.502	-5,3
VOLVO	1,7	1,6	28.081	26.622	+5,5	1,8	1,6	68.762	61.595	+11,6
LAND ROVER	0,6	0,7	10.294	11.731	-12,2	0,5	0,6	20.452	22.026	-7,1
JAGUAR	0,4	0,5	7.088	9.211	-23,0	0,3	0,4	12.950	16.902	-23,4
GM Group	11,3	11,2	185.942	190.602	-2,4	10,7	10,4	408.654	405.013	+0,9
OPEL/VAUXHALL	9,8	9,7	161.511	164.918	-2,1	9,3	8,9	352.899	349.100	+1,1
CHEVROLET	0,9	0,9	14.656	15.956	-8,1	0,9	0,9	35.632	35.720	-0,2
SAAB	0,6	0,6	9.373	9.445	-0,8	0,5	0,5	18.950	19.458	-2,6
GM (US)	0,0	0,0	402	283	+42,0	0,0	0,0	1.173	735	+59,6
RENAULT	9,3	9,6	152.693	163.676	-6,7	10,0	10,0	381.287	389.516	-2,1
FIAT Group	6,2	7,2	101.843	122.328	-16,7	7,1	8,1	269.041	316.644	-15,0
FIAT	4,4	5,4	72.735	91.728	-20,7	5,0	5,9	192.402	232.204	-17,1
LANCIA	0,8	0,7	13.541	12.254	+10,5	1,0	0,9	36.343	36.040	+0,8
ALFA ROMEO	0,9	1,0	15.080	17.752	-15,1	1,0	1,2	38.877	47.277	-17,8
OTHERS	0,0	0,0	487	594	-18,0	0,0	0,0	1.419	1.123	+26,4
DaimlerChrysler	5,8	5,7	95.050	97.609	-2,6	5,8	5,9	221.545	230.229	-3,8
MERCEDES	4,4	4,5	72.500	76.865	-5,7	4,4	4,6	166.536	180.410	-7,7
SMART	0,9	0,6	14.450	10.691	+35,2	0,9	0,7	35.480	26.427	+34,3
CHRYSLER	0,5	0,6	8.100	10.053	-19,4	0,5	0,6	19.529	23.392	-16,5
TOYOTA & LEXUS	5,3	5,1	87.810	86.592	+1,4	5,5	5,4	208.079	211.450	-1,6
BMW Group	5,2	4,6	85.251	79.285	+7,5	4,9	4,4	187.966	170.903	+10,0
BMW	4,2	3,8	69.767	64.569	+8,1	4,1	3,5	155.755	137.204	+13,5
Mini	0,9	0,9	15.484	14.716	+5,2	0,8	0,9	32.211	33.699	-4,4
NISSAN	2,6	2,6	42.814	44.793	-4,4	2,4	2,6	92.478	100.449	-7,9
HYUNDAI	2,0	2,0	32.633	34.657	-5,8	2,0	2,0	76.883	79.427	-3,2
MAZDA	1,8	2,0	30.105	33.280	-9,5	1,7	1,8	66.188	72.253	-8,4
HONDA	2,1	1,9	34.177	32.676	+4,6	1,7	1,6	66.671	62.479	+6,7
KIA	1,5	0,8	24.880	13.450	+85,0	1,4	0,8	52.545	31.568	+66,5
SUZUKI	1,2	1,2	19.640	20.055	-2,1	1,2	1,1	44.227	44.282	-0,1
MITSUBISHI	1,0	0,9	16.388	14.646	+11,9	0,9	0,8	35.117	31.138	+12,8
MG ROVER Group	1,0	1,1	16.103	18.184	-11,4	0,8	0,9	29.131	34.509	-15,6
OTHERS	1,0	0,9	15.755	15.349	+2,6	1,0	0,9	37.172	34.787	+6,9

VW Group: VW 'others' include Bentley and Lamborghini

FORD Group: Ford includes Ford(US)

FIAT Group: FIAT 'others' include Ferrari & Maserati

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