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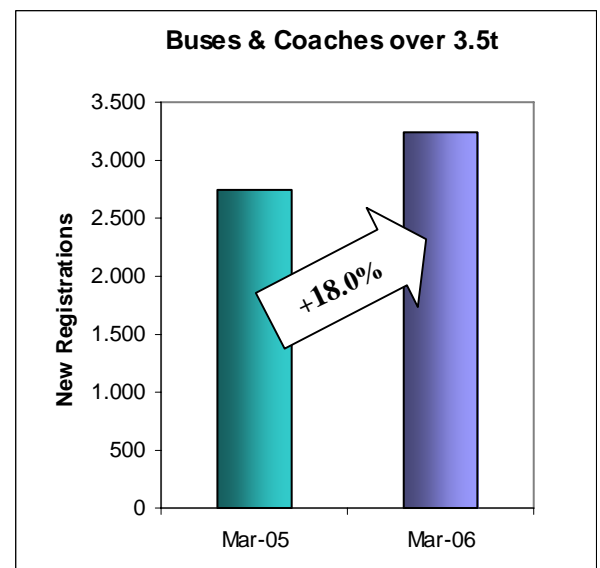
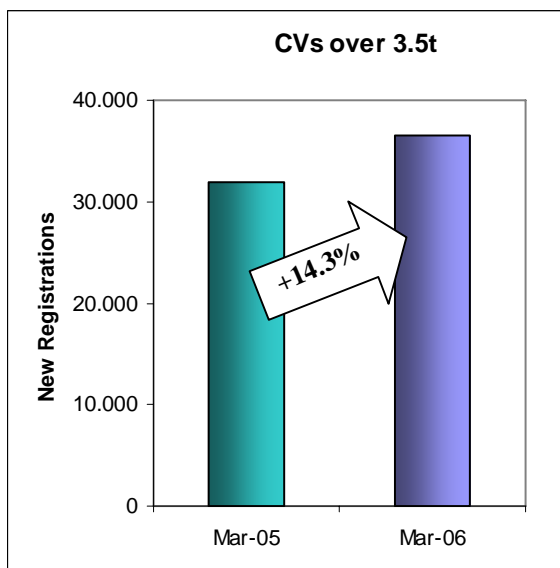
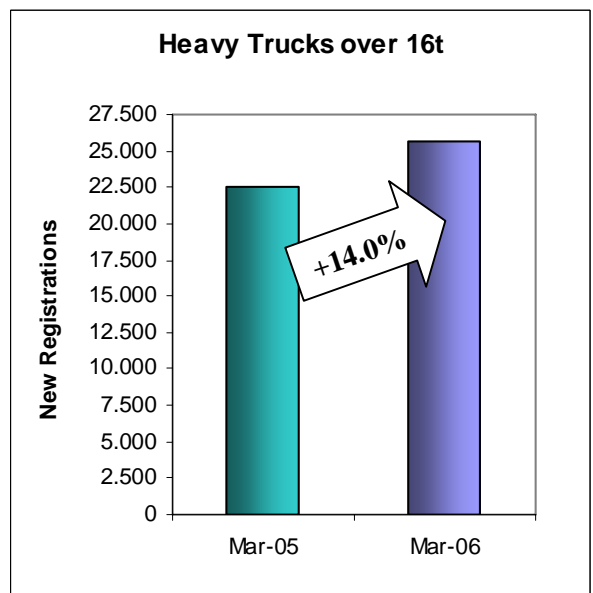
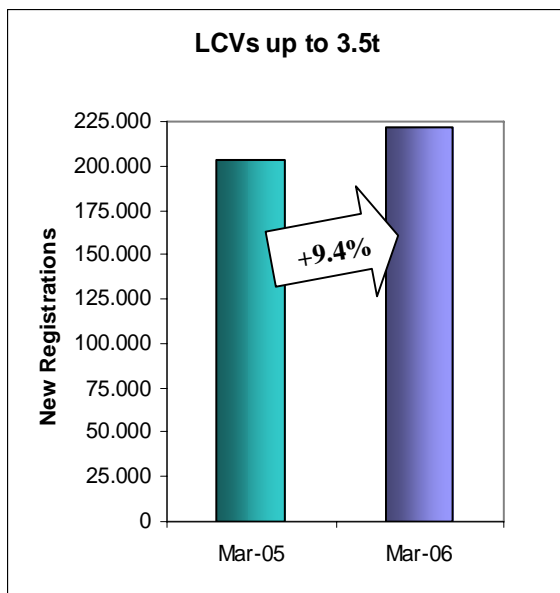
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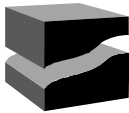
NEW COMMERCIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

March 2006

European Union + EFTA Countries



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New Light Commercial Vehicles (LCVs) up to 3.5t

In total, 221,866 new LCVs were registered in W. Europe in March 2006, representing a growth of +9.4% (+9.2% in the EU-15) with respect to March 2005. This result was influenced by the number of extra working days (between +1 and +3) in all countries, but also confirms the good start of the year for the sector.

Looking at markets individually, all posted positive results for the month with the sole exception of Luxembourg (-0.3%). Best performers were Denmark (+34.7%) and Sweden (+32%), while Spain (+17.7%) experienced the highest growth among the five major markets.

Cumulative figures for the first quarter of 2006 see a growth of +7.1% (and +6.9% in the EU-15). The highest growth is reported in Sweden (+24.5%) and Denmark (+23.9%). Germany (+18.3%) is the best performer among the top five markets.

New Heavy Commercial Vehicles (HCVs) over 16t (excluding Buses&Coaches)

New heavy truck registrations in W.Europe reached 25,707 units in March 2006, a rise of +14% (and +13.9% in the EU-15) compared to March 2005. This result has been driven by strong increases in Germany (+31.9%) and Italy (+30.2%), with Luxembourg (+44.4%) and Denmark (+36%) as best performers. Only France (-1.4%), Greece (-4.1%) and Belgium (-27.9%) posted negative results.

Cumulative figures for the first quarter of 2006 see a drop reduced to -0.7% (and -0.6% in the EU-15) and a scattered situation, with 8 countries posting growth (comprised between +2.9% in Italy and +33.3% in Luxembourg) and 7 reporting a loss (comprised between -0.3% in Finland and -32.3% in Belgium).

New Commercial Vehicles over 3.5t (excluding Buses&Coaches)

Reflecting the good performance in the heavy truck sector, the market for new commercial vehicles above 3.5t also showed an increase in March. In total, 36,509 vehicles were registered, a growth of +14.3% (and +13.8% in the EU-15) with respect to March 2005.

With regard to national situations, 8 countries posted increases above 20% (Ireland, Luxembourg, Italy, Denmark, the Netherlands, Finland, Sweden and Germany), while only three countries, led by Belgium (-18.1%), experienced a drop.

Cumulative figures for the first quarter 2006 see a marginal increase of +1.4% (and 1% in the EU-15), with Sweden (+22.7%) leading the pack.

New Buses&Coaches

Registration of new medium and heavy buses and coaches in W.Europe reached 3,239 units in March 2006, representing an increase of 18% (and 20.5% in the EU-15) with respect to the same month last year. Austria was by far the best performer (+142.3%) ahead of three big markets such as Italy (+41.3%), Germany (+38.6%) and the United Kingdom (+37.9%). Luxembourg (-44.4%), Belgium (-28.4%) and Denmark (-25%) reported the heaviest drops.

Cumulative results for the first quarter 2006 see a marginal drop of -0.3% in Western Europe and an also marginal increase (+0.7%) in the EU-15. Sweden (+39.5%), Greece (+32%) and Austria (+28.5%) are the best performers while the ranking of countries posting decreases is led by Belgium (-31%).



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EU + EFTA COUNTRIES REGISTRATION FIGURES BY MARKET NEW LIGHT COMMERCIAL VEHICLES up to 3.5t*

26/04/06

	March '06	March '05	% Change	Jan-March '06	Jan-March '05	% Change
AUSTRIA	3.074	2.623	17,2%	7.072	6.272	12,8%
BELGIUM	6.550	6.517	0,5%	18.086	18.001	0,5%
DENMARK	5.879	4.363	34,7%	15.095	12.183	23,9%
FINLAND	1.415	1.254	12,8%	4.376	3.902	12,1%
FRANCE	42.682	41.611	2,6%	116.360	109.082	6,7%
GERMANY	18.080	16.143	12,0%	46.280	39.114	18,3%
GREECE	2.232	2.048	9,0%	6.779	6.125	10,7%
IRELAND	5.204	4.408	18,1%	18.433	15.877	16,1%
ITALY*	21.642	19.978	8,3%	55.430	53.598	3,4%
LUXEMBOURG	300	301	-0,3%	812	833	-2,5%
NETHERLANDS	6.414	6.238	2,8%	20.528	22.200	-7,5%
PORTUGAL	6.214	6.166	0,8%	16.839	17.148	-1,8%
SPAIN	41.188	34.991	17,7%	99.731	91.151	9,4%
SWEDEN	3.594	2.723	32,0%	8.833	7.097	24,5%
UNITED KINGDOM	51.467	48.384	6,4%	87.384	85.877	1,8%
EUROPEAN UNION	215.935	197.748	9,2%	522.038	488.460	6,9%
ICELAND	305	151	102,0%	675	398	69,6%
NORWAY	3.494	2.865	22,0%	9.582	7.903	21,2%
SWITZERLAND	2.132	2.026	5,2%	5.276	5.337	-1,1%
EFTA	5.931	5.042	17,6%	15.533	13.638	13,9%
WEST. EUROPE	221.866	202.790	9,4%	537.571	502.098	7,1%

(*) : For Italy, delivery figures

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EU + EFTA COUNTRIES REGISTRATION FIGURES BY MARKET NEW HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES of 16t and over*

26/04/06

	March '06	March '05	% Change	Jan-March '06	Jan-March '05	% Change
AUSTRIA	832	783	6,3%	1.886	2.247	-16,1%
BELGIUM	617	856	-27,9%	1.893	2.798	-32,3%
DENMARK	555	408	36,0%	1.060	1.112	-4,7%
FINLAND	230	209	10,0%	703	705	-0,3%
FRANCE	3.716	3.769	-1,4%	9.605	12.008	-20,0%
GERMANY	6.766	5.128	31,9%	15.867	13.005	22,0%
GREECE	94	98	-4,1%	307	278	10,4%
IRELAND	453	390	16,2%	1.433	1.222	17,3%
ITALY	2.572	1.975	30,2%	7.000	6.803	2,9%
LUXEMBOURG	169	117	44,4%	368	276	33,3%
NETHERLANDS	1.641	1.266	29,6%	4.491	3.868	16,1%
PORTUGAL	313	306	2,3%	949	902	5,2%
SPAIN	2.897	2.604	11,3%	6.677	7.404	-9,8%
SWEDEN	448	364	23,1%	1.219	1.005	21,3%
UNITED KINGDOM	3.789	3.752	1,0%	7.992	8.187	-2,4%
EUROPEAN UNION	25.092	22.025	13,9%	61.450	61.820	-0,6%
ICELAND	32	24	33,3%	79	60	31,7%
NORWAY	323	250	29,2%	826	851	-2,9%
SWITZERLAND	260	257	1,2%	608	684	-11,1%
EFTA	615	531	15,8%	1.513	1.595	-5,1%
WEST. EUROPE	25.707	22.556	14,0%	62.963	63.415	-0,7%

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26/04/06

	March '06	March '05	% Change	Jan-March '06	Jan-March '05	% Change
AUSTRIA	891	826	7,9%	2.035	2.396	-15,1%
BELGIUM	899	1.098	-18,1%	2.737	3.554	-23,0%
DENMARK	626	484	29,3%	1.236	1.293	-4,4%
FINLAND	228	186	22,6%	667	544	22,6%
FRANCE	4.600	4.670	-1,5%	11.900	14.449	-17,6%
GERMANY	10.220	8.473	20,6%	24.068	21.100	14,1%
GREECE	191	213	-10,3%	587	544	7,9%
IRELAND	744	544	36,8%	2.243	1.861	20,5%
ITALY	3.692	2.754	34,1%	9.603	9.320	3,0%
LUXEMBOURG	184	136	35,3%	400	329	21,6%
NETHERLANDS	1.796	1.402	28,1%	4.983	4.278	16,5%
PORTUGAL	468	411	13,9%	1.367	1.217	12,3%
SPAIN	3.721	3.401	9,4%	8.792	9.509	-7,5%
SWEDEN	552	456	21,1%	1.497	1.220	22,7%
UNITED KINGDOM	6.632	6.082	9,0%	13.872	13.493	2,8%
EUROPEAN UNION	35.444	31.136	13,8%	85.987	85.107	1,0%
ICELAND	58	58	0,0%	132	160	-17,5%
NORWAY	687	399	72,2%	1.733	1.270	36,5%
SWITZERLAND	320	340	-5,9%	783	883	-11,3%
EFTA	1.065	797	33,6%	2.648	2.313	14,5%
WEST. EUROPE	36.509	31.933	14,3%	88.635	87.420	1,4%

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26/04/06

	March '06	March '05	% Change	Jan-March '06	Jan-March '05	% Change
AUSTRIA	63	26	142,3%	203	158	28,5%
BELGIUM	73	102	-28,4%	220	319	-31,0%
DENMARK	21	28	-25,0%	97	87	11,5%
FINLAND	34	40	-15,0%	117	142	-17,6%
FRANCE	481	442	8,8%	1.444	1.469	-1,7%
GERMANY	510	368	38,6%	1.221	1.430	-14,6%
GREECE	54	45	20,0%	161	122	32,0%
IRELAND	34	34	0,0%	102	95	7,4%
ITALY	657	465	41,3%	1.681	1.408	19,4%
LUXEMBOURG	15	27	-44,4%	74	79	-6,3%
NETHERLANDS	109	101	7,9%	229	182	25,8%
PORTUGAL	54	42	28,6%	151	168	-10,1%
SPAIN	347	375	-7,5%	758	865	-12,4%
SWEDEN	43	41	4,9%	159	114	39,5%
UNITED KINGDOM	633	459	37,9%	1.159	1.085	6,8%
EUROPEAN UNION	3.128	2.595	20,5%	7.776	7.723	0,7%
ICELAND	1	0	--	1	8	-87,5%
NORWAY	79	109	-27,5%	196	247	-20,6%
SWITZERLAND	31	40	-22,5%	82	104	-21,2%
EFTA	111	149	-25,5%	279	359	-22,3%
WEST. EUROPE	3.239	2.744	18,0%	8.055	8.082	-0,3%

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