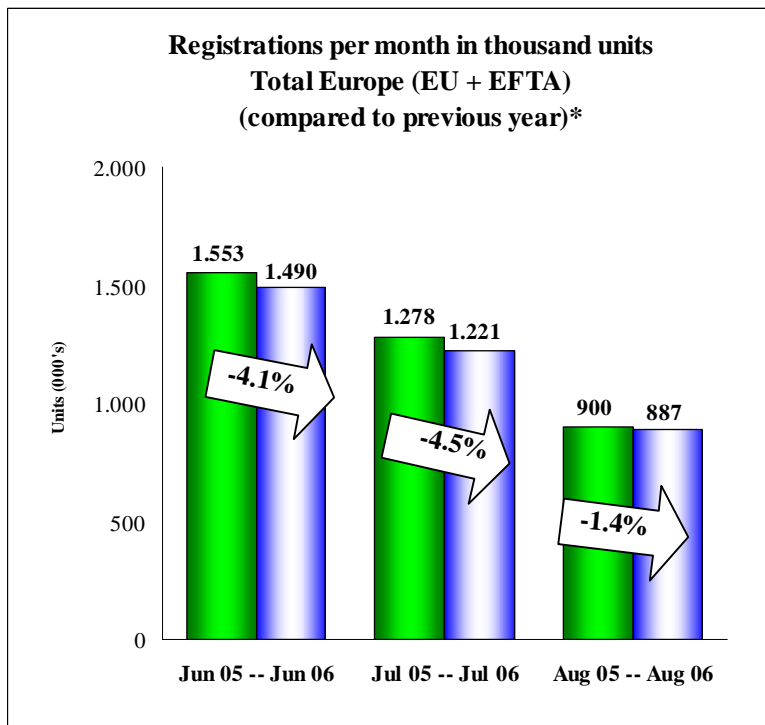
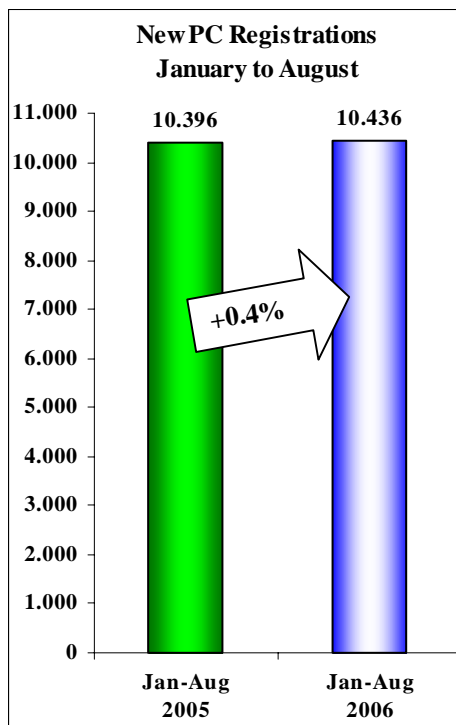




New Passenger Car Registrations *European Union + EFTA Countries*



*Not adjusted for working days

Total new passenger car registrations in Europe (EU-23 + EFTA) in August 2006 amounted to 886,824 units, which represent a decrease of -1.4% with respect to August 2005. In July 2006 registrations in Europe amounted to 1,220,753 units, which represent a decrease of -4.5% with respect to July 2005. With the same number of working days across Europe, this decrease – reduced in August – seems to be influenced by general uncertainty about economic conditions (ex. rising fuel prices, growing interest rates in some countries). However, with the cumulative result for the first eight months of the year (+0.4%) Europe is still on a positive trend.

In July 2006 all the five main markets experienced decreases, reaching -2.7% in Germany, -4.1% in UK, -5% in France, -5.1% in Spain and -11.1% in Italy. Only four EU15 countries posted growth, ranging from 1% in Greece to 9.9% in Sweden. EFTA countries reported a drop of -3.6%. The negative result of the New Member States (-3.2%) was caused by a slowdown in registrations in Poland (-3.2%), Hungary (-10.5%), Czech Republic (-1.4%) and Slovakia (-10.4%). Baltic countries were leading with Lithuania as the best performer (+33.5%).

In August 2006 there was a clear sign of recovery. The decreases were weaker on the main markets: in Germany (-1.3%), Italy (-2.3%) and Spain (-3.8%), except for UK (-6.1%), while there was a tiny upturn in France (+0.1%). Other six EU15 countries posted growth, with the highest value again in Sweden (+9.2%). EFTA countries also reduced their loss (-2.5%). New Member States performed better (-0.7%) than EU15, with Lithuania again at the top (+70%) and Poland reducing its loss to -1.4%.

Cumulative results for the first eight months are positive for 14 countries, including Germany (+0.6%) and Italy (+4.8%). Results were again negative for France (-1.9%), Spain (-2%) and UK (-4.3%). EFTA countries performed slightly better (+0.9%) than EU 23 (+0.4%) and New Member States experienced a slight slowdown (-0.8%), mainly influenced by Polish (-6.3%) and Czech (-4.4%) result.



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

15/09/06

| | August '06 | August '05 | % Chg 06/05 | Jan-Aug '06 | Jan-Aug '05 | % Chg 06/05 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| AUSTRIA | 23.022 | 21.808 | +5,6 | 217.771 | 218.900 | -0,5 |
| BELGIUM | 33.018 | 33.109 | -0,3 | 393.988 | 351.853 | +12,0 |
| DENMARK | 11.543 | 11.828 | -2,4 | 104.221 | 97.326 | +7,1 |
| FINLAND | 11.068 | 11.544 | -4,1 | 108.030 | 109.287 | -1,2 |
| FRANCE | 113.955 | 113.843 | +0,1 | 1.374.733 | 1.401.051 | -1,9 |
| GERMANY | 244.757 | 248.004 | -1,3 | 2.246.496 | 2.233.236 | +0,6 |
| GREECE | 19.271 | 20.818 | -7,4 | 198.608 | 200.640 | -1,0 |
| IRELAND | 9.108 | 8.909 | +2,2 | 166.017 | 158.209 | +4,9 |
| ITALY | 95.918 | 98.133 | -2,3 | 1.613.705 | 1.540.032 | +4,8 |
| LUXEMBOURG | 2.801 | 2.773 | +1,0 | 37.327 | 35.385 | +5,5 |
| NETHERLANDS | 33.850 | 32.898 | +2,9 | 357.060 | 344.767 | +3,6 |
| PORTUGAL | 11.692 | 11.222 | +4,2 | 139.788 | 147.170 | -5,0 |
| SPAIN | 93.093 | 96.768 | -3,8 | 1.047.766 | 1.069.501 | -2,0 |
| SWEDEN | 22.241 | 20.361 | +9,2 | 185.348 | 174.713 | +6,1 |
| UNITED KINGDOM | 77.961 | 83.066 | -6,1 | 1.487.898 | 1.554.828 | -4,3 |
| EUROPEAN UNION (EU15) | 803.298 | 815.084 | -1,4 | 9.678.756 | 9.636.898 | +0,4 |
| ICELAND | 1.080 | 1.407 | -23,2 | 13.460 | 12.900 | +4,3 |
| NORWAY | 8.793 | 8.544 | +2,9 | 71.872 | 73.109 | -1,7 |
| SWITZERLAND | 17.856 | 18.475 | -3,4 | 183.624 | 180.493 | +1,7 |
| EFTA | 27.729 | 28.426 | -2,5 | 268.956 | 266.502 | +0,9 |
| EU15+EFTA | 831.027 | 843.510 | -1,5 | 9.947.712 | 9.903.400 | +0,4 |
| CZECH REPUBLIC | 10.111 | 10.527 | -4,0 | 83.798 | 87.680 | -4,4 |
| ESTONIA | 1.925 | 1.551 | +24,1 | 16.322 | 13.426 | +21,6 |
| HUNGARY | 14.380 | 15.788 | -8,9 | 127.041 | 127.364 | -0,3 |
| LATVIA | 2.183 | 1.417 | +54,1 | 15.527 | 10.355 | +49,9 |
| LITHUANIA | 1.226 | 721 | +70,0 | 8.694 | 6.937 | +25,3 |
| POLAND | 17.517 | 17.766 | -1,4 | 156.279 | 166.790 | -6,3 |
| SLOVAKIA | 4.501 | 4.578 | -1,7 | 38.835 | 37.717 | +3,0 |
| SLOVENIA | 3.954 | 3.836 | +3,1 | 42.092 | 42.255 | -0,4 |
| EU (New Members) | 55.797 | 56.184 | -0,7 | 488.588 | 492.524 | -0,8 |
| EUROPEAN UNION* | 859.095 | 871.268 | -1,4 | 10.167.344 | 10.129.422 | +0,4 |
| TOTAL EUROPE (EU+EFTA)** | 886.824 | 899.694 | -1,4 | 10.436.300 | 10.395.924 | +0,4 |

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

(**) ACEA estimates

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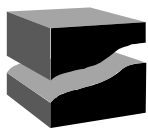
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15/09/06

| | August | | | | | January to August | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | %Share | | Units | Units | % Chg | %Share | | Units | Units | % Chg |
| | '06 | '05 | '06 | '05 | 06/05 | '06 | '05 | '06 | '05 | 06/05 |
| ALL BRANDS* | | | 831.027 | 843.510 | -1,5 | | | 9.947.712 | 9.903.400 | +0,4 |
| VW Group | 22,3 | 21,9 | 185.029 | 184.469 | +0,3 | 19,7 | 18,5 | 1.960.186 | 1.835.113 | +6,8 |
| VOLKSWAGEN | 12,1 | 11,9 | 100.221 | 100.760 | -0,5 | 10,8 | 9,9 | 1.076.800 | 976.217 | +10,3 |
| AUDI | 5,0 | 4,9 | 41.785 | 41.522 | +0,6 | 4,2 | 4,2 | 419.630 | 420.644 | -0,2 |
| SEAT | 2,6 | 2,7 | 21.224 | 23.128 | -8,2 | 2,6 | 2,5 | 255.229 | 245.069 | +4,1 |
| SKODA | 2,6 | 2,2 | 21.606 | 18.837 | +14,7 | 2,1 | 1,9 | 206.060 | 190.544 | +8,1 |
| Others(1) | 0,0 | 0,0 | 193 | 222 | -13,1 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 2.467 | 2.639 | -6,5 |
| PSA Group | 13,3 | 13,6 | 110.759 | 115.105 | -3,8 | 13,5 | 14,0 | 1.338.058 | 1.382.616 | -3,2 |
| PEUGEOT | 6,8 | 7,2 | 56.467 | 60.602 | -6,8 | 7,3 | 7,6 | 726.584 | 755.433 | -3,8 |
| CITROEN | 6,5 | 6,5 | 54.292 | 54.503 | -0,4 | 6,1 | 6,3 | 611.474 | 627.183 | -2,5 |
| FORD Group | 9,4 | 9,2 | 78.412 | 77.336 | +1,4 | 10,6 | 10,9 | 1.050.692 | 1.083.520 | -3,0 |
| FORD | 7,7 | 7,3 | 63.775 | 61.987 | +2,9 | 8,2 | 8,5 | 816.053 | 841.581 | -3,0 |
| VOLVO | 1,2 | 1,2 | 10.361 | 10.367 | -0,1 | 1,6 | 1,6 | 154.277 | 161.986 | -4,8 |
| LAND ROVER | 0,3 | 0,4 | 2.860 | 3.291 | -13,1 | 0,5 | 0,5 | 53.148 | 49.318 | +7,8 |
| JAGUAR | 0,2 | 0,2 | 1.416 | 1.691 | -16,3 | 0,3 | 0,3 | 27.214 | 30.635 | -11,2 |
| GM Group | 9,4 | 9,1 | 77.717 | 77.079 | +0,8 | 10,3 | 10,6 | 1.021.823 | 1.049.641 | -2,7 |
| OPEL/VAUXHALL | 7,8 | 7,4 | 64.777 | 62.694 | +3,3 | 8,6 | 9,1 | 859.113 | 896.777 | -4,2 |
| CHEVROLET | 1,1 | 1,2 | 8.949 | 10.224 | -12,5 | 1,0 | 1,0 | 98.917 | 99.839 | -0,9 |
| SAAB | 0,4 | 0,5 | 3.726 | 3.818 | -2,4 | 0,6 | 0,5 | 59.826 | 49.228 | +21,5 |
| GM (US) | 0,0 | 0,0 | 265 | 343 | -22,7 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 3.967 | 3.797 | +4,5 |
| RENAULT Group | 8,0 | 8,9 | 66.595 | 75.236 | -11,5 | 8,9 | 9,9 | 887.600 | 981.952 | -9,6 |
| RENAULT | 7,7 | 8,7 | 64.243 | 73.366 | -12,4 | 8,7 | 9,9 | 862.263 | 977.535 | -11,8 |
| DACIA | 0,3 | 0,2 | 2.352 | 1.870 | ++ | 0,3 | 0,0 | 25.337 | 4.417 | ++ |
| FIAT Group | 6,5 | 5,5 | 54.324 | 46.639 | +16,5 | 7,8 | 6,6 | 771.979 | 649.185 | +18,9 |
| FIAT | 4,9 | 4,1 | 40.839 | 34.622 | +18,0 | 5,9 | 4,8 | 586.542 | 470.937 | +24,5 |
| LANCIA | 0,7 | 0,6 | 5.850 | 5.443 | +7,5 | 0,8 | 0,8 | 82.357 | 83.904 | -1,8 |
| ALFA ROMEO | 0,9 | 0,8 | 7.406 | 6.354 | +16,6 | 1,0 | 0,9 | 99.582 | 90.411 | +10,1 |
| OTHERS | 0,0 | 0,0 | 229 | 220 | +4,1 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 3.498 | 3.933 | -11,1 |
| DaimlerChrysler | 7,0 | 7,1 | 57.812 | 59.511 | -2,9 | 6,1 | 6,0 | 610.090 | 598.776 | +1,9 |
| MERCEDES | 5,4 | 5,6 | 45.200 | 47.010 | -3,9 | 4,8 | 4,6 | 474.587 | 450.917 | +5,2 |
| SMART | 0,7 | 0,9 | 6.100 | 7.698 | -20,8 | 0,7 | 0,9 | 72.095 | 92.950 | -22,4 |
| CHRYSLER | 0,8 | 0,6 | 6.512 | 4.803 | +35,6 | 0,6 | 0,6 | 63.408 | 54.909 | +15,5 |
| TOYOTA Group | 6,3 | 5,5 | 52.701 | 46.400 | +13,6 | 5,7 | 5,3 | 569.122 | 524.634 | +8,5 |
| TOYOTA | 6,1 | 5,4 | 50.875 | 45.488 | +11,8 | 5,5 | 5,2 | 543.519 | 511.938 | +6,2 |
| LEXUS | 0,2 | 0,1 | 1.826 | 912 | +100,2 | 0,3 | 0,1 | 25.603 | 12.696 | +101,7 |
| BMW Group | 4,7 | 5,3 | 39.058 | 44.904 | -13,0 | 5,2 | 5,2 | 512.659 | 510.725 | +0,4 |
| BMW | 4,0 | 4,4 | 33.150 | 37.009 | -10,4 | 4,4 | 4,3 | 435.588 | 423.993 | +2,7 |
| MINI | 0,7 | 0,9 | 5.908 | 7.895 | -25,2 | 0,8 | 0,9 | 77.071 | 86.732 | -11,1 |
| NISSAN | 1,9 | 2,6 | 15.545 | 22.097 | -29,7 | 2,1 | 2,5 | 204.633 | 247.476 | -17,3 |
| HYUNDAI | 2,1 | 2,3 | 17.860 | 19.487 | -8,3 | 2,0 | 2,1 | 196.244 | 205.242 | -4,4 |
| MAZDA | 1,9 | 1,6 | 15.958 | 13.777 | +15,8 | 1,7 | 1,6 | 171.379 | 157.099 | +9,1 |
| HONDA | 1,8 | 1,5 | 15.236 | 12.591 | +21,0 | 1,7 | 1,6 | 166.367 | 160.022 | +4,0 |
| KIA | 2,0 | 2,0 | 16.536 | 16.609 | -0,4 | 1,5 | 1,5 | 145.361 | 150.581 | -3,5 |
| SUZUKI | 1,5 | 1,6 | 12.267 | 13.444 | -8,8 | 1,4 | 1,2 | 140.319 | 119.512 | +17,4 |
| MITSUBISHI | 0,9 | 0,8 | 7.102 | 6.949 | +2,2 | 0,8 | 0,9 | 83.474 | 87.458 | -4,6 |
| MG ROVER Group | 0,0 | 0,3 | 362 | 2.191 | -83,5 | 0,1 | 0,4 | 6.636 | 38.900 | -82,9 |
| OTHERS | 0,9 | 1,1 | 7.754 | 9.686 | -19,9 | 1,1 | 1,2 | 111.090 | 120.948 | -8,2 |

(1) VW Group: VW 'others' include Bentley and Lamborghini

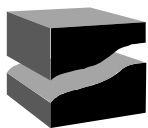
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15/09/06

| | August | | | | | January to August | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | %Share | | Units | Units | % Chg | %Share | | Units | Units | % Chg |
| | '06 | '05 | '06 | '05 | 06/05 | '06 | '05 | '06 | '05 | 06/05 |
| All Brands | | | 886.824 | 899.694 | -1,4 | | | 10.436.300 | 10.395.924 | +0,4 |
| VW Group | 22,5 | 22,3 | 199.783 | 200.488 | -0,4 | 20,0 | 19,0 | 2.089.462 | 1.973.970 | +5,9 |
| VOLKSWAGEN | 11,8 | 11,7 | 104.411 | 104.955 | -0,5 | 10,7 | 9,7 | 1.111.616 | 1.008.352 | +10,2 |
| AUDI | 4,8 | 4,7 | 42.628 | 42.412 | +0,5 | 4,1 | 4,1 | 426.384 | 427.311 | -0,2 |
| SEAT | 2,5 | 2,7 | 22.324 | 24.394 | -8,5 | 2,5 | 2,5 | 265.590 | 257.786 | +3,0 |
| SKODA | 3,4 | 3,2 | 30.220 | 28.497 | +6,0 | 2,7 | 2,7 | 283.343 | 277.863 | +2,0 |
| Others | 0,0 | 0,0 | 200 | 230 | -13,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 2.529 | 2.658 | -4,9 |
| PSA Group | 13,2 | 13,5 | 116.992 | 121.347 | -3,6 | 13,3 | 13,8 | 1.389.197 | 1.436.889 | -3,3 |
| PEUGEOT | 6,7 | 7,1 | 59.775 | 64.041 | -6,7 | 7,2 | 7,6 | 753.540 | 785.639 | -4,1 |
| CITROEN | 6,5 | 6,4 | 57.217 | 57.306 | -0,2 | 6,1 | 6,3 | 635.657 | 651.250 | -2,4 |
| FORD Group | 9,4 | 9,1 | 83.157 | 81.682 | +1,8 | 10,5 | 10,8 | 1.091.670 | 1.121.947 | -2,7 |
| FORD | 7,7 | 7,3 | 67.931 | 65.880 | +3,1 | 8,2 | 8,4 | 851.652 | 875.380 | -2,7 |
| VOLVO | 1,2 | 1,2 | 10.814 | 10.689 | +1,2 | 1,5 | 1,6 | 158.393 | 165.707 | -4,4 |
| LAND ROVER | 0,3 | 0,4 | 2.960 | 3.394 | -12,8 | 0,5 | 0,5 | 54.121 | 50.011 | +8,2 |
| JAGUAR | 0,2 | 0,2 | 1.452 | 1.719 | -15,5 | 0,3 | 0,3 | 27.504 | 30.849 | -10,8 |
| GM Group | 9,4 | 9,3 | 83.776 | 83.728 | +0,1 | 10,3 | 10,7 | 1.076.382 | 1.107.755 | -2,8 |
| OPEL/VAUXHALL | 7,8 | 7,5 | 69.226 | 67.189 | +3,0 | 8,6 | 9,0 | 899.814 | 937.114 | -4,0 |
| CHEVROLET | 1,2 | 1,4 | 10.506 | 12.326 | -14,8 | 1,1 | 1,1 | 111.851 | 117.158 | -4,5 |
| SAAB | 0,4 | 0,4 | 3.779 | 3.860 | -2,1 | 0,6 | 0,5 | 60.513 | 49.620 | +22,0 |
| GM (US) | 0,0 | 0,0 | 265 | 353 | -24,9 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 4.204 | 3.863 | +8,8 |
| RENAULT Group | 8,0 | 9,0 | 70.745 | 80.662 | -12,3 | 8,9 | 9,9 | 929.402 | 1.031.216 | -9,9 |
| RENAULT | 7,7 | 8,7 | 67.964 | 77.844 | -12,7 | 8,6 | 9,8 | 899.598 | 1.019.593 | -11,8 |
| DACIA | 0,3 | 0,3 | 2.781 | 2.818 | -1,3 | 0,3 | 0,1 | 29.804 | 11.623 | +156,4 |
| FIAT Group | 6,4 | 5,5 | 56.748 | 49.590 | +14,4 | 7,6 | 6,5 | 798.186 | 675.985 | +18,1 |
| FIAT | 4,9 | 4,2 | 43.155 | 37.469 | +15,2 | 5,9 | 4,8 | 611.556 | 496.633 | +23,1 |
| LANCIA | 0,7 | 0,6 | 5.869 | 5.458 | +7,5 | 0,8 | 0,8 | 82.516 | 84.060 | -1,8 |
| ALFA ROMEO | 0,8 | 0,7 | 7.495 | 6.443 | +16,3 | 1,0 | 0,9 | 100.616 | 91.395 | +10,1 |
| OTHERS | 0,0 | 0,0 | 229 | 220 | +4,1 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 3.498 | 3.897 | -10,2 |
| DaimlerChrysler | 6,6 | 6,7 | 58.608 | 60.221 | -2,7 | 5,9 | 5,8 | 616.687 | 605.968 | +1,8 |
| MERCEDES | 5,2 | 5,3 | 45.977 | 47.670 | -3,6 | 4,6 | 4,4 | 480.902 | 456.070 | +5,4 |
| SMART | 0,7 | 0,9 | 6.140 | 7.748 | -20,8 | 0,7 | 0,9 | 72.398 | 93.327 | -22,4 |
| CHRYSLER | 0,7 | 0,5 | 6.491 | 4.803 | +35,1 | 0,6 | 0,5 | 63.387 | 56.571 | +12,0 |
| TOYOTA Group | 6,5 | 5,6 | 57.970 | 50.607 | +14,5 | 5,8 | 5,4 | 610.227 | 560.806 | +8,8 |
| TOYOTA | 6,3 | 5,5 | 55.928 | 49.604 | +12,7 | 5,6 | 5,3 | 582.960 | 547.418 | +6,5 |
| LEXUS | 0,2 | 0,1 | 2.042 | 1.003 | +103,6 | 0,3 | 0,1 | 27.267 | 13.388 | +103,7 |
| BMW Group | 4,5 | 5,1 | 39.657 | 45.678 | -13,2 | 5,0 | 5,0 | 518.135 | 516.376 | +0,3 |
| BMW | 3,8 | 4,2 | 33.706 | 37.739 | -10,7 | 4,2 | 4,1 | 440.761 | 429.329 | +2,7 |
| MINI | 0,7 | 0,9 | 5.951 | 7.939 | -25,0 | 0,7 | 0,8 | 77.374 | 87.047 | -11,1 |
| NISSAN | 1,9 | 2,6 | 16.811 | 23.287 | -27,8 | 2,1 | 2,5 | 215.490 | 258.333 | -16,6 |
| HYUNDAI | 2,2 | 2,4 | 19.255 | 21.199 | -9,2 | 2,0 | 2,1 | 208.736 | 218.025 | -4,3 |
| HONDA | 2,0 | 1,6 | 17.310 | 14.210 | +21,8 | 1,7 | 1,6 | 180.735 | 170.479 | +6,0 |
| MAZDA | 1,9 | 1,6 | 16.607 | 14.344 | +15,8 | 1,7 | 1,6 | 177.466 | 162.526 | +9,2 |
| SUZUKI | 1,8 | 1,9 | 15.688 | 16.976 | -7,6 | 1,6 | 1,5 | 170.784 | 151.664 | +12,6 |
| KIA | 2,0 | 2,0 | 17.616 | 17.620 | -0,0 | 1,4 | 1,5 | 146.441 | 158.228 | -7,4 |
| mitsubishi | 0,8 | 0,8 | 7.508 | 7.450 | +0,8 | 0,8 | 0,9 | 87.757 | 91.500 | -4,1 |
| MG ROVER Group | 0,0 | 0,2 | 363 | 2.193 | -83,4 | 0,1 | 0,4 | 6.649 | 38.962 | -82,9 |
| OTHERS | 0,9 | 0,9 | 8.229 | 8.412 | -2,2 | 1,2 | 1,1 | 122.893 | 115.295 | +6,6 |

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