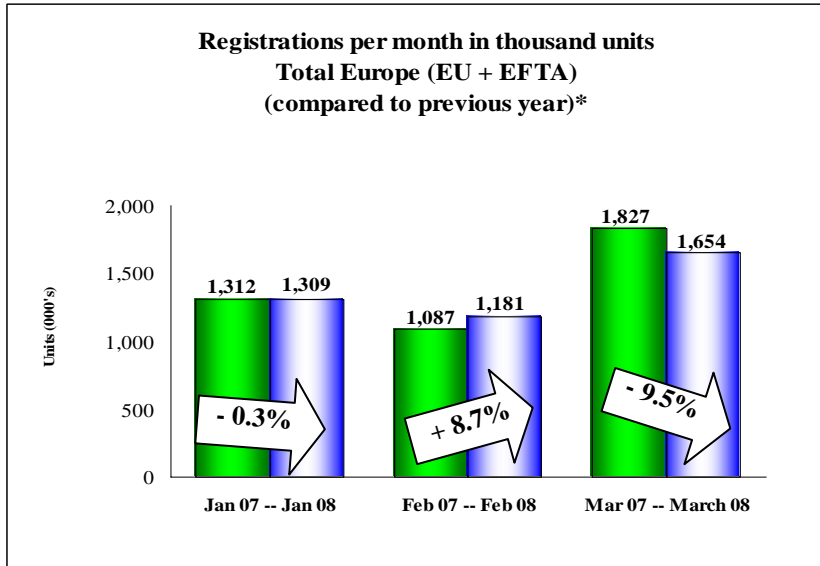
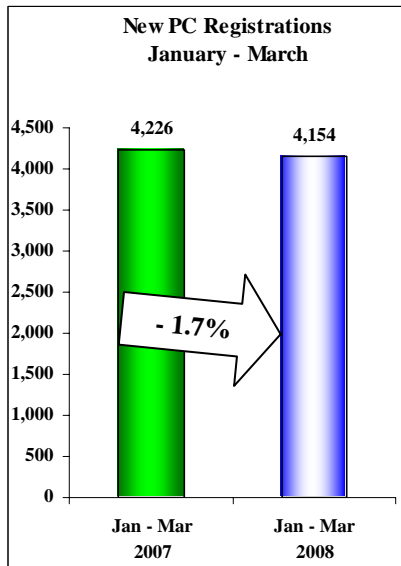


15th April 2008

New Passenger Car Registrations

European Union + EFTA Countries



*Not adjusted for working days

Registrations down 1.7% in first quarter 2008

New passenger car registrations fell by 9.5% in March¹, bringing the quarterly figure down to -1.7% compared with registrations in the first three months of last year. In a context of economic uncertainty generated by the US financial crisis, car sales in Western Europe were affected most by the decline, with monthly registrations dropping by 10.2%, whereas the new Member States still posted growth in March (+3.5%) and the first quarter (+14.7%). The March results were also negatively influenced by the holiday of Easter being celebrated early this year: in most countries, the Easter holiday led to two less processing days compared to 2007². In total, over 1,650,000 new cars were registered¹.

Registrations in **Western Europe** dropped by 10.2% in March compared to the same month last year. Only the UK and Portugal saw new car demand rise by 0.5% and 5.2% respectively. The British market improved compared to January and February, remaining stable in the first quarter (-0.7%), although forecasts for GDP growth this year suggest a significant softening. The German market, despite a 14.4% decrease in March (partly due to a distortion in the February and March 2007 figures³), proved robust with a 2.6% upturn three months into the year. Overall, more than half of the Western European countries ended the quarter on a positive note. The French market resumed an upward trend commenced last summer (+1.3%) after a weak January when green tax measures entered into force. The situation in Spain, however, has become less buoyant with the withdrawal of the so-called Prever scrapping incentives on January 1, 2008. Demand declined by 15.3% over the first quarter and by 28.2% in March. The month was also difficult for the Italian market, which registered 18.8% fewer new cars, and 10% less for the whole quarter. Weak consumer confidence⁴, which stood at its lowest in four years, the pre-elections climate and the overall economic setting contributed to the fall in Italy.

The markets in the **new EU Member States** remained on a growth path, with eight countries out of ten posting an increase over the first quarter of 2008. Poland registered the most new cars during that period (86,926 units or a 19.5% increase). Among the four biggest markets, Romania recorded the largest growth (+23.6% or 74,028 units). Hungary registered 42,559 new cars (+3.5%), and the Czech Republic 33,026 (+9.7%).

¹Please note that registration figures for Denmark were still incomplete at the time of publication.

²Three less days in Germany, the UK, Greece, Sweden, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Slovakia; four less days in Spain and Denmark

³In 2007, the Germany's Federal Motor Transport Authority (KBA) produced its February monthly report before the end of that month.

⁴Cars registered at the end of February were reported in March, thus distorting the comparison with March 2008.

⁴As measured by ISAE – the Institute for Studies and Economic Analyses



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

15/04/08

	Mar '08	Mar '07	% Chg 08/07	Jan - Mar '08	Jan - Mar '07	% Chg 08/07
AUSTRIA	29,907	32,345	-7.5	73,778	75,319	-2.0
BELGIUM	57,077	59,171	-3.5	169,864	163,860	+3.7
DENMARK***	9,762	14,451	-32.4	37,148	36,981	+0.5
FINLAND	12,558	12,735	-1.4	46,112	40,202	+14.7
FRANCE	188,879	189,869	-0.5	526,121	519,191	+1.3
GERMANY	286,549	334,592	-14.4	735,914	717,536	+2.6
GREECE	22,396	27,786	-19.4	79,271	79,326	-0.1
IRELAND	21,590	28,107	-23.2	93,045	100,297	-7.2
ITALY	212,326	261,370	-18.8	663,532	737,374	-10.0
LUXEMBURG**	5,356	6,007	-10.8	13,490	14,421	-6.5
NETHERLANDS	47,355	51,268	-7.6	164,037	161,369	+1.7
PORTUGAL	21,976	20,880	+5.2	55,162	49,448	+11.6
SPAIN	124,698	173,716	-28.2	347,734	410,661	-15.3
SWEDEN	23,540	27,477	-14.3	61,823	68,398	-9.6
UNITED KINGDOM	451,642	449,287	+0.5	683,349	688,476	-0.7
EUROPEAN UNION (EU15)	1,515,611	1,689,061	-10.3	3,750,380	3,862,859	-2.9
ICELAND	855	1,182	-27.7	3,322	3,103	+7.1
NORWAY	9,506	11,264	-15.6	29,974	33,742	-11.2
SWITZERLAND**	25,287	26,100	-3.1	68,134	63,126	+7.9
EFTA	35,648	38,546	-7.5	101,430	99,971	+1.5
EU15+EFTA	1,551,259	1,727,607	-10.2	3,851,810	3,962,830	-2.8
BULGARIA	4,594	3,264	+40.7	11,790	9,995	+18.0
CZECH REPUBLIC	12,298	11,766	+4.5	33,026	30,105	+9.7
ESTONIA	2,556	2,881	-11.3	7,202	7,651	-5.9
HUNGARY**	13,900	15,713	-11.5	42,559	41,107	+3.5
LATVIA	1,885	2,783	-32.3	5,934	7,939	-25.3
LITHUANIA	2,092	1,461	+43.2	6,162	4,080	+51.0
POLAND	30,387	27,934	+8.8	86,926	72,722	+19.5
ROMANIA	23,110	22,354	+3.4	74,028	59,910	+23.6
SLOVAKIA	5,490	4,896	+12.1	15,586	13,189	+18.2
SLOVENIA	6,643	6,469	+2.7	18,799	16,586	+13.3
EU (New Members)	102,955	99,521	+3.5	302,012	263,284	+14.7
EUROPEAN UNION*	1,618,566	1,788,582	-9.5	4,052,392	4,126,143	-1.8
TOTAL EUROPE (EU+EFTA)	1,654,214	1,827,128	-9.5	4,153,822	4,226,114	-1.7

(*) EU27 including Bulgaria and Romania; data for Malta and Cyprus currently not available.

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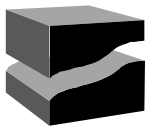
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NEW PASSENGER CAR REGISTRATIONS BY MANUFACTURER WESTERN EUROPE (EU15 + EFTA Countries)

15/04/08

	March					January to March				
	%Share		Units	Units	% Chg	%Share		Units	Units	% Chg
	'08	'07	'08	'07	08/07	'08	'07	'08	'07	08/07
ALL BRANDS**			1,551,259	1,727,607	-10.2			3,851,810	3,962,830	-2.8
VW Group	18.1	18.6	280,096	321,262	-12.8	18.6	18.6	717,511	737,779	-2.7
VOLKSWAGEN	9.4	9.8	145,997	169,620	-13.9	9.9	9.7	381,690	384,186	-0.6
AUDI	4.1	4.2	63,759	73,184	-12.9	4.1	4.2	156,704	166,518	-5.9
SEAT	2.3	2.4	36,008	41,747	-13.7	2.4	2.5	93,246	99,042	-5.9
SKODA	2.2	2.1	33,741	36,045	-6.4	2.2	2.2	84,710	86,605	-2.2
Others(1)	0.0	0.0	591	666	-11.3	0.0	0.0	1,161	1,428	-18.7
PSA Group	12.2	12.7	189,276	220,230	-14.1	13.3	13.5	510,464	536,452	-4.8
PEUGEOT	6.8	7.1	106,052	122,633	-13.5	7.3	7.3	280,783	288,929	-2.8
CITROEN	5.4	5.6	83,224	97,597	-14.7	6.0	6.2	229,681	247,523	-7.2
FORD Group	12.1	12.4	188,428	214,930	-12.3	11.1	11.6	428,121	460,460	-7.0
FORD	9.4	9.5	145,755	164,087	-11.2	8.6	8.9	331,641	351,231	-5.6
VOLVO	1.6	1.7	25,356	30,103	-15.8	1.7	1.8	64,302	71,732	-10.4
LAND ROVER	0.7	0.9	11,528	14,771	-22.0	0.6	0.7	23,742	27,440	-13.5
JAGUAR	0.4	0.3	5,789	5,969	-3.0	0.2	0.3	8,436	10,057	-16.1
GM Group	10.5	10.9	163,289	187,749	-13.0	9.8	10.5	377,093	414,985	-9.1
OPEL/VAUXHALL	8.9	9.2	137,783	158,723	-13.2	8.2	8.8	314,799	347,850	-9.5
CHEVROLET	1.1	1.1	16,395	18,384	-10.8	1.1	1.1	41,741	43,934	-5.0
SAAB	0.6	0.6	8,593	10,035	-14.4	0.5	0.5	18,905	21,675	-12.8
GM (US)	0.0	0.0	518	607	-14.7	0.0	0.0	1,648	1,526	+8.0
FIAT Group	7.4	7.6	114,577	132,146	-13.3	8.4	8.6	322,002	339,386	-5.1
FIAT	6.2	5.9	95,534	101,515	-5.9	6.9	6.5	265,974	257,931	+3.1
LANCIA	0.7	0.8	10,548	13,798	-23.6	0.8	0.9	32,354	37,564	-13.9
ALFA ROMEO	0.5	0.9	7,699	16,210	-52.5	0.6	1.1	21,679	42,369	-48.8
Other (2)	0.1	0.0	796	623	+27.8	0.1	0.0	1,995	1,522	+31.1
RENAULT Group	8.0	7.6	124,677	130,485	-4.5	8.2	7.9	316,861	311,893	+1.6
RENAULT	7.5	7.2	116,826	124,482	-6.2	7.6	7.5	292,169	298,169	-2.0
DACIA	0.5	0.3	7,851	6,003	+30.8	0.6	0.3	24,692	13,724	+79.9
BMW Group	5.9	5.2	92,045	90,072	+2.2	5.5	4.8	212,649	191,580	+11.0
BMW	4.7	4.3	73,610	74,864	-1.7	4.5	4.1	171,936	160,572	+7.1
MINI	1.2	0.9	18,435	15,208	+21.2	1.1	0.8	40,713	31,008	+31.3
DAIMLER	5.5	5.1	85,872	87,445	-1.8	5.4	5.0	206,822	197,877	+4.5
MERCEDES	4.9	4.8	76,250	82,694	-7.8	4.8	4.7	184,950	185,206	-0.1
SMART	0.6	0.3	9,622	4,751	+102.5	0.6	0.3	21,872	12,671	+72.6
TOYOTA Group	5.4	5.9	83,997	102,219	-17.8	5.2	6.1	199,813	241,614	-17.3
TOYOTA	5.2	5.6	79,949	97,038	-17.6	5.0	5.8	191,632	230,848	-17.0
LEXUS	0.3	0.3	4,048	5,181	-21.9	0.2	0.3	8,181	10,766	-24.0
NISSAN	2.8	1.8	43,688	31,956	+36.7	2.6	1.7	101,603	68,850	+47.6
HONDA	2.5	2.3	38,732	40,239	-3.7	2.0	2.0	78,641	79,631	-1.2
MAZDA	2.0	1.8	31,289	31,909	-1.9	1.8	1.7	70,029	66,487	+5.3
HYUNDAI	1.6	1.8	25,318	31,441	-19.5	1.7	1.9	64,011	75,637	-15.4
KIA	1.7	1.5	25,850	26,297	-1.7	1.6	1.5	61,753	59,374	+4.0
SUZUKI	1.4	1.6	22,047	26,884	-18.0	1.5	1.6	57,425	62,751	-8.5
MITSUBISHI	1.0	1.0	15,893	17,853	-11.0	0.9	1.0	36,026	38,158	-5.6
CHRYSLER	0.8	0.8	12,634	13,053	-3.2	0.7	0.7	28,829	29,548	-2.4
OTHER	0.9	1.2	13,550	21,437	-36.8	1.6	1.3	62,157	50,368	+23.4

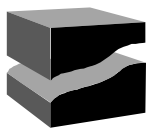
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NEW PASSENGER CAR REGISTRATIONS BY MANUFACTURER TOTAL EUROPE (EU* + EFTA Countries)

15/04/08

	March					January to March				
	%Share		Units	Units	% Chg	%Share		Units	Units	% Chg
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ALL BRANDS**			1,654,214	1,827,128	-9.5			4,153,822	4,226,114	-1.7
VW Group	18.3	19.0	302,987	346,464	-12.5	18.9	19.0	783,152	804,436	-2.6
VOLKSWAGEN	9.3	9.7	154,102	177,242	-13.1	9.7	9.6	403,617	403,687	-0.0
AUDI	3.9	4.1	65,187	74,774	-12.8	3.9	4.0	160,573	170,528	-5.8
SEAT	2.3	2.4	37,917	43,722	-13.3	2.4	2.5	98,902	104,183	-5.1
SKODA	2.7	2.7	45,184	50,056	-9.7	2.9	2.9	118,886	124,600	-4.6
Other (1)	0.0	0.0	597	670	-10.9	0.0	0.0	1,174	1,438	-18.4
PSA Group	12.0	12.6	197,930	229,790	-13.9	12.9	13.3	535,743	562,007	-4.7
PEUGEOT	6.7	7.0	110,788	127,919	-13.4	7.1	7.2	294,720	303,081	-2.8
CITROEN	5.3	5.6	87,142	101,871	-14.5	5.8	6.1	241,023	258,926	-6.9
FORD Group	12.0	12.2	198,066	223,081	-11.2	11.0	11.4	454,893	480,963	-5.4
FORD	9.3	9.4	154,215	171,065	-9.9	8.5	8.7	354,970	368,622	-3.7
VOLVO	1.6	1.7	26,223	30,960	-15.3	1.6	1.8	66,912	74,098	-9.7
LAND ROVER	0.7	0.8	11,768	15,030	-21.7	0.6	0.7	24,442	28,054	-12.9
JAGUAR	0.4	0.3	5,860	6,026	-2.8	0.2	0.2	8,569	10,189	-15.9
GM Group	10.7	11.0	176,854	201,035	-12.0	9.9	10.5	411,884	445,157	-7.5
OPEL/VAUXHALL	8.9	9.2	147,029	167,621	-12.3	8.2	8.7	338,756	368,725	-8.1
CHEVROLET	1.2	1.2	20,488	22,667	-9.6	1.3	1.3	52,007	52,862	-1.6
SAAB	0.5	0.6	8,770	10,115	-13.3	0.5	0.5	19,346	21,976	-12.0
GM (US)	0.0	0.0	567	632	-10.3	0.0	0.0	1,775	1,594	+11.4
RENAULT Group	8.4	8.1	139,020	147,176	-5.5	8.6	8.3	357,553	351,803	+1.6
RENAULT	7.5	7.2	123,768	131,969	-6.2	7.5	7.5	311,041	317,525	-2.0
DACIA	0.9	0.8	15,252	15,207	+0.3	1.1	0.8	46,512	34,278	+35.7
FIAT Group	7.3	7.5	120,054	136,543	-12.1	8.1	8.3	337,091	351,704	-4.2
FIAT	6.1	5.8	100,825	105,683	-4.6	6.8	6.4	280,556	269,656	+4.0
LANCIA	0.6	0.8	10,609	13,838	-23.3	0.8	0.9	32,481	37,669	-13.8
ALFA ROMEO	0.5	0.9	7,820	16,390	-52.3	0.5	1.0	22,028	42,838	-48.6
Other (2)	0.0	0.0	800	632	+26.6	0.0	0.0	2,026	1,541	+31.5
TOYOTA Group	5.6	6.1	92,380	110,659	-16.5	5.4	6.2	222,535	263,246	-15.5
TOYOTA	5.3	5.8	88,051	105,136	-16.3	5.1	6.0	213,664	251,711	-15.1
LEXUS	0.3	0.3	4,329	5,523	-21.6	0.2	0.3	8,871	11,535	-23.1
BMW Group	5.6	5.0	93,259	91,179	+2.3	5.2	4.6	216,195	194,349	+11.2
BMW	4.5	4.2	74,729	75,896	-1.5	4.2	3.9	175,245	163,170	+7.4
MINI	1.1	0.8	18,530	15,283	+21.2	1.0	0.7	40,950	31,179	+31.3
DAIMLER	5.3	4.9	87,622	88,839	-1.4	5.1	4.8	211,472	201,397	+5.0
MERCEDES	4.7	4.6	77,950	84,063	-7.3	4.6	4.5	189,450	188,646	+0.4
SMART	0.6	0.3	9,672	4,776	+102.5	0.5	0.3	22,022	12,751	+72.7
NISSAN	2.8	1.8	45,931	33,537	+37.0	2.6	1.7	107,857	73,311	+47.1
HONDA	2.5	2.3	41,608	42,927	-3.1	2.1	2.1	86,964	86,683	+0.3
HYUNDAI	1.7	1.8	28,803	33,421	-13.8	1.8	1.9	73,723	80,689	-8.6
MAZDA	2.0	1.8	32,646	32,837	-0.6	1.8	1.6	73,986	68,915	+7.4
KIA	1.8	1.6	29,708	28,676	+3.6	1.7	1.5	71,681	64,595	+11.0
SUZUKI	1.6	1.7	26,709	31,501	-15.2	1.7	1.8	69,966	74,282	-5.8
MITSUBISHI	1.0	1.0	17,198	18,769	-8.4	1.0	1.0	39,717	40,510	-2.0
CHRYSLER	0.8	0.7	13,115	13,493	-2.8	0.7	0.7	30,200	30,606	-1.3
OTHER	0.6	0.9	10,323	17,201	-40.0	1.7	1.2	69,210	51,461	+34.5

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