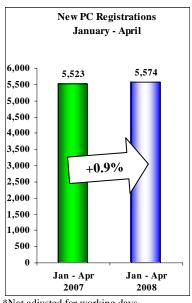
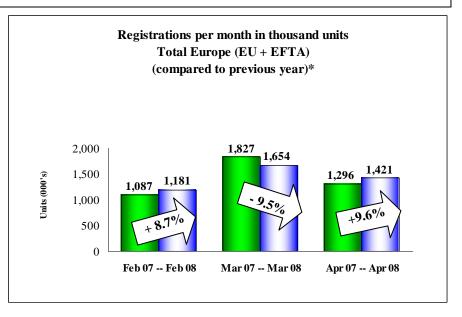
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### **New Passenger Car Registrations**

European Union + EFTA Countries





\*Not adjusted for working days

#### Extra working days lift car registrations in Europe

In April, most European countries benefited from two to three additional working days, which helped the majority of markets post a growth in new car registrations despite the US financial crisis and further increases in fuel prices. Passenger car demand in the EU27+EFTA\* rose by 9.6% compared with last year. In total, 1,421,230 vehicles were registered over the month. Expressed in cumulative figures, European markets were stable from January to April (+0.9%).

Registrations in Western Europe were up 9.4% in April and stable (+0.1%) over the first four months of the year. With 198,558 units, France recorded 15% higher registrations thanks to two more business days. Adjusted for working days, the rise was 4.6%, in line with the 4.8% growth observed from January to April compared with the same period last year. The German market is recovering from a weak performance in 2007, posting a 20% increase compared to the same month last year. The registration of 317,960 new cars was supported by an improving labor market and a recovering consumer confidence. In the first four months of the year, new registrations of cars rose by 7.3% to 1,053,874 units. April was also a positive month for the British market which, after a weak beginning into 2008, posted the highest growth of the year so far with a rise of 5,505 units. A year-to-year comparison of cumulative figures from January to April shows a stable car demand, with about 860,000 registrations for both 2007 and 2008. In Italy, the downturn trend continued with a decrease of 2.9% compared to 2007 volumes. Adjusted for working days, the deceleration was 12%. However, Italy remains the second largest market in Europe and its April results were in line with the monthly average of the last five years. Year-to-date figures show an 8.2% contraction of the market, or 867,207 new cars registered in the first four months of the year. The Spanish market proved to be stable in April, posting a slight growth of 1.5%. Forecasts however have remained unchanged, predicting an overall fall from 7% to 9% in the number of new Spanish registrations in 2008. From January to April, 471,303 cars were registered, 11.5% less than for the same period last year.

The **new EU Member States** recorded a similar rise in April (+9.6%) and a comparable stability (+0.8%) in demand as noted in Western Europe. Poland improved its April figure by 13.8% and its cumulative results by 15.8%, being the only market in the new EU Member States to have registered over 100,000 vehicles from January to April. It is closely followed by Romania with 96,971 new cars.



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

16/05/08

	Apr	Apr	% Chg	Jan - Apr	Jan - Apr	% Chg
	'08	'07	08/07	'08	'07	08/07
AUSTRIA	31,813	29,415	+8.2	105,591	104,734	+0.8
BELGIUM	61,703	47,713	+29.3	231,567	211,573	+9.5
DENMARK	12,944	12,286	+5.4	52,256	49,267	+6.1
FINLAND	15,499	12,295	+26.1	61,631	52,497	+17.4
FRANCE	198,558	172,621	+15.0	724,679	691,812	+4.8
GERMANY	317,960	264,871	+20.0	1,053,874	982,407	+7.3
GREECE	28,036	22,616	+24.0	107,307	101,942	+5.3
IRELAND	13,363	16,877	-20.8	106,307	117,174	-9.3
ITALY	201,844	207,777	-2.9	867,207	945,150	-8.2
LUXEMBURG**	6,417	5,612	+14.3	19,906	20,033	-0.6
NETHERLANDS	42,271	39,025	+8.3	206,121	200,394	+2.9
PORTUGAL	18,427	16,280	+13.2	73,655	65,728	+12.1
SPAIN	123,565	121,685	+1.5	471,303	532,346	-11.5
SWEDEN	27,478	27,169	+1.1	89,301	95,567	-6.6
UNITED KINGDOM	175,668	170,163	+3.2	859,017	858,639	+0.0
EUROPEAN UNION (EU15)	1,275,546	1,166,405	+9.4	5,029,722	5,029,263	+0.0
ICELAND**	763	1,107	-31.1	4,085	4,210	-3.0
NORWAY	11,704	8,854	+32.2	41,678	42,596	-2.2
SWITZERLAND**	26,977	24,750	+9.0	94,888	87,876	+8.0
EFTA	39,443	34,711	+13.6	140,650	134,682	+4.4
EU15+EFTA	1,314,989	1,201,116	+9.5	5,170,372		+0.1
BULGARIA	3,748	3,343	+12.1	15,538	13,338	+16.5
CZECH REPUBLIC	14,782	11,974	+23.5	47,808	,	+13.6
ESTONIA	2,706	2,876	-5.9	9,928	10,527	-5.7
HUNGARY**	14,415	13,442	+7.2	54,002	54,549	-1.0
LATVIA	2,236	2,839	-21.2	8,170	10,778	-24.2
LITHUANIA	2,469	1,490	+65.7	8,845	5,397	+63.9
POLAND**	28,111	25,307	+11.1	115,000	98,029	+17.3
ROMANIA	22,943	22,791	+0.7	96,971	82,701	+17.3
SLOVAKIA	6,815	4,974	+37.0	22,401	18,163	+23.3
SLOVENIA	7,730	6,177	+25.1	26,529	22,763	+16.5
EU (New Members)	105,955	95,213	+11.3	405,192	358,324	+13.1
EUROPEAN UNION*	1,381,501	1,261,618	+9.5	5,434,914	5,387,587	+0.9
TOTAL EUROPE (EU+EFTA)	1,420,944	1,296,329	+9.6	5,575,564	5,522,269	+1.0

<sup>(\*)</sup> EU27 including Bulgaria and Romania; data for Malta and Cyprus currently not available.

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

16/05/08

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	April  %Share Units Units % Chg				January to April					
	'08	'07	Units '08	Units '07	% Chg 08/07	%Sh:	are '07	Units '08	Units '07	% Chg 08/07
ALL BRANDS**	00	07			+9.5	06	07			
VW Group	20.5	20.0	1,314,989 269,044	1,201,116	+9.5	40.4	18.9	5,170,372	5,163,945	+0.1
•			·	240,284		19.1		987,350	978,062	+0.9
VOLKSWAGEN	11.0	10.8	145,285	129,526	+12.2	10.2	9.9	527,415	513,711	+2.7
AUDI	4.7	4.7	61,204	55,910	+9.5	4.2	4.3	218,116	222,428	-1.9
SEAT	2.4	2.3	30,967	27,401	+13.0	2.4	2.4	124,253	126,443	-1.7
SKODA	2.4	2.3	31,151	27,074	+15.1	2.2	2.2	116,000	113,679	+2.0
Others(1)	0.0	0.0	437	373	+17.2	0.0	0.0	1,566	1,801	-13.0
PSA Group	13.2	13.5	173,071	162,221	+6.7	13.2	13.5	683,785	698,665	-2.1
PEUGEOT	7.2	7.5	95,237	89,881	+6.0	7.3	7.3	376,121	378,807	-0.7
CITROEN	5.9	6.0	77,834	72,340	+7.6	6.0	6.2	307,664	319,858	-3.8
FORD Group	10.0	10.3	131,712	124,086	+6.1	10.8	11.3	559,052	584,545	-4.4
FORD	7.7	7.8	101,193	93,314	+8.4	8.4	8.6	432,070	444,545	-2.8
VOLVO	1.6	1.8	20,787	21,586	-3.7	1.6	1.8	84,998	93,318	-8.9
LAND ROVER	0.4	0.6	5,783	6,867	-15.8	0.6	0.7	29,607	34,307	-13.7
JAGUAR	0.3	0.2	3,949	2,319	+70.3	0.2	0.2	12,377	12,375	+0.0
GM Group	9.5	9.9	124,993	118,668	+5.3	9.7	10.3	501,958	533,653	-5.9
OPEL/VAUXHALL	8.0	8.2	105,256	98,480	+6.9	8.1	8.6	419,949	446,331	-5.9
CHEVROLET	1.0	1.1	13,163	13,022	+1.1	1.1	1.1	54,994	56,955	-3.4
SAAB	0.5	0.6	6,096	6,764	-9.9	0.5	0.6	24,963	28,439	-12.2
GM (US)	0.0	0.0	478	402	+18.9	0.0	0.0	2,052	1,928	+6.4
FIAT Group	8.4	8.5	110,064	101,977	+7.9	8.4	8.5	432,165	441,361	-2.1
FIAT	6.8	6.6	89,042	79,841	+11.5	6.9	6.5	355,058	337,770	+5.1
LANCIA	0.8	0.9	10,846	10,865	-0.2	0.8	0.9	43,227	48,429	-10.7
ALFA ROMEO	0.7	0.9	9,560	10,746	-11.0	0.6	1.0	31,283	53,115	-41.1
Other (2)	0.0	0.0	616	525	+17.3	0.1	0.0	2,597	2,047	+26.9
RENAULT Group	8.6	8.9	113,223	106,702	+6.1	8.3	8.1	429,840	418,911	+2.6
RENAULT	8.0	8.4	105,504	101,298	+4.2	7.7	7.7	397,539	399,783	-0.6
DACIA	0.6	0.4	7,719	5,404	+42.8	0.6	0.4	32,301	19,128	+68.9
BMW Group	6.0	5.3	78,855	63,163	+24.8	5.6	4.9	291,371	254,743	+14.4
BMW	4.9	4.3	64,849	51,193	+26.7	4.6	4.1	236,598	211,765	+11.7
MINI	1.1	1.0	14,006	11,970	+17.0	1.1	0.8	54,773	42,978	+27.4
DAIMLER	5.9	5.5	78,135	66,227	+18.0	5.5	5.1	284,957	264,082	+7.9
MERCEDES	5.2	4.9	67,840	59,142	+14.7	4.9	4.7	252,790	244,330	+3.5
SMART	0.8	0.6	10,295	7,085	+45.3	0.6	0.4	32,167	19,752	+62.9
TOYOTA Group	5.2	5.7	67,968	68,394	-0.6	5.4	6.0	279,818	310,008	-9.7
TOYOTA	5.0	5.5	65,497	65,571	-0.1	5.2	5.7	268,965	296,419	-9.3
LEXUS	0.2	0.2	2,471	2,823	-12.5	0.2	0.3	10,853	13,589	-20.1
NISSAN	2.1	2.0	27,448	23,596	+16.3	2.5	1.8	129,329	92,437	+39.9
HONDA	1.5	1.9	19,983	22,240	-10.1	1.9	2.0	98,624	101,871	-3.2
MAZDA	1.6	1.4	20,621	16,446	+25.4	1.8	1.6	90,911	82,933	+9.6
HYUNDAI	1.6	1.6	21,642	19,511	+23.4	1.7	1.8	85,347	94,933	-10.1
KIA	1.3	1.4	17,016	16,898	+0.7	1.5	1.5	76,890	76,272	+0.8
SUZUKI	1.5	1.5	19,454	18,430	+5.6	1.5	1.6	76,737	81,181	-5.5
MITSUBISHI	0.8	0.7	10,007	8,894	+12.5	0.9	0.9	46,223	47,052	-1.8
CHRYSLER	0.7	8.0	8,688	9,058	-4.1	0.7	0.7	36,883	38,606	-4.5
OTHER**	1.8	1.2	23,065	14,321	+61.1	1.5	1.3	79,131	64,630	+22.4

<sup>(1)</sup> VW Group: VW 'others' include Bentley, Bugatti and Lamborghini  $\,$ 

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# Press Release PROVISIONAL

#### **NEW PASSENGER CAR REGISTRATIONS BY MANUFACTURER**

**TOTAL EUROPE (EU\* + EFTA Countries)** 

16/05/08

	April						January to April					
	%Share		Units Units		% Chg	%Share		Units	Units	% Chg		
	'08	'07	'08	'07	08/07	'08	'07	'08	'07	08/07		
ALL BRANDS**			1,420,944	1,296,329	+9.6			5,575,564	5,522,269	+1.0		
VW Group	20.7	20.3	293,567	263,633	+11.4	19.3	19.3	1,076,897	1,068,068	+0.8		
VOLKSWAGEN	10.8	10.6	153,077	136,793	+11.9	10.0	9.8	556,613	540,479	+3.0		
AUDI	4.4	4.4	62,778	57,417	+9.3	4.0	4.1	223,507	227,945	-1.9		
SEAT	2.3	2.2	32,854	29,152	+12.7	2.4	2.4	131,753	133,335	-1.2		
SKODA	3.1	3.1	44,418	39,893	+11.3	2.9	3.0	163,439	164,493	-0.6		
Others (1)	0.0	0.0	440	378	+16.4	0.0	0.0	1,585	1,816	-12.7		
PSA Group	12.9	13.2	183,229	171,584	+6.8	12.9	13.3	719,063	733,583	-2.0		
PEUGEOT	7.1	7.3	100,706	95,259	+5.7	7.1	7.2	395,432	398,337	-0.7		
CITROEN	5.8	5.9	82,523	76,325	+8.1	5.8	6.1	323,631	335,246	-3.5		
FORD Group	10.0	10.1	141,488	131,221	+7.8	10.7	11.1	595,387	612,183	-2.7		
FORD	7.7	7.7	109,835	99,317	+10.6	8.3	8.5	463,792	467,939	-0.9		
VOLVO	1.5	1.7	21,583	22,464	-3.9	1.6	1.7	88,393	96,562	-8.5		
LAND ROVER	0.4	0.5	6,023	7,054	-14.6	0.5	0.6	30,573	35,108	-12.9		
JAGUAR	0.3	0.2	4,047	2,386	+69.6	0.2	0.2	12,629	12,574	+0.4		
GM Group	9.5	9.8	135,587	127,571	+6.3	9.8	10.4	547,132	572,728	-4.5		
OPEL/VAUXHALL	7.9	8.1	112,788	104,714	+7.7	8.1	8.6	451,356	473,440	-4.7		
CHEVROLET	1.1	1.2	16,059	15,568	+3.2	1.2	1.2	68,077	68,429	-0.5		
SAAB	0.4	0.5	6,237	6,859	-9.1	0.5	0.5	25,540	28,835	-11.4		
GM (US)	0.0	0.0	503	430	+17.0	0.0	0.0	2,159	2,024	+6.7		
RENAULT Group	9.0	9.4	127,263	121,385	+4.8	8.7	8.6	484,620	473,184	+2.4		
RENAULT	7.9	8.3	112,597	108,175	+4.1	7.6	7.7	423,569	425,696	-0.5		
DACIA	1.0	1.0	14,666	13,210	+11.0	1.1	0.9	61,051	47,488	+28.6		
FIAT Group	8.1	8.2	115,509	106,503	+8.5	8.1	8.3	452,625	457,508	-1.1		
FIAT	6.6	6.5	94,289	84,130	+12.1	6.7	6.4	374,814	353,087	+6.2		
LANCIA	0.8	0.8	10,889	10,894	-0.0	0.8	0.9	43,391	48,563	-10.7		
ALFA ROMEO	0.7	0.8	9,715	10,942	-11.2	0.6	1.0	31,784	53,780	-40.9		
Others (2)	0.0	0.0	616	537	+14.7	0.0	0.0	2,636	2,078	+26.9		
TOYOTA Group	5.3	5.9	74,884	76,187	-1.7	5.6	6.1	309,978	339,433	-8.7		
TOYOTA	5.1	5.6	72,180	73,082	-1.2	5.3	5.9	298,160	324,793	-8.2		
LEXUS	0.2	0.2	2,704	3,105	-12.9	0.2	0.3	11,818	14,640	-19.3		
BMW Group	5.7	5.0	80,295	64,399	+24.7	5.3	4.7	296,407	258,748	+14.6		
BMW	4.7	4.0	66,181	52,358	+26.4	4.3	3.9	241,288	215,528	+12.0		
MINI	1.0	0.9	14,114	12,041	+17.2	1.0	0.8	55,119	43,220	+27.5		
DAIMLER	5.6	5.2	79,660	67,712	+17.6	5.2	4.9	291,132	269,087	+8.2		
MERCEDES	4.9	4.7	69,310	60,571	+14.4		4.5	258,760	249,199	+3.8		
SMART	0.7	0.6	10,350	7,141	+44.9	0.6	0.4	32,372	19,888	+62.8		
NISSAN	2.1	1.9	29,822	25,152	+18.6	2.5	1.8	138,150	98,454	+40.3		
HONDA	1.6	1.9	22,941	25,097	-8.6	2.0	2.0	109,905	111,780	-1.7		
HYUNDAI	1.8	1.8	25,289	22,752	+11.2	1.8	1.9	98,862	103,226	-4.2		
MAZDA	1.5	1.3	21,978	17,379	+26.5	1.7	1.6	96,465	86,294	+11.8		
SUZUKI	1.7	1.7			+26.5	1.7	1.8	92,576	96,764			
			23,503	22,482						-4.3		
KIA	1.4	1.5	20,590	19,443	+5.9	1.6	1.5	90,070	84,038	+7.2		
MITSUBISHI	0.8	0.8	11,227	10,029	+11.9	0.9	0.9	51,212	50,539	+1.3		
CHRYSLER	0.6	0.7	9,190	9,533	-3.6	0.7	0.7	38,601	40,139	-3.8		
OTHER**	1.8	1.1	24,923	14,267	+74.7	1.6	1.2	86,481	66,513	+30.0		

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