



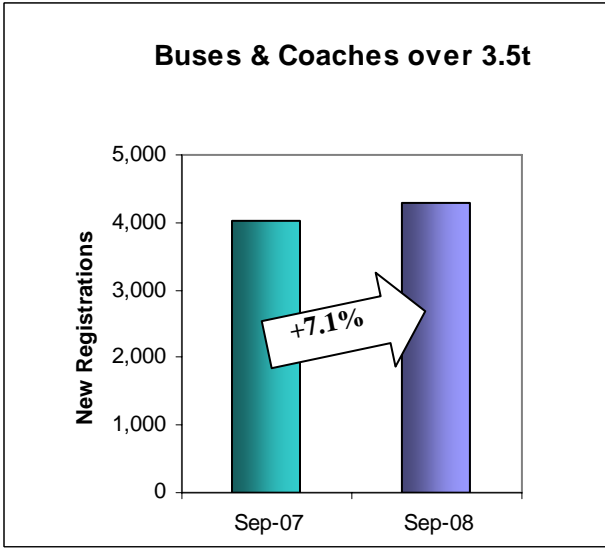
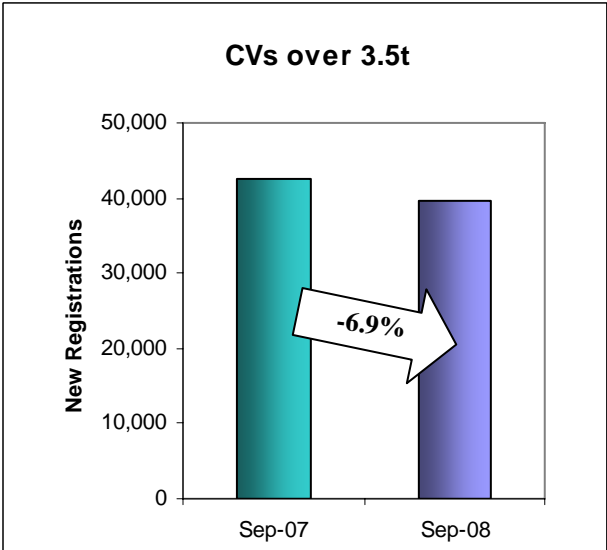
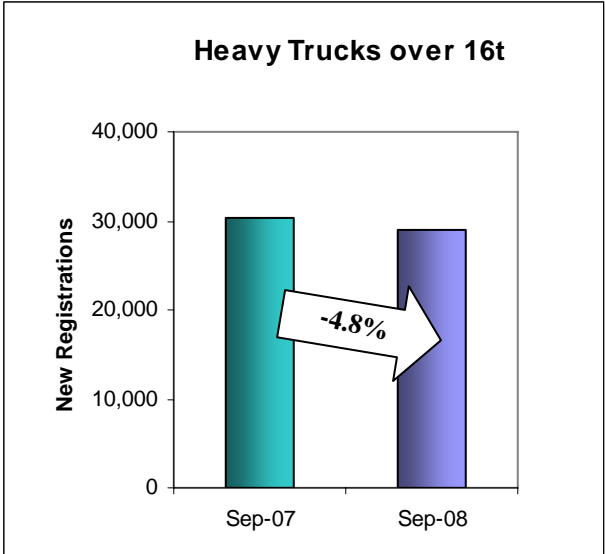
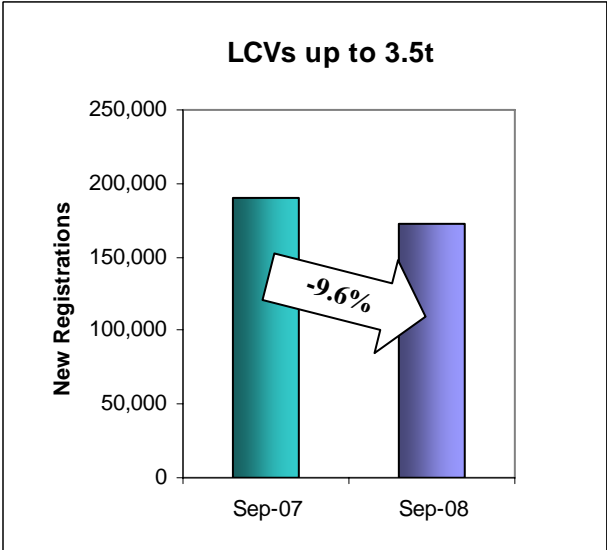
PRESS EMBARGO FOR ALL DATA:
October 24, 2008, 8.00 A.M. (6.00 A.M. GMT)

Press Release

NEW COMMERCIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

September 2008

EU + EFTA Countries



Next Press Release: Tuesday, November 25, 2008

COMMERCIAL VEHICLES: Registrations down for fifth month in a row

For the fifth consecutive month, new registrations of commercial vehicles in Europe* declined. In September, demand for new vehicles fell by 8.8%, despite two extra working days across the region. Markets were stable in the new Member States (+0.2%) but contracted significantly in Western Europe (-9.8%), with a falling demand in all commercial vehicle categories, except buses and coaches. Over the first nine months of 2008, European* registrations were down 3.8% to 1,978,926 units, as the decline in the last few months overrode the positive results in the beginning of the year. This is reflecting the consequences of the credit crunch and the subsequent spillover of the financial crisis to the real economy, which are both negatively affecting demand for commercial vehicles. Geographically, results were mixed as the new EU Member States posted an 8.6% growth, counterbalancing the 5.2% decline in Western Europe.

New Light Commercial Vehicles up to 3.5t - "vans"

In September, the segment of light commercial vehicles decreased the most, falling by 9.6% compared to September last year. In Western Europe, registrations were down 12.0%. The most important declines came from Ireland (-53.5%), Spain (-44.8%), Denmark (-30.2%), the UK (-22.5%) and Italy (-17.1%). With respective growth rates of 8.5% and 7.5%, Germany and France performed better than last year. With 16.5% more vehicles registered in September, markets in the new EU Member States are still on an upward trend despite last month's 3.0% decline. The biggest ones, the Czech Republic and Poland, improved their results by 13.7% and 3.4% respectively compared to September last year.

The **cumulative results from January to September** saw a 5.1% contraction of the market. Overall results in Western Europe contributed to the decline, with the sharpest drops in Denmark (-37.9%), Spain (-33.0%), Ireland (-30.6%) and Portugal (-21.8%). The UK (-8.0%) and Italy (-1.8%) are also on a downward trend. Nine months into the year, the Dutch (+9.3), German (5.9%) and French (3.3%) markets all posted growths.

New Heavy Commercial Vehicles over 16t (excluding Buses & Coaches) – "heavy trucks"

Over the month of September, demand for new heavy commercial vehicles was stable (0.0% change) in Western Europe but decreased by 28.3% in the new EU Member States, resulting in an overall 4.8% decline. The most important drops were observed in Ireland (-54.5%), Spain (-50.1%) and Italy (-18.2%). Results slipped by 1.4% in France while increasing by 10.1% in the UK and 21.0% in Germany. In the new EU Member States, except for Bulgaria (+32.9%), all markets contracted, including Poland, the largest one (-34.2%).

The **cumulative figures nine months into the year** are positive (+3.5%). New registrations in Western Europe (+6.1%) lifted the European market as results in the new EU Member States went down 9.2%. Looking at Western Europe, all major markets expanded, Spain excepted (-22.2%). The UK improved its performance by 33.2% compared to the same period last year, France by 14.0%, Germany by 4.8% and Italy by 3.4%.

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

In September, registrations in this vehicle segment slipped by 0.8% in Western Europe and fell by 35.7% in the new Member States, resulting in a 6.9% overall contraction. Markets in Spain (-48.3%) and Italy (-15.8%) were down while results for the UK (+3.6%) and Germany (17.7%) were positive. Registrations in France remained stable (+0.3%).

Cumulative results show that new demand for trucks increased by 1.2% thanks to the 4.5% upturn in Western Europe which counterbalanced the 14.5% drop recorded in the new EU Member States. Registrations were down 30.2% in Ireland and 21.5% in Spain. The Netherlands (+25.6%), the UK (+22.2%) and France (14.2%) recorded double digit growths. The German market was up 2.6% and the Italian 1.6%. In the new EU Member States, Poland consolidated its position as the largest market, improving its performance by 5.9%.

New Buses & Coaches over 3.5t

Demand for new buses and coaches in Europe* increased by 7.1% **in September** and 14.6% **over the first nine months of 2008**. With the exception of Greece (-5.4%), Spain (-9.8%) and the Netherlands (-18.5%), all markets posted growth.

* EU27+EFTA, data for Cyprus and Malta are unavailable

ACEA press releases on commercial vehicles have been covering Bulgaria and Romania since January 2008



ACEA

Association des
Constructeurs
Européens
d'Automobiles

Av. des Nerviens 85
B-1040 Bruxelles
Tel (32 2) 732 55 50
Fax (32 2) 738 73 10
(32 2) 738 73 11

Press Release

**PRESS EMBARGO FOR ALL DATA :
8.00 A.M.(6.00 A.M. GMT), October 24, 2008**

PROVISIONAL

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

24/10/08

	September '08	September '07	% Change	Jan-Sept '08	Jan-Sept '07	% Change
AUSTRIA	2,473	2,411	2.6%	25,619	24,650	3.9%
BELGIUM	4,618	4,361	5.9%	51,446	51,685	-0.5%
DENMARK	2,551	3,656	-30.2%	27,106	43,634	-37.9%
FINLAND	1,210	1,349	-10.3%	12,485	13,414	-6.9%
FRANCE	37,170	34,562	7.5%	352,721	341,469	3.3%
GERMANY	19,165	17,659	8.5%	168,623	159,218	5.9%
GREECE	1,973	1,955	0.9%	17,716	17,780	-0.4%
IRELAND	993	2,135	-53.5%	28,285	40,773	-30.6%
ITALY	18,482	22,303	-17.1%	175,638	178,878	-1.8%
LUXEMBOURG	281	239	17.6%	3,121	2,673	16.8%
NETHERLANDS	6,578	6,353	3.5%	70,831	64,779	9.3%
PORTUGAL	4,105	4,154	-1.2%	40,615	51,954	-21.8%
SPAIN	9,333	16,902	-44.8%	137,762	205,639	-33.0%
SWEDEN	3,276	3,747	-12.6%	30,152	31,370	-3.9%
UNITED KINGDOM	36,675	47,345	-22.5%	240,846	261,693	-8.0%
EU15	148,883	169,131	-12.0%	1,382,966	1,489,609	-7.2%
ICELAND	98	217	-54.8%	1,202	2,166	-44.5%
NORWAY	2,703	3,404	-20.6%	27,302	32,091	-14.9%
SWITZERLAND	2,086	1,921	8.6%	20,695	19,655	5.3%
EFTA	4,887	5,542	-11.8%	49,199	53,912	-8.7%
WESTERN EUROPE	153,770	174,673	-12.0%	1,432,165	1,543,521	-7.2%
BULGARIA	786	540	45.6%	6,842	6,055	13.0%
CZECH REPUBLIC	5,025	4,421	13.7%	45,972	41,744	10.1%
ESTONIA	240	351	-31.6%	2,310	3,490	-33.8%
HUNGARY	1,726	1,700	1.5%	15,742	15,201	3.6%
LATVIA	106	267	-60.3%	1,574	2,528	-37.7%
LITHUANIA	159	309	-48.5%	2,430	2,804	-13.3%
POLAND	4,908	4,748	3.4%	42,538	36,589	16.3%
ROMANIA	2,691	1,303	106.5%	26,390	15,826	66.8%
SLOVAKIA	2,082	1,665	25.0%	19,560	15,824	23.6%
SLOVENIA	770	570	35.1%	6,739	5,592	20.5%
EU (New Members)	18,493	15,874	16.5%	170,097	145,653	16.8%
EUROPEAN UNION*	167,376	185,005	-9.5%	1,553,063	1,635,262	-5.0%
TOTAL EUROPE (EU+EFTA)	172,263	190,547	-9.6%	1,602,262	1,689,174	-5.1%

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

(**) including Buses & Coaches

For further information, please call:

Ms. Quynh-Nhu Huynh - Manager Economics & Communications - Tel. + 32 2 738 73 55

This information is available on the ACEA website:

<http://www.acea.be>

Next Press Release on Commercial Vehicles to be issued on November 25, 2008



ACEA

Association des
Constructeurs

Européens
d'Automobiles

Av. des Nerviens 85

B-1040 Bruxelles

Tel (32 2) 732 55 50

Fax (32 2) 738 73 10

(32 2) 738 73 11

Press Release

**PRESS EMBARGO FOR ALL DATA :
8.00 A.M.(6.00 A.M. GMT), October 24, 2008**

PROVISIONAL

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

24/10/08

	September '08	September '07	% Change	Jan-Sept '08	Jan-Sept '07	% Change
AUSTRIA	625	849	-26.4%	6,295	6,012	4.7%
BELGIUM	1,003	885	13.3%	7,956	7,543	5.5%
DENMARK	542	690	-21.4%	4,323	4,889	-11.6%
FINLAND	254	327	-22.3%	2,486	2,145	15.9%
FRANCE	3,712	3,765	-1.4%	37,038	32,484	14.0%
GERMANY	8,828	7,296	21.0%	55,399	52,850	4.8%
GREECE	157	106	48.1%	1,253	1,118	12.1%
IRELAND	142	312	-54.5%	2,447	3,242	-24.5%
ITALY	1,695	2,072	-18.2%	20,038	19,379	3.4%
LUXEMBOURG	155	139	11.5%	1,259	1,153	9.2%
NETHERLANDS	1,429	1,300	9.9%	12,745	10,155	25.5%
PORTUGAL	381	300	27.0%	3,516	3,075	14.3%
SPAIN	1,227	2,458	-50.1%	20,512	26,355	-22.2%
SWEDEN	550	487	12.9%	4,453	4,305	3.4%
UNITED KINGDOM	3,537	3,212	10.1%	26,670	20,023	33.2%
EUROPEAN UNION	24,237	24,198	0.2%	206,390	194,728	6.0%
ICELAND	385	405	-4.9%	385	405	-4.9%
NORWAY	385	405	-4.9%	3,693	3,491	5.8%
SWITZERLAND	280	289	-3.1%	2,924	2,497	17.1%
EFTA	1,050	1,099	-4.5%	7,002	6,393	9.5%
WEST. EUROPE	25,287	25,297	0.0%	213,392	201,121	6.1%
BULGARIA	275	207	32.9%	1,980	1,536	28.9%
CZECH REPUBLIC	752	874	-14.0%	5,887	6,019	-2.2%
ESTONIA	64	153	-58.2%	958	1,187	-19.3%
HUNGARY	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
LATVIA	149	240	-37.9%	1,359	2,125	-36.0%
LITHUANIA	191	508	-62.4%	2,711	3,672	-26.2%
POLAND	1,085	1,649	-34.2%	14,588	14,533	0.4%
ROMANIA	623	789	-21.0%	4,831	6,931	-30.3%
SLOVAKIA	291	437	-33.4%	2,979	3,120	-4.5%
SLOVENIA	230	249	-7.6%	1,895	1,817	4.3%
EU (New Members)	3,660	5,106	-28.3%	37,188	40,940	-9.2%
EUROPEAN UNION*	27,897	29,304	-4.8%	243,578	235,668	3.4%
TOTAL EUROPE (EU+EFTA)	28,947	30,403	-4.8%	250,580	242,061	3.5%

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

(**) Excluding Buses and Coaches

For further information, please call:

Ms. Quynh-Nhu Huynh - Manager Economics & Communications - Tel. + 32 2 738 73 55

This information is available on the ACEA website:

<http://www.acea.be>



ACEA

Association des
Constructeurs

Européens
d'Automobiles

Av. des Nerviens 85

B-1040 Bruxelles

Tel (32 2) 732 55 50

Fax (32 2) 738 73 10

(32 2) 738 73 11

Press Release

**PRESS EMBARGO FOR ALL DATA :
8.00 A.M.(6.00 A.M. GMT), October 24, 2008**

PROVISIONAL

EU* + EFTA COUNTRIES REGISTRATION FIGURES BY MARKET NEW MEDIUM & HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES over 3.5t**

24/10/08

	September '08	September '07	% Change	Jan-Sept '08	Jan-Sept '07	% Change
AUSTRIA	692	937	-26.1%	6,948	6,681	4.0%
BELGIUM	1,231	1,153	6.8%	9,929	9,824	1.1%
DENMARK	650	781	-16.8%	5,173	5,473	-5.5%
FINLAND	406	498	-18.5%	3,950	3,746	5.4%
FRANCE	4,362	4,349	0.3%	44,265	38,757	14.2%
GERMANY	12,889	10,955	17.7%	84,114	81,966	2.6%
GREECE	255	206	23.8%	2,157	1,836	17.5%
IRELAND	209	564	-62.9%	3,445	4,938	-30.2%
ITALY	2,313	2,746	-15.8%	26,822	26,398	1.6%
LUXEMBOURG	171	149	14.8%	1,413	1,292	9.4%
NETHERLANDS	1,627	1,513	7.5%	14,694	11,696	25.6%
PORTUGAL	450	440	2.3%	4,298	4,034	6.5%
SPAIN	1,577	3,051	-48.3%	26,290	33,500	-21.5%
SWEDEN	666	570	16.8%	5,234	5,023	4.2%
UNITED KINGDOM	6,185	5,969	3.6%	44,117	36,095	22.2%
EUROPEAN UNION	33,683	33,881	-0.6%	282,849	271,259	4.3%
ICELAND	394	440	-10.5%	478	552	-13.4%
NORWAY	507	538	-5.8%	5,207	4,748	9.7%
SWITZERLAND	351	364	-3.6%	3,848	3,291	16.9%
EFTA	1,252	1,342	-6.7%	9,533	8,591	11.0%
WEST. EUROPE	34,935	35,223	-0.8%	292,382	279,850	4.5%
BULGARIA	379	262	44.7%	3,097	1,965	57.6%
CZECH REPUBLIC	993	1,142	-13.0%	8,282	8,364	-1.0%
ESTONIA	81	178	-54.5%	1,088	1,407	-22.7%
HUNGARY	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
LATVIA	170	265	-35.8%	1,546	2,363	-34.6%
LITHUANIA	225	579	-61.1%	3,059	3,928	-22.1%
POLAND	1,565	2,199	-28.8%	19,252	18,179	5.9%
ROMANIA	704	1,980	-64.4%	6,959	15,359	-54.7%
SLOVAKIA	382	527	-27.5%	3,837	4,048	-5.2%
SLOVENIA	272	289	-5.9%	2,222	2,113	5.2%
EU (New Members)	4,771	7,421	-35.7%	49,342	57,726	-14.5%
EUROPEAN UNION*	38,454	41,302	-6.9%	332,191	328,985	1.0%
TOTAL EUROPE (EU+EFTA)	39,706	42,644	-6.9%	341,724	337,576	1.2%

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

(**) Excluding Buses and Coaches

For further information, please call:

Ms. Quynh-Nhu Huynh - Manager Economics & Communications - Tel. + 32 2 738 73 55

This information is available on the ACEA website:

<http://www.acea.be>



ACEA

Association des
Constructeurs
Européens
d'Automobiles

Av. des Nerviens 85

B-1040 Bruxelles

Tel (32 2) 732 55 50

Fax (32 2) 738 73 10

(32 2) 738 73 11

Press Release

**PRESS EMBARGO FOR ALL DATA :
8.00 A.M.(6.00 A.M. GMT), October 24, 2008**

PROVISIONAL

EU* + EFTA COUNTRIES REGISTRATION FIGURES BY MARKET NEW MEDIUM & HEAVY BUSES & COACHES over 3.5t

24/10/08

	September '08	September '07	% Change	Jan-Sept '08	Jan-Sept '07	% Change
AUSTRIA	56	76	-26.3%	810	454	78.4%
BELGIUM	52	104	-50.0%	1,038	827	25.5%
DENMARK	69	81	-14.8%	461	331	39.3%
FINLAND	44	57	-22.8%	471	415	13.5%
FRANCE	626	517	21.1%	5,224	4,761	9.7%
GERMANY	466	474	-1.7%	4,147	3,859	7.5%
GREECE	24	48	-50.0%	472	499	-5.4%
IRELAND	9	35	-74.3%	299	231	29.4%
ITALY	542	427	26.9%	3,370	3,302	2.1%
LUXEMBOURG	16	5	220.0%	193	154	25.3%
NETHERLANDS	81	64	26.6%	477	585	-18.5%
PORTUGAL	52	81	-35.8%	597	572	4.4%
SPAIN	401	444	-9.7%	2,797	3,101	-9.8%
SWEDEN	111	91	22.0%	866	727	19.1%
UNITED KINGDOM	1,163	1,057	10.0%	7,007	6,327	10.7%
EUROPEAN UNION	3,712	3,561	4.2%	28,229	26,145	8.0%
ICELAND	0	5	-100.0%	18	14	28.6%
NORWAY	97	46	110.9%	1,038	639	62.4%
SWITZERLAND	46	39	17.9%	630	333	89.2%
EFTA	143	90	58.9%	1,686	986	71.0%
WEST. EUROPE	3,855	3,651	5.6%	29,915	27,131	10.3%
BULGARIA	22	25	-12.0%	227	128	77.3%
CZECH REPUBLIC	98	60	63.3%	800	587	36.3%
ESTONIA	4	5	-20.0%	57	141	-59.6%
HUNGARY	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
LATVIA	11	30	-63.3%	153	146	4.8%
LITHUANIA	7	22	-68.2%	68	149	-54.4%
POLAND	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
ROMANIA	259	194	33.5%	3,141	1,902	65.1%
SLOVAKIA	28	13	115.4%	413	189	118.5%
SLOVENIA	20	19	5.3%	166	117	41.9%
EU (New Members)	449	368	22.0%	5,025	3,359	49.6%
EUROPEAN UNION*	4,161	3,929	5.9%	33,254	29,504	12.7%
TOTAL EUROPE (EU+EFTA)	4,304	4,019	7.1%	34,940	30,490	14.6%

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

For further information, please call:

Ms. Quynh-Nhu Huynh - Manager Economics & Communications - Tel. + 32 2 738 73 55

This information is available on the ACEA website:

<http://www.acea.be>