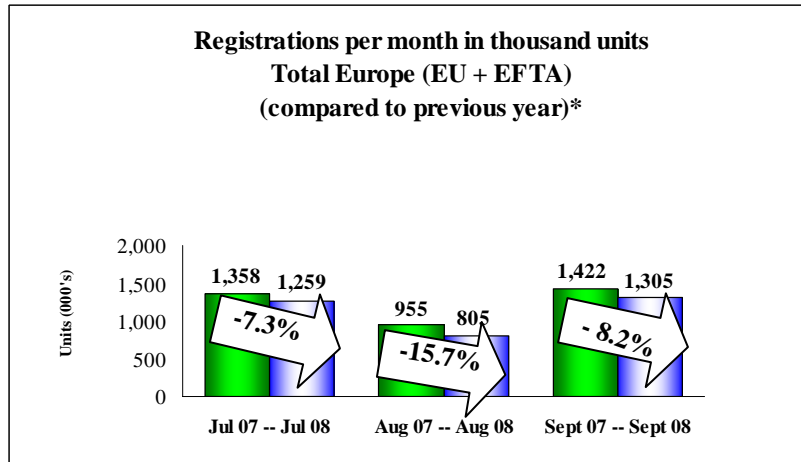
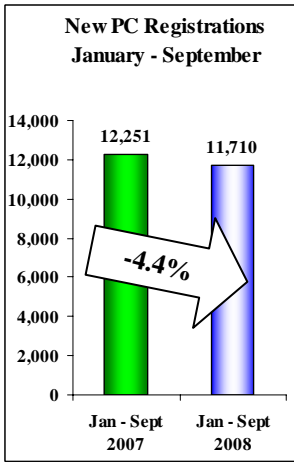




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New Passenger Car Registrations *European Union + EFTA Countries*



*Not adjusted for working days

PASSENGER CARS: 8.2% drop in registrations as financial crisis further affects European car markets

Brussels, 15/10/2008 – New car registrations in Europe* fell by 8.2% in September compared to the same month last year, despite two working days extra across the region**. Usually, September is a strong month for car sales that tend to pick up after the calmer summer months. In absolute numbers, registrations stalled at 1,304,583 units, or the lowest September level since 1998. Three quarters into 2008, a total of 11,710,521 new passenger cars were registered, or -4.4% less than over the same period of last year.

The drop in registrations confirms the aggravating market circumstances, as the fall-out of the financial crisis hits auto manufacturers hard. The credit crunch weighs on the sector's ability to finance daily operations and sustain the high level of investments needed to support the market transition to low-emission vehicles. At the same time, demand for new cars is weakening because of the deteriorating economic circumstances. Customers are increasingly hesitant to make large expenditures and find it more difficult to get their purchase financed.

Markets **in Western Europe** registered 1,211,308 new cars **in September**, or 9.3% less than in the same month last year. Despite the current negative economic climate, the French market proved to be robust, growing by a sound 8.4%, compensating the drop in August sales (-7.1%). With a slight decrease of 1.5%, the German market remained stable in September, following a 10.4% decrease in August. The Italian market fell by 5.5%. The steepest declines came from the UK (-21.2%) and Spain (-32.2%).

Cumulative figures from January to September result in a 5% decrease in Western Europe. France and Germany remained strong markets, with a respective growth of 3.4% and 1.3%. Registrations in the British (-7.5%), Italian (-11.3%) and Spanish (-22.0%) markets dropped compared to the three-quarter figures for 2007.

Markets in **the new EU Member States** recorded growth (+7.8%) **in September** with 93,275 new vehicles registered. Of the four largest markets, only the Hungarian contracted (-4.3%). The Czech Republic (+32.2%), Romania (+17.4%) and Poland*** (+1.8%) all posted growth. **Over the first nine months of the year**, new passenger car registrations in this region have risen by 3.0%, thanks to robust markets in Poland (+8.8%) and the Czech Republic (+10.4%).

* EU27 + EFTA, data for Cyprus and Malta unavailable
 ** 3 extra working days for the Czech Republic and none for Slovakia
 *** Data for Poland were still estimates at the time of publication



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

15/10/08

	September '08	September '07	% Chg 08/07	Jan - Sept '08	Jan - Sept '07	% Chg 08/07
AUSTRIA	22,509	22,016	+2.2	232,157	231,541	+0.3
BELGIUM	37,838	36,611	+3.4	440,731	418,602	+5.3
DENMARK	11,908	13,478	-11.6	121,749	119,111	+2.2
FINLAND	9,861	9,820	+0.4	118,542	108,688	+9.1
FRANCE	160,565	148,164	+8.4	1,575,764	1,523,361	+3.4
GERMANY	261,384	265,473	-1.5	2,371,473	2,340,492	+1.3
GREECE	18,825	19,369	-2.8	226,236	228,290	-0.9
IRELAND**	3,388	5,712	-40.7	145,643	180,578	-19.3
ITALY	176,112	186,381	-5.5	1,709,377	1,927,707	-11.3
LUXEMBURG**	3,842	3,483	+10.3	41,473	39,895	+4.0
NETHERLANDS	41,528	40,625	+2.2	421,340	416,174	+1.2
PORTUGAL	13,763	12,994	+5.9	162,109	154,872	+4.7
SPAIN	65,593	96,754	-32.2	947,990	1,215,804	-22.0
SWEDEN	22,777	23,806	-4.3	196,911	219,500	-10.3
UNITED KINGDOM	330,295	419,290	-21.2	1,794,419	1,940,515	-7.5
EUROPEAN UNION (EU15)	1,180,188	1,303,976	-9.5	10,505,914	11,065,130	-5.1
ICELAND	584	1,115	-47.6	8,732	12,448	-29.9
NORWAY	8,453	9,340	-9.5	87,456	97,874	-10.6
SWITZERLAND**	22,083	20,762	+6.4	218,770	212,861	+2.8
EFTA	31,120	31,217	-0.3	314,958	323,183	-2.5
EU15+EFTA	1,211,308	1,335,193	-9.3	10,820,872	11,388,313	-5.0
BULGARIA	3,377	3,056	+10.5	34,324	29,461	+16.5
CZECH REPUBLIC	12,134	9,177	+32.2	109,000	98,709	+10.4
ESTONIA	1,714	2,244	-23.6	20,525	24,136	-15.0
HUNGARY**	13,236	13,827	-4.3	120,474	129,248	-6.8
LATVIA	1,226	2,266	-45.9	16,056	25,041	-35.9
LITHUANIA	1,518	1,648	-7.9	17,765	14,856	+19.6
POLAND**	23,153	22,753	+1.8	235,717	216,616	+8.8
ROMANIA	26,580	22,650	+17.4	228,450	231,743	-1.4
SLOVAKIA	5,016	4,060	+23.5	52,083	43,478	+19.8
SLOVENIA	5,321	4,859	+9.5	55,255	50,189	+10.1
<i>EU (New Members)</i>	93,275	86,540	+7.8	889,649	863,477	+3.0
EUROPEAN UNION*	1,273,463	1,390,516	-8.4	11,395,563	11,928,607	-4.5
TOTAL EUROPE (EU+EFTA)	1,304,583	1,421,733	-8.2	11,710,521	12,251,790	-4.4

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

(**) ACEA estimates

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

15/10/08

	September					January to September				
	%Share		Units	Units	% Chg	%Share		Units	Units	% Chg
	'08	'07	'08	'07	08/07	'08	'07	'08	'07	08/07
ALL BRANDS**			1,211,308	1,335,193	-9.3			10,820,872	11,388,313	-5.0
VW Group	20.0	17.9	241,660	239,171	+1.0	19.9	19.4	2,149,485	2,204,597	-2.5
VOLKSWAGEN	10.6	9.8	128,592	130,592	-1.5	10.6	10.3	1,146,004	1,175,078	-2.5
AUDI	5.1	3.9	62,235	52,683	+18.1	4.6	4.4	494,238	495,503	-0.3
SEAT	1.8	2.1	22,135	28,323	-21.8	2.3	2.5	252,220	280,428	-10.1
SKODA	2.3	2.0	28,405	27,153	+4.6	2.3	2.2	254,012	249,759	+1.7
Other(1)	0.0	0.0	293	420	-30.2	0.0	0.0	3,011	3,829	-21.4
PSA Group	12.1	12.1	146,385	161,101	-9.1	13.0	13.2	1,409,946	1,506,400	-6.4
PEUGEOT	6.7	6.7	80,798	89,442	-9.7	7.1	7.1	766,647	812,114	-5.6
CITROEN	5.4	5.4	65,587	71,659	-8.5	5.9	6.1	643,299	694,286	-7.3
FORD Group	10.6	10.9	128,359	145,900	-12.0	9.9	10.1	1,072,034	1,145,270	-6.4
FORD	8.9	9.2	108,214	122,257	-11.5	8.3	8.4	903,047	954,188	-5.4
VOLVO	1.7	1.8	20,145	23,643	-14.8	1.6	1.7	168,987	191,082	-11.6
GM Group	9.9	11.1	120,016	147,548	-18.7	9.7	10.3	1,045,148	1,178,365	-11.3
OPEL/VAUXHALL	8.1	9.2	98,465	122,841	-19.8	8.0	8.6	868,915	983,258	-11.6
CHEVROLET	1.3	1.2	15,467	15,766	-1.9	1.1	1.1	120,953	128,182	-5.6
SAAB	0.5	0.6	5,766	8,458	-31.8	0.5	0.6	51,260	62,811	-18.4
GM (US)	0.0	0.0	318	483	-34.2	0.0	0.0	4,020	4,114	-2.3
RENAULT Group	7.4	7.0	89,206	93,790	-4.9	8.3	7.9	894,936	904,474	-1.1
RENAULT	6.7	6.7	81,374	89,745	-9.3	7.6	7.5	825,911	855,819	-3.5
DACIA	0.6	0.3	7,832	4,045	+93.6	0.6	0.4	69,025	48,655	+41.9
FIAT Group	7.7	7.1	93,128	94,201	-1.1	8.2	8.1	892,584	923,268	-3.3
FIAT	6.2	5.6	74,760	74,857	-0.1	6.7	6.2	720,737	710,556	+1.4
LANCIA	0.8	0.7	9,253	8,755	+5.7	0.8	0.8	89,077	96,770	-7.9
ALFA ROMEO	0.7	0.8	8,642	10,210	-15.4	0.7	1.0	77,459	111,656	-30.6
Other (2)	0.0	0.0	473	379	+24.8	0.0	0.0	5,311	4,286	+23.9
BMW Group	6.0	6.5	73,070	86,669	-15.7	5.9	5.5	635,261	622,138	+2.1
BMW	4.8	5.2	57,882	69,606	-16.8	4.8	4.5	517,563	513,841	+0.7
MINI	1.3	1.3	15,188	17,063	-11.0	1.1	1.0	117,698	108,297	+8.7
DAIMLER	6.1	5.9	74,005	79,317	-6.7	5.6	5.5	610,434	627,376	-2.7
MERCEDES	5.3	5.2	64,650	69,370	-6.8	4.9	4.9	534,037	561,399	-4.9
SMART	0.8	0.7	9,355	9,947	-6.0	0.7	0.6	76,397	65,977	+15.8
TOYOTA Group	5.5	5.4	67,009	72,649	-7.8	5.3	5.8	568,734	659,392	-13.7
TOYOTA	5.3	5.1	63,862	67,952	-6.0	5.1	5.5	547,634	630,384	-13.1
LEXUS	0.3	0.4	3,147	4,697	-33.0	0.2	0.3	21,100	29,008	-27.3
NISSAN	2.6	2.5	30,994	32,954	-5.9	2.4	2.0	259,168	222,879	+16.3
HONDA	2.0	2.6	24,574	34,792	-29.4	1.8	2.0	191,198	223,783	-14.6
MAZDA	2.0	1.8	24,328	24,262	+0.3	1.7	1.6	188,579	179,028	+5.3
HYUNDAI	1.6	1.8	19,574	24,345	-19.6	1.7	1.8	183,423	207,488	-11.6
SUZUKI	1.9	1.7	22,969	22,726	+1.1	1.5	1.6	166,162	180,177	-7.8
KIA	1.2	1.4	14,801	18,547	-20.2	1.5	1.5	157,565	168,503	-6.5
JLR Group	1.0	1.4	11,909	18,079	-34.1	0.8	0.9	86,899	105,216	-17.4
LAND ROVER	0.6	1.0	6,956	13,631	-49.0	0.5	0.7	56,623	79,006	-28.3
JAGUAR	0.4	0.3	4,953	4,448	+11.4	0.3	0.2	30,276	26,210	+15.5
MITSUBISHI	0.7	0.9	8,709	12,205	-28.6	0.8	0.9	85,639	101,656	-15.8
CHRYSLER	0.5	0.8	5,959	10,886	-45.3	0.7	0.8	73,246	87,042	-15.8
OTHER**	1.2	1.2	14,653	16,051	-8.7	1.4	1.2	150,431	141,261	+6.5

(1) VW Group: VW 'other' include Bentley, Bugatti and Lamborghini

(2) FIAT Group: FIAT 'other' include Ferrari & Maserati

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

15/10/08

	September					January to September				
	%Share		Units	Units	% Chg	%Share		Units	Units	% Chg
	'08	'07	'08	'07	08/07	'08	'07	'08	'07	08/07
ALL BRANDS**			1,304,583	1,421,733	-8.2			11,710,521	12,251,790	-4.4
VW Group	20.2	18.3	263,435	259,840	+1.4	20.1	19.7	2,349,861	2,411,460	-2.6
VOLKSWAGEN	10.4	9.7	135,313	137,292	-1.4	10.3	10.1	1,211,549	1,238,099	-2.1
AUDI	4.9	3.8	63,796	53,833	+18.5	4.3	4.1	507,169	507,917	-0.1
SEAT	1.8	2.1	23,846	30,106	-20.8	2.3	2.4	268,335	297,549	-9.8
SKODA	3.1	2.7	40,183	38,189	+5.2	3.1	3.0	359,738	364,028	-1.2
Others (1)	0.0	0.0	297	420	-29.3	0.0	0.0	3,070	3,867	-20.6
PSA Group	11.8	11.9	153,533	168,773	-9.0	12.7	11.6	1,489,000	1,419,940	+4.9
PEUGEOT	6.5	6.6	84,987	93,787	-9.4	6.9	6.3	810,484	765,779	+5.8
CITROEN	5.3	5.3	68,546	74,986	-8.6	5.8	5.3	678,516	654,161	+3.7
FORD Group	10.4	10.8	136,003	153,535	-11.4	9.8	9.9	1,151,656	1,211,426	-4.9
FORD	8.8	9.1	115,136	129,269	-10.9	8.3	8.3	975,087	1,012,958	-3.7
VOLVO	1.6	1.7	20,867	24,266	-14.0	1.5	1.6	176,569	198,468	-11.0
GM Group	9.9	11.1	129,746	158,386	-18.1	9.7	10.4	1,139,796	1,269,568	-10.2
OPEL/VAUXHALL	8.1	9.2	105,519	130,423	-19.1	8.0	8.5	935,464	1,047,251	-10.7
CHEVROLET	1.4	1.3	18,021	18,900	-4.7	1.3	1.3	147,628	154,215	-4.3
SAAB	0.4	0.6	5,866	8,559	-31.5	0.4	0.5	52,410	63,763	-17.8
GM (US)	0.0	0.0	340	504	-32.5	0.0	0.0	4,294	4,339	-1.0
RENAULT Group	7.9	7.4	102,917	105,173	-2.1	8.7	8.5	1,022,114	1,042,098	-1.9
RENAULT	6.6	6.7	86,233	95,099	-9.3	7.5	7.5	883,662	917,443	-3.7
DACIA	1.3	0.7	16,684	10,074	+65.6	1.2	1.0	138,452	124,655	+11.1
FIAT Group	7.5	7.0	97,553	98,894	-1.4	8.0	7.9	938,814	964,325	-2.6
FIAT	6.1	5.6	78,992	79,316	-0.4	6.5	6.1	765,277	749,611	+2.1
LANCIA	0.7	0.6	9,311	8,800	+5.8	0.8	0.8	89,487	97,080	-7.8
ALFA ROMEO	0.7	0.7	8,769	10,392	-15.6	0.7	0.9	78,619	113,272	-30.6
Others (2)	0.0	0.0	481	386	+24.6	0.0	0.0	5,431	4,362	+24.5
BMW Group	5.7	6.2	74,367	87,901	-15.4	5.5	5.2	647,730	632,574	+2.4
BMW	4.5	5.0	59,100	70,758	-16.5	4.5	4.3	529,189	523,580	+1.1
MINI	1.2	1.2	15,267	17,143	-10.9	1.0	0.9	118,541	108,994	+8.8
TOYOTA Group	5.7	5.6	73,748	79,090	-6.8	5.4	5.9	631,761	724,862	-12.8
TOYOTA	5.4	5.2	70,376	74,143	-5.1	5.2	5.7	608,529	693,433	-12.2
LEXUS	0.3	0.3	3,372	4,947	-31.8	0.2	0.3	23,232	31,429	-26.1
DAIMLER	5.8	5.7	75,604	80,697	-6.3	5.3	5.2	624,465	640,220	-2.5
MERCEDES	5.1	5.0	66,223	70,670	-6.3	4.7	4.7	547,654	573,808	-4.6
SMART	0.7	0.7	9,381	10,027	-6.4	0.7	0.5	76,811	66,412	+15.7
NISSAN	2.5	2.4	32,762	34,558	-5.2	2.4	1.9	277,081	237,342	+16.7
HONDA	2.1	2.6	27,602	37,439	-26.3	1.8	2.0	215,738	249,111	-13.4
HYUNDAI	1.8	1.9	23,322	27,019	-13.7	1.8	1.9	214,304	230,007	-6.8
SUZUKI	2.0	1.9	26,702	26,944	-0.9	1.7	1.8	202,374	218,916	-7.6
MAZDA	2.0	1.8	25,738	25,235	+2.0	1.7	1.5	202,287	187,169	+8.1
KIA	1.4	1.5	18,099	20,876	-13.3	1.6	1.5	188,047	187,879	+0.1
MITSUBISHI	0.7	0.9	9,699	13,297	-27.1	0.8	0.9	96,706	110,992	-12.9
JAGUAR LAND ROV	0.9	1.3	12,130	18,349	-33.9	0.8	0.9	89,285	107,820	-17.2
LAND ROVER	0.5	1.0	7,114	13,846	-48.6	0.5	0.7	58,327	81,095	-28.1
JAGUAR	0.4	0.3	5,016	4,503	+11.4	0.3	0.2	30,958	26,725	+15.8
CHRYSLER	0.5	0.8	6,225	11,318	-45.0	0.7	0.7	77,117	91,074	-15.3
OTHER**	1.2	1.0	15,397	14,409	+6.9	1.3	2.6	152,385	315,007	-51.6

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