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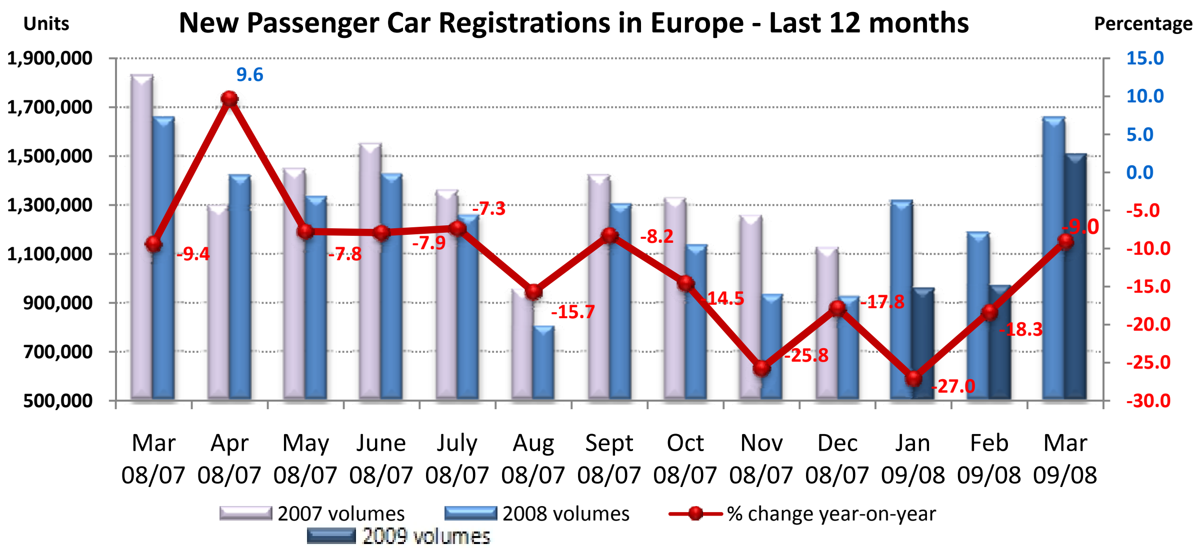
New Passenger Car Registrations

European Union + EFTA Countries



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PASSENGER CARS: European market down 17.2% in first quarter 2009

Declining for the eleventh consecutive month, passenger car registrations in Europe* fell by 9.0% in March compared to the same month last year. The result was lifted by the on average 3 more working days across the region and the effect of fleet renewal schemes in a number of countries. Over the first quarter of 2009, the market was down by 17.2% with a total of 3,439,720 new registrations compared to 4,154,778 units in the same period last year.

Western Europe recorded 1,429,445 new passenger car registrations ***in March*** (-8.0%). The result was boosted by the 39.9% expansion of the German market, where consumers continued to respond widely to the government's incentive scheme introduced in January. Such a development underpinned the markets in France (+8.0%) and Italy (+0.2%) as well. In the UK, where March is usually a strong month, registrations fell by 30.5%, reflecting the overall persisting lack of confidence in the economy. This sentiment also prevailed in Spain (-38.7%). ***Three months into the year***, new registrations were down 16.3% in Europe*. The German market was the only one to post growth (+18.0%). The downturn hit the Spanish (-43.1%) and the British (-29.7%) markets hardest. The Italian and French markets were down 19.1% and -3.9%. Among the smaller markets, Luxemburg (-10.4%), Switzerland (-12.3%), Austria (-12.9%) and Belgium (-15.3%) performed best while Ireland and Iceland posted a decline of 64.9% and 91.3% respectively.

In the new EU Member States, 76,803 new cars were registered in ***March***, or 25.4% less than last year. Poland and the Czech Republic, two of the major markets in the region, posted a growth of 2.5% and 0.9% respectively. Slovakia also recorded a strong increase of 18.2% following the introduction of a car scrapping scheme. Looking at the ***cumulative figures from January to March***, Poland consolidated its position as the largest market with a total of 87,939 new registrations and a 1.3% upturn. Latvia performed worst with a contraction by 77.9%.

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

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

16/04/09

	March '09	March '08	% Chg 09/08	Jan - Mar '09	Jan - Mar '08	% Chg 09/08
AUSTRIA	26,477	29,907	-11.5	64,296	73,778	-12.9
BELGIUM	50,258	57,077	-11.9	143,852	169,864	-15.3
DENMARK	9,323	11,989	-22.2	24,557	39,350	-37.6
FINLAND	10,724	12,577	-14.7	29,462	46,140	-36.1
FRANCE	204,018	188,879	+8.0	505,456	526,121	-3.9
GERMANY	400,965	286,549	+39.9	868,090	735,914	+18.0
GREECE	13,373	22,396	-40.3	49,212	79,244	-37.9
IRELAND	7,811	21,590	-63.8	32,646	93,045	-64.9
ITALY	214,218	213,702	+0.2	538,720	666,178	-19.1
LUXEMBURG**	4,768	5,355	-11.0	12,090	13,489	-10.4
NETHERLANDS	35,054	47,182	-25.7	125,215	163,837	-23.6
PORTUGAL	12,754	22,045	-42.1	31,780	55,229	-42.5
SPAIN	76,503	124,702	-38.7	197,995	347,738	-43.1
SWEDEN	18,035	23,540	-23.4	43,937	61,823	-28.9
UNITED KINGDOM	313,912	451,642	-30.5	480,358	683,349	-29.7
EUROPEAN UNION (EU15	**1,398,193**	**1,519,132**	**-8.0**	**3,147,666**	**3,755,099**	**-16.2**
ICELAND	73	855	-91.5	290	3,322	-91.3
NORWAY	7,601	9,506	-20.0	19,241	29,974	-35.8
SWITZERLAND**	23,578	23,623	-0.2	58,814	67,044	-12.3
EFTA	31,252	33,984	-8.0	78,345	100,340	-21.9
EU15+EFTA	**1,429,445**	**1,553,116**	**-8.0**	**3,226,011**	**3,855,439**	**-16.3**
BULGARIA	2,202	4,594	-52.1	6,100	11,790	-48.3
CZECH REPUBLIC	12,410	12,298	+0.9	31,075	33,026	-5.9
ESTONIA	826	2,562	-67.8	2,582	7,221	-64.2
HUNGARY**	9,294	13,967	-33.5	26,372	39,791	-33.7
LATVIA	372	1,885	-80.3	1,309	5,934	-77.9
LITHUANIA	629	2,092	-69.9	1,899	6,376	-70.2
POLAND	31,098	30,349	+2.5	87,939	86,788	+1.3
ROMANIA	8,124	23,110	-64.8	29,089	74,028	-60.7
SLOVAKIA	6,488	5,490	+18.2	12,696	15,586	-18.5
SLOVENIA	5,360	6,643	-19.3	14,648	18,799	-22.1
EU (New Members)	76,803	102,990	-25.4	213,709	299,339	-28.6
EUROPEAN UNION*	**1,474,996**	**1,622,122**	**-9.1**	**3,361,375**	**4,054,438**	**-17.1**
TOTAL EUROPE (EU+EFT	**1,506,249**	**1,656,106**	**-9.0**	**3,439,720**	**4,154,778**	**-17.2**

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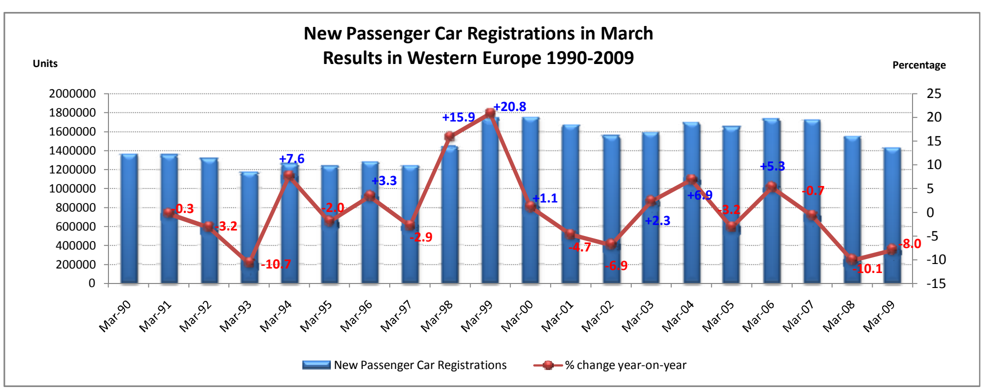

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NEW PASSENGER CAR REGISTRATIONS BY MANUFACTURER
WESTERN EUROPE (EU15 + EFTA Countries)

16/04/09

	March					January - March				
	%Share		Units	Units	% Chg	%Share		Units	Units	% Chg
	'09	'08	'09	'08	09/08	'09	'08	'09	'08	09/08
ALL BRANDS**			**1,429,445**	**1,553,116**	**-8.0**			**3,226,011**	**3,855,439**	**-16.3**
VW Group	**20.0**	**18.1**	**286,220**	**281,060**	**+1.8**	**20.6**	**18.6**	**665,416**	**718,521**	**-7.4**
VOLKSWAGEN	10.6	9.4	151,044	146,530	+3.1	11.1	9.9	358,013	382,210	-6.3
AUDI	4.3	4.1	61,671	63,958	-3.6	4.6	4.1	149,650	156,873	-4.6
SEAT	2.2	2.3	31,065	36,098	-13.9	2.2	2.4	71,939	93,394	-23.0
SKODA	3.0	2.2	42,195	33,913	+24.4	2.6	2.2	85,308	84,905	+0.5
Other(1)	0.0	0.0	245	561	-56.3	0.0	0.0	506	1,139	-55.6
PSA Group	**12.1**	**12.2**	**173,400**	**189,005**	**-8.3**	**12.9**	**13.2**	**415,612**	**510,652**	**-18.6**
PEUGEOT	6.7	6.8	95,660	105,835	-9.6	7.0	7.3	224,321	280,797	-20.1
CITROEN	5.4	5.4	77,740	83,170	-6.5	5.9	6.0	191,291	229,855	-16.8
FORD Group	**11.0**	**11.0**	**157,447**	**171,162**	**-8.0**	**10.7**	**10.3**	**346,645**	**397,637**	**-12.8**
FORD	9.6	9.4	137,374	146,700	-6.4	9.3	8.7	298,610	333,627	-10.5
VOLVO	1.4	1.6	20,073	24,462	-17.9	1.5	1.7	48,035	64,010	-25.0
FIAT Group	**9.2**	**7.4**	**131,315**	**114,529**	**+14.7**	**9.1**	**8.4**	**293,036**	**322,272**	**-9.1**
FIAT	7.6	6.1	108,611	95,470	+13.8	7.4	6.9	237,754	266,172	-10.7
LANCIA	0.8	0.7	11,004	10,547	+4.3	0.9	0.8	27,495	32,387	-15.1
ALFA ROMEO	0.8	0.5	10,914	7,731	+41.2	0.8	0.6	26,123	21,727	+20.2
Other (2)	0.1	0.1	786	781	+0.6	0.1	0.1	1,664	1,986	-16.2
GM Group	**9.3**	**10.5**	**133,117**	**163,069**	**-18.4**	**8.9**	**9.8**	**286,456**	**377,038**	**-24.0**
OPEL/VAUXHALL	7.9	8.9	112,501	137,675	-18.3	7.4	8.2	239,690	314,756	-23.8
CHEVROLET	1.1	1.1	15,970	16,399	-2.6	1.2	1.1	37,141	41,814	-11.2
SAAB	0.3	0.6	4,462	8,553	-47.8	0.3	0.5	9,088	18,870	-51.8
GM (US)	0.0	0.0	184	442	-58.4	0.0	0.0	537	1,598	-66.4
RENAULT Group	**7.9**	**8.0**	**113,247**	**124,712**	**-9.2**	**7.9**	**8.2**	**255,894**	**317,047**	**-19.3**
RENAULT	6.9	7.5	98,729	116,857	-15.5	7.0	7.6	224,380	292,131	-23.2
DACIA	1.0	0.5	14,518	7,855	+84.8	1.0	0.6	31,514	24,916	+26.5
TOYOTA Group	**5.3**	**5.3**	**75,374**	**82,857**	**-9.0**	**5.4**	**5.3**	**172,995**	**204,995**	**-15.6**
TOYOTA	5.1	5.1	72,951	78,852	-7.5	5.2	5.1	168,281	196,935	-14.5
LEXUS	0.2	0.3	2,423	4,005	-39.5	0.1	0.2	4,714	8,060	-41.5
DAIMLER	**4.9**	**5.3**	**70,200**	**82,077**	**-14.5**	**4.9**	**5.4**	**159,605**	**209,579**	**-23.8**
MERCEDES	4.3	4.7	61,150	72,916	-16.1	4.2	4.8	135,049	184,034	-26.6
SMART	0.6	0.6	9,050	9,161	-1.2	0.8	0.7	24,556	25,545	-3.9
BMW Group	**5.1**	**5.9**	**72,957**	**91,953**	**-20.7**	**4.9**	**5.5**	**156,538**	**212,526**	**-26.3**
BMW	4.1	4.7	58,545	73,472	-20.3	4.0	4.5	128,796	171,786	-25.0
MINI	1.0	1.2	14,412	18,481	-22.0	0.9	1.1	27,742	40,740	-31.9
HYUNDAI	**2.4**	**1.6**	**33,712**	**24,935**	**+35.2**	**2.3**	**1.6**	**72,754**	**63,186**	**+15.1**
NISSAN	**2.0**	**2.9**	**29,148**	**44,962**	**-35.2**	**2.2**	**2.7**	**72,461**	**102,829**	**-29.5**
HONDA	**2.3**	**2.5**	**32,811**	**38,681**	**-15.2**	**2.0**	**2.0**	**64,939**	**78,620**	**-17.4**
MAZDA	**1.8**	**2.0**	**25,711**	**31,608**	**-18.7**	**1.8**	**1.8**	**57,791**	**70,407**	**-17.9**
SUZUKI	**1.8**	**1.4**	**25,901**	**22,166**	**+16.9**	**1.8**	**1.5**	**56,562**	**57,638**	**-1.9**
KIA	**1.5**	**1.5**	**20,955**	**23,812**	**-12.0**	**1.5**	**1.5**	**47,072**	**59,727**	**-21.2**
MITSUBISHI	**0.7**	**1.0**	**10,312**	**16,155**	**-36.2**	**0.7**	**0.9**	**23,484**	**36,321**	**-35.3**
JAGUAR LAND ROVER	**0.8**	**1.2**	**11,979**	**19,381**	**-38.2**	**0.6**	**0.9**	**20,785**	**35,176**	**-40.9**
LAND ROVER	0.6	0.9	8,024	13,629	-41.1	0.4	0.7	13,727	26,796	-48.8
JAGUAR	0.3	0.4	3,955	5,752	-31.2	0.2	0.2	7,058	8,380	-15.8
CHRYSLER	**0.3**	**0.8**	**4,845**	**11,912**	**-59.3**	**0.4**	**0.7**	**13,122**	**28,104**	**-53.3**
OTHER**	**1.5**	**1.2**	**20,795**	**19,080**	**+9.0**	**1.4**	**1.4**	**44,845**	**53,164**	**-15.6**

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16/04/09

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VW Group	**20.2**	**18.4**	**304,257**	**305,043**	**-0.3**	**20.8**	**19.0**	**714,453**	**788,563**	**-9.4**
VOLKSWAGEN	10.4	9.3	156,907	154,419	+1.6	10.9	9.7	375,410	404,482	-7.2
AUDI	4.2	4.0	62,641	65,525	-4.4	4.4	3.9	152,506	161,202	-5.4
SEAT	2.2	2.3	32,980	37,997	-13.2	2.2	2.4	75,984	99,096	-23.3
SKODA	3.4	2.8	51,481	46,530	+10.6	3.2	3.0	110,040	122,626	-10.3
Others (1)	0.0	0.0	248	572	-56.6	0.0	0.0	513	1,157	-55.7
PSA Group	**11.9**	**11.9**	**179,761**	**197,701**	**-9.1**	**12.6**	**12.9**	**433,442**	**536,318**	**-19.2**
PEUGEOT	6.6	6.7	99,046	110,600	-10.4	6.8	7.1	233,999	294,984	-20.7
CITROEN	5.4	5.3	80,715	87,101	-7.3	5.8	5.8	199,443	241,334	-17.4
FORD Group	**11.0**	**10.8**	**165,811**	**179,582**	**-7.7**	**10.7**	**10.2**	**366,443**	**421,719**	**-13.1**
FORD	9.6	9.3	144,824	154,319	-6.2	9.2	8.5	315,902	355,157	-11.1
VOLVO	1.4	1.5	20,987	25,263	-16.9	1.5	1.6	50,541	66,562	-24.1
FIAT Group	**9.1**	**7.2**	**137,029**	**119,931**	**+14.3**	**9.0**	**8.1**	**308,150**	**337,286**	**-8.6**
FIAT	7.6	6.1	114,101	100,688	+13.3	7.3	6.8	252,276	280,681	-10.1
LANCIA	0.7	0.6	11,082	10,602	+4.5	0.8	0.8	27,696	32,515	-14.8
ALFA ROMEO	0.7	0.5	11,059	7,849	+40.9	0.8	0.5	26,507	22,073	+20.1
Others (2)	0.1	0.0	787	792	-0.6	0.0	0.0	1,671	2,017	-17.2
GM Group	**9.4**	**10.6**	**140,895**	**176,312**	**-20.1**	**8.9**	**9.9**	**307,294**	**411,507**	**-25.3**
OPEL/VAUXHALL	7.8	8.9	117,993	146,795	-19.6	7.4	8.1	254,566	338,588	-24.8
CHEVROLET	1.2	1.2	18,174	20,331	-10.6	1.2	1.3	42,819	51,958	-17.6
SAAB	0.3	0.5	4,534	8,700	-47.9	0.3	0.5	9,332	19,259	-51.5
GM (US)	0.0	0.0	194	486	-60.1	0.0	0.0	577	1,702	-66.1
RENAULT Group	**8.2**	**8.4**	**123,750**	**138,953**	**-10.9**	**8.1**	**8.6**	**279,972**	**357,631**	**-21.7**
RENAULT	6.9	7.5	104,436	123,712	-15.6	6.9	7.5	238,384	310,910	-23.3
DACIA	1.3	0.9	19,314	15,241	+26.7	1.2	1.1	41,588	46,721	-11.0
TOYOTA Group	**5.4**	**5.5**	**80,836**	**91,789**	**-11.9**	**5.4**	**5.5**	**186,562**	**228,314**	**-18.3**
TOYOTA	5.2	5.3	78,236	87,466	-10.6	5.3	5.3	181,470	219,524	-17.3
LEXUS	0.2	0.3	2,600	4,323	-39.9	0.1	0.2	5,092	8,790	-42.1
DAIMLER	**4.7**	**5.1**	**71,531**	**83,797**	**-14.6**	**4.7**	**5.2**	**162,381**	**214,053**	**-24.1**
MERCEDES	4.1	4.5	62,451	74,567	-16.2	4.0	4.5	137,764	188,356	-26.9
SMART	0.6	0.6	9,080	9,230	-1.6	0.7	0.6	24,617	25,697	-4.2
BMW Group	**4.9**	**5.6**	**73,904**	**93,260**	**-20.8**	**4.6**	**5.2**	**159,204**	**216,248**	**-26.4**
BMW	3.9	4.5	59,422	74,682	-20.4	3.8	4.2	131,265	175,268	-25.1
MINI	1.0	1.1	14,482	18,578	-22.0	0.8	1.0	27,939	40,980	-31.8
NISSAN	**2.0**	**2.8**	**30,841**	**47,177**	**-34.6**	**2.3**	**2.6**	**77,710**	**109,259**	**-28.9**
HYUNDAI	**2.5**	**1.7**	**37,390**	**28,316**	**+32.0**	**2.4**	**1.8**	**81,888**	**72,821**	**+12.5**
HONDA	**2.3**	**2.5**	**35,099**	**41,558**	**-15.5**	**2.1**	**2.1**	**71,393**	**87,003**	**-17.9**
SUZUKI	**2.0**	**1.6**	**29,414**	**26,082**	**+12.8**	**1.9**	**1.7**	**64,673**	**69,453**	**-6.9**
MAZDA	**1.8**	**2.0**	**27,272**	**33,206**	**-17.9**	**1.8**	**1.8**	**61,364**	**74,605**	**-17.7**
KIA	**1.7**	**1.7**	**25,084**	**27,384**	**-8.4**	**1.6**	**1.7**	**55,625**	**69,734**	**-20.2**
MITSUBISHI	**0.8**	**1.1**	**12,019**	**17,552**	**-31.5**	**0.8**	**1.0**	**27,540**	**40,062**	**-31.3**
JAGUAR LAND ROVI	**0.8**	**1.2**	**12,122**	**19,690**	**-38.4**	**0.6**	**0.9**	**21,240**	**36,046**	**-41.1**
LAND ROVER	0.5	0.8	8,112	13,867	-41.5	0.4	0.7	14,023	27,522	-49.0
JAGUAR	0.3	0.4	4,010	5,823	-31.1	0.2	0.2	7,217	8,524	-15.3
CHRYSLER (3)	**0.3**	**0.7**	**5,003**	**12,353**	**-59.5**	**0.4**	**0.7**	**13,866**	**29,407**	**-52.8**
OTHER**	**0.9**	**1.0**	**14,230**	**16,420**	**-13.3**	**1.4**	**1.3**	**46,521**	**54,749**	**-15.0**

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