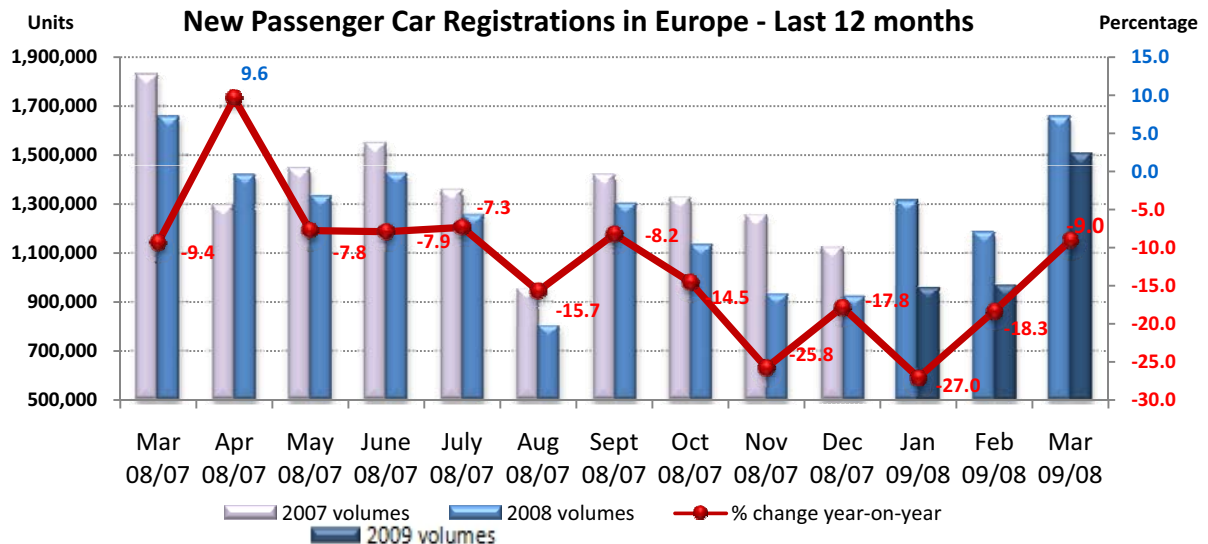




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New Passenger Car Registrations European Union + EFTA Countries



Not adjusted for working days

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

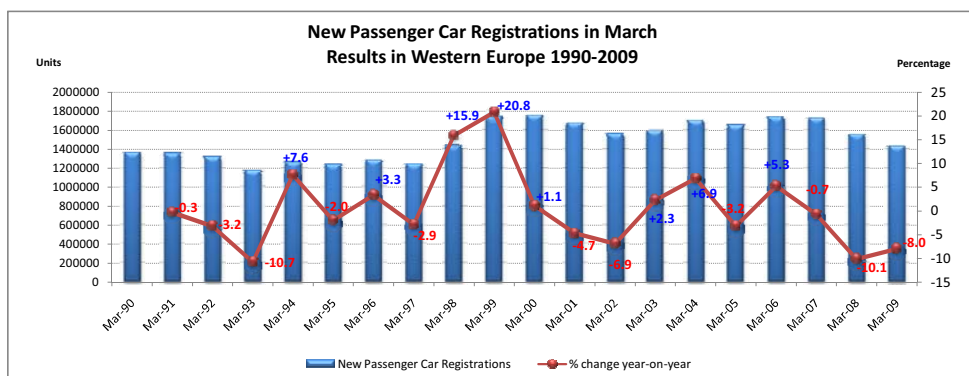
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	March '09	March '08	% Chg 09/08	Jan - Mar '09	Jan - Mar '08	% Chg 09/08
AUSTRIA	26,477	29,907	-11.5	64,296	73,778	-12.9
BELGIUM	50,258	57,077	-11.9	143,852	169,864	-15.3
DENMARK	9,323	11,989	-22.2	24,557	39,350	-37.6
FINLAND	10,724	12,577	-14.7	29,462	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+EFTA)	1,506,249	1,656,106	-9.0	3,439,720	4,154,778	-17.2

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

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P R O V I S I O N A L

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

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

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

(3) CHRYSLER includes Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep

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NEW PASSENGER CAR REGISTRATIONS BY MANUFACTURER TOTAL EUROPE (EU* + 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**			1,506,249	1,656,106	-9.0			3,439,720	4,154,778	-17.2
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 ROVER	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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