

Motor vehicles in use in the enlarged EU

According to the latest ANFAC (Spanish Automobile Association) report on motor vehicles in use in the enlarged EU (January 2008 edition) the European vehicle fleet reached 251.3 million units in 2006, an increase of 2.4% compared to the previous year. Few of the new EU members missing in the report (Bulgaria, Hungary, Lithuania, Romania and Slovenia) account for around 10 million additional passenger cars, as showed in the table below. Altogether, 230 million passenger cars represent 87% of all the vehicles on the European roads. The European car fleet is highly concentrated in five main markets (Germany, Italy, France, UK and Spain) and is characterised by a high diesel penetration (30%).

In terms of car density, the ratio of cars to population was 0.5 in Western Europe while in Eastern Europe this proportion was much lower (0.2). On the mature and saturated West European market, car demand stems mainly from replacement whereas in the new EU Members there is still large room for winning genuinely new customers.

For more details, please refer to the ANFAC report available on ACEA website under the following link: <http://www.acea.be/statistics>

Passenger cars in use

	2004	2005	2006	% growth 06/05
AUSTRIA	4,109,129	4,156,743	4,204,969	1.2%
BELGIUM	4,818,571	4,861,352	4,929,284	1.4%
DENMARK	1,914,370	1,961,162	2,013,899	2.7%
FINLAND	2,331,190	2,414,477	2,489,287	3.1%
FRANCE	29,900,000	30,100,000	30,400,000	1.0%
GERMANY	45,375,526	46,090,303	46,569,657	1.0%
GREECE	3,960,189	4,204,463	4,446,528	5.8%
IRELAND	1,582,833	1,664,868	1,778,861	6.8%
ITALY	33,973,147	34,667,485	35,297,282	1.8%
NETHERLANDS	7,151,000	7,299,000	7,413,034	1.6%
PORTUGAL	4,100,000	4,200,000	4,290,000	2.1%
SPAIN	19,541,918	20,250,377	20,636,738	1.9%
SWEDEN	4,113,424	4,153,674	4,202,463	1.2%
UNITED KINGDOM	29,378,190	29,747,546	29,880,025	0.4%
EU15	192,249,487	195,771,450	198,552,027	1.4%
BULGARIA	2,440,000	2,570,000	2,710,000	5.4%
CZECH REPUBLIC	3,815,547	3,958,708	4,108,610	3.8%
ESTONIA	471,183	493,780	554,012	12.2%
HUNGARY	2,900,000	3,020,000	3,120,000	3.3%
LATVIA	686,128	742,447	822,011	10.7%
POLAND	11,975,191	12,339,353	13,384,229	8.5%
ROMANIA	3,170,000	3,340,000	3,490,000	4.5%
SLOVAKIA	1,200,000	1,300,000	1,333,749	2.6%
SLOVENIA	910,000	930,000	940,000	1.1%
New Member States*	27,568,049	28,694,288	30,462,611	6.2%
TOTAL EU27	219,817,536	224,465,738	229,014,638	2.0%

* Lithuania, Malta, Cyprus n.a.

Source: ANFAC, Global Insight

