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MAIN FEATURES

9,279 vehicles imported for September 1980, an increase of 2.6% on August 1980.

10,147 vehicles cleared for home consumption for September 1980, an increase of 16.4% on August 1980.

Vehicles imported from Japan decreased by 1.3% to 8,391, whilst vehicles cleared for home consumption from Japan increased by 19.5% to 9,126.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains statistics of imports of assembled new passenger motor cars including station wagons and their derivatives, e.g. panel vans and certain utilities, i.e. vehicles classified to items 781.00.18 and 781.00.22 of the 1979-80 *Australian Import Commodity Classification* (AICC). Statistics for 1979-80 and 1980-81 are preliminary and subject to revision.

Source of data

2. These statistics are compiled by the Australian Bureau of Statistics from information contained in import entries submitted by importers or their agents to the Bureau of Customs as required by the Customs Act.

Statistical concepts

3. The statistics presented in Table 1 of this publication are recorded on a *general trade* basis (i.e. imports) and include vehicles imported directly for home consumption and vehicles imported *into* bonded warehouses. Table 2 of this publication shows statistics recorded on a *special trade* basis, (i.e. imports cleared for home consumption—'clearances') and includes vehicles imported for home consumption and vehicles cleared *from* bonded warehouses.

Statistical period

4. Statistics of imports and imports cleared for home consumption are recorded in the calendar month in which the import entries were both finalised by the Bureau of Customs and passed to the ABS for further processing. Normally, this is within a few days of discharge of cargo where imports are cleared directly for home consumption or into Customs bonded warehouses, but entries may be lodged early using the Customs check-to-arrive system. Where imports are cleared from bonded warehouses, entries are normally passed within a few days prior to the goods leaving bond.

Valuation

5. The recorded value of imports is the value for duty for Customs purposes (VFD). On 1 July 1976, Australia adopted the internationally recognised Brussels Definition of Value (BDV) on a free on board (fob) basis (i.e. charges and expenses involved in delivering the goods from the place of exportation to the place of introduction in Australia, are excluded). The value for duty is based on the normal price, i.e. the price the goods would fetch at the time when duty becomes payable on a sale in the open market between a buyer and a seller independent of each other. In practice, the basis for valuation is generally taken to be the invoice price subject to certain safeguards and adjustments where necessary. It is not practicable to provide any estimate of the effect of the change in Customs valuation procedures on the statistics for imports of new passenger motor cars. However, it is estimated that if the previous basis of valuation had continued, the value of *total imports* would have been about 2% higher than the recorded values in the period since 1 July 1976.

Country

6. Country means the country of production.

Related publications

7. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

Production Bulletin No. 7: Motor Vehicles, Parts and Accessories, Australia (8363.0)—issued monthly
Registration of New Motor Vehicles, Australia (Preliminary) (9301.0)—issued monthly.

8. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

— break in continuity of series.

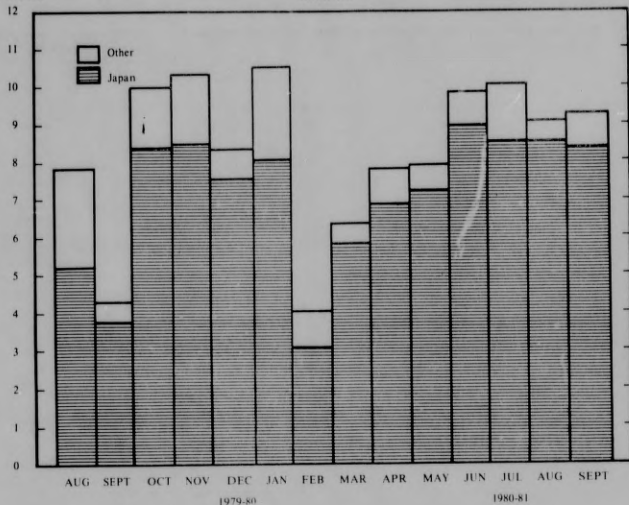
9. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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ASSEMBLED NEW PASSENGER MOTOR CARS: AUGUST 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980

'000 Vehicles

IMPORTS



'000 Vehicles

IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

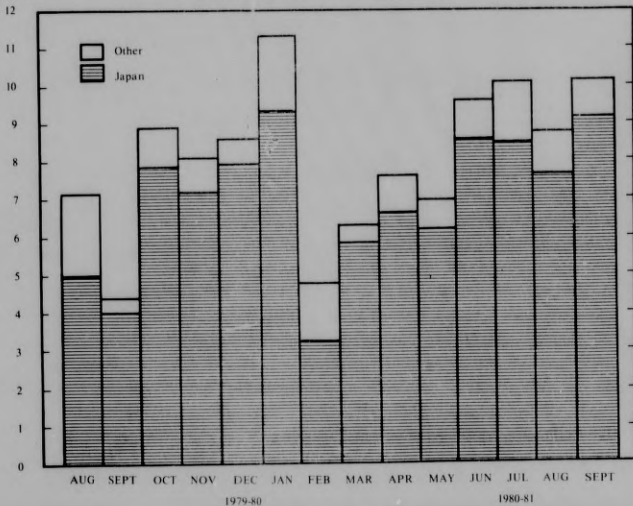


TABLE 1. IMPORTS OF ASSEMBLED NEW PASSENGER MOTOR CARS BY COUNTRY

	France		Germany, F. R.		Italy		Japan		Sweden		United Kingdom		United States of America		Total all countries(a)	
	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000
1974-75	1,732	3,872	5,735	36,439	7,923	20,061	124,782	171,827	4,024	10,997	2,450	14,102	232	846	147,855	261,753
1975-76	904	3,627	3,730	28,782	5,325	16,638	77,622	142,390	1,841	7,668	3,148	12,208	104	458	93,802	215,626
1976-77	301	1,145	7,651	51,545	3,112	11,342	88,340	198,530	2,724	13,745	2,270	13,771	143	807	104,734	291,329
1977-78	1,005	5,516	6,766	56,018	4,388	17,541	68,277	182,705	1,116	4,848	2,352	15,274	100	667	83,947	282,584
1978-79	1,225	8,596	8,860	88,872	3,095	15,071	62,068	195,584	2,554	14,287	3,234	24,374	169	1,161	81,509	348,321
1979-80	478	3,404	5,368	62,074	3,115	16,641	79,355	209,093	2,480	17,072	2,887	25,171	92	827	94,077	334,657
1979-80—																
August	250	1,886	711	7,240	809	4,240	5,121	14,184	604	3,715	264	1,975	12	110	7,771	33,350
September	61	379	329	4,835	48	214	3,694	10,214	71	476	7	240	6	49	4,216	16,407
Three months total	344	2,499	1,524	17,624	898	4,768	14,807	41,281	717	4,479	412	3,413	21	180	18,723	74,243
1979-80—																
October	10	65	543	6,855	470	2,370	8,347	22,991	81	531	345	2,435	4	40	9,850	35,345
November	27	176	620	6,606	743	3,826	8,384	21,232	206	1,509	304	2,302	7	66	10,332	35,766
December	2	10	576	6,065	45	208	7,599	19,546	40	311	3	140	2	14	8,362	26,413
January	55	420	422	5,029	148	862	8,055	21,817	488	3,587	1,389	12,661	18	134	10,645	44,598
February	10	60	301	3,270	30	152	3,134	7,858	197	1,584	391	3,355	7	62	4,100	16,378
March	1	6	279	3,379	229	1,256	5,831	14,209	21	166	20	283	5	62	6,386	19,362
April	11	66	334	3,541	185	1,030	6,961	17,015	291	1,904	11	147	11	105	7,820	23,828
May	8	47	274	3,816	169	906	7,257	18,544	205	1,437	6	223	6	35	7,925	25,008
June	10	55	495	5,891	198	1,264	8,980	24,600	234	1,564	6	213	11	129	9,934	33,715
1980-81—																
July	5	28	428	5,662	896	5,198	8,588	23,591	73	523	9	336	7	67	10,006	35,405
August	27	163	239	2,527	138	851	8,502	23,296	123	893	9	164	1	13	9,040	27,914
September	15	94	327	3,516	310	1,697	8,391	23,741	195	1,299	40	410	1	12	9,279	30,769
Three months total	47	285	994	11,705	1,344	7,745	25,481	70,628	391	2,716	58	910	9	93	28,325	94,089

(a) Includes countries not shown separately.

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TABLE 2. IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION OF ASSEMBLED NEW PASSENGER MOTOR CARS BY COUNTRY

	France		Germany, F.R.		Italy		Japan		Sweden		United Kingdom		United States of America		Total all countries(a)	
	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000
1974-75	1,292	2,677	5,575	34,473	7,610	19,057	118,895	162,667	3,853	10,262	2,193	12,965	232	839	140,594	246,476
1975-76	1,024	3,187	3,568	26,741	3,665	11,654	75,706	136,268	1,502	5,898	2,633	10,864	155	557	89,316	199,116
1976-77	608	2,526	7,258	51,795	4,475	15,277	94,005	208,694	2,659	13,571	2,664	14,759	100	592	112,009	307,694
1977-78	899	4,942	7,086	54,348	3,593	14,553	69,095	183,009	1,548	6,762	2,277	15,219	103	684	84,656	279,579
1978-79	1,282	8,630	7,810	78,450	3,934	17,487	61,758	193,567	2,601	14,442	3,025	23,597	162	1,121	80,833	337,619
1979-80	269	1,760	5,543	59,454	2,634	14,282	78,705	209,889	1,983	13,555	1,636	14,915	91	822	91,176	315,067
1979-80—																
August	42	228	587	4,816	694	3,577	4,986	13,736	425	2,623	286	1,999	12	110	7,038	27,098
September	30	154	183	1,938	69	312	3,977	10,928	51	354	14	294	6	49	4,334	14,035
Three months total	89	484	1,281	12,467	985	5,236	15,816	43,675	508	3,190	489	3,782	21	180	19,204	69,032
1979-80—																
October	10	64	313	3,409	346	1,769	7,862	21,503	128	915	112	1,167	4	40	8,831	28,934
November	14	86	476	5,206	213	1,025	7,108	18,103	60	358	177	1,584	7	66	8,066	26,444
December	17	111	335	4,022	69	310	7,925	20,944	75	567	43	321	2	14	8,478	26,304
January	14	183	1,128	9,443	289	1,654	9,228	24,897	277	2,140	309	3,165	16	122	11,276	41,621
February	23	164	631	7,429	182	945	3,330	8,819	357	2,557	42	436	8	69	4,778	20,673
March	23	165	348	4,721	78	473	5,888	14,776	18	124	77	757	5	62	6,437	21,079
April	36	226	334	3,790	182	1,140	6,709	16,442	210	1,365	64	663	11	105	7,547	23,733
May	13	81	260	3,625	133	802	6,200	16,533	108	753	199	1,884	6	35	6,919	23,714
June	30	196	437	5,342	157	927	8,639	24,197	242	1,585	124	1,157	11	129	9,640	33,532
1980-81—																
July	22	143	337	4,126	663	3,646	8,634	23,829	207	1,496	145	1,499	7	67	10,015	34,806
August	51	360	327	4,048	216	1,253	7,637	21,005	185	1,282	298	2,317	1	13	8,716	30,284
September	21	146	463	5,568	233	1,193	9,126	25,930	200	1,334	101	885	3	36	10,147	35,091
Three months total	94	649	1,127	13,741	1,112	6,092	25,397	70,764	592	4,111	544	4,701	11	116	28,878	100,182

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