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### MAIN FEATURES

9,040 vehicles imported for August 1980, a decrease of 9.7% on July 1980.

8,716 vehicles cleared for home consumption for August 1980, a decrease of 13.0% on July 1980.

Vehicles imported from Japan decreased by 1.0% to 8,502, whilst vehicles cleared for home consumption from Japan decreased by 11.5% to 7,637.

### 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

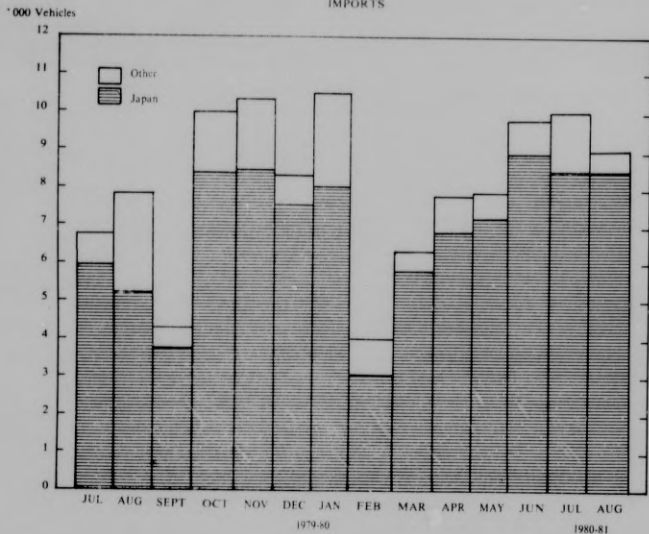
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9. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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## IMPORTS



## IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

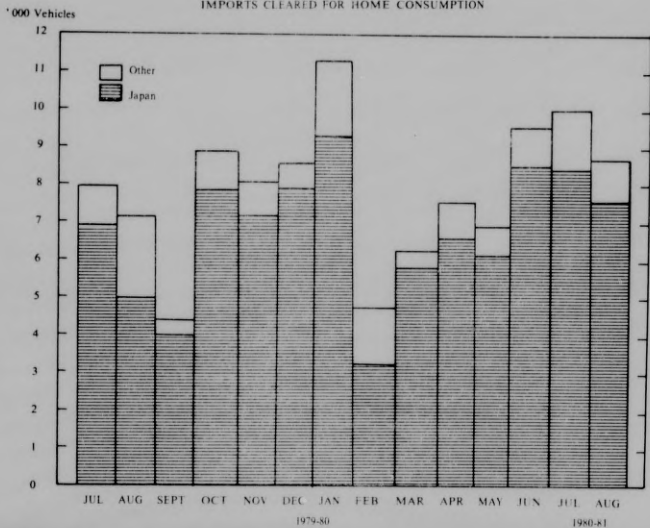


TABLE 1. IMPORTS OF ASSEMBLED NEW PASSENGER MOTOR CARS BY COUNTRY

|                  | 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                 | 261,733 |
| 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  | 6,706         | 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 -        |        |        |               |        |       |        |         |         |        |        |                |        |                          |        |                         |         |
| July             | 33     | 234    | 484           | 5,549  | 41    | 315    | 5,992   | 16,882  | 42     | 288    | 141            | 1,198  | 3                        | 20     | 6,736                   | 24,487  |
| 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  |
| Two months total | 283    | 2,120  | 1,195         | 12,789 | 850   | 4,555  | 11,113  | 31,066  | 646    | 4,003  | 405            | 3,173  | 15                       | 130    | 14,507                  | 57,837  |
| 1979-80 -        |        |        |               |        |       |        |         |         |        |        |                |        |                          |        |                         |         |
| September        | 61     | 379    | 329           | 4,835  | 48    | 214    | 3,694   | 10,214  | 71     | 476    | 7              | 240    | 6                        | 49     | 4,216                   | 16,407  |
| 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  |
| Two months total | 32     | 191    | 667           | 8,189  | 1,034 | 6,049  | 17,090  | 46,887  | 196    | 1,416  | 18             | 500    | 8                        | 80     | 19,046                  | 63,319  |

(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  | 10,362 | 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 —        |        |        |               |        |       |        |         |         |        |        |                |        |                          |        |                         |         |
| July             | 17     | 101    | 511           | 5,713  | 222   | 1,346  | 6,853   | 19,011  | 32     | 213    | 189            | 1,489  | 3                        | 20     | 7,832                   | 27,900  |
| 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  |
| Two months total | 59     | 329    | 1,098         | 10,529 | 916   | 4,923  | 11,839  | 32,747  | 457    | 2,836  | 475            | 3,488  | 15                       | 130    | 14,870                  | 54,998  |
| 1979-80 —        |        |        |               |        |       |        |         |         |        |        |                |        |                          |        |                         |         |
| September        | 30     | 154    | 183           | 1,938  | 69    | 312    | 3,977   | 10,928  | 51     | 354    | 14             | 294    | 6                        | 49     | 4,334                   | 14,035  |
| 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             | 435    | 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  |
| Two months total | 73     | 503    | 664           | 8,174  | 879   | 4,899  | 16,271  | 44,834  | 392    | 2,778  | 443            | 3,816  | 8                        | 80     | 18,731                  | 65,090  |

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