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MAIN FEATURES

7,375 vehicles imported for March 1981, a decrease of 17.3% on February 1981.

8,906 vehicles cleared for home consumption for March 1981, a decrease of 7.2% on February 1981.

Vehicles imported from Japan decreased by 23.9% to 6,351, whilst vehicles cleared for home consumption decreased by 11.6% to 7,850.

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 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) 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 (f.o.b.) 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.

Country

6. For the purposes of overseas trade statistics, a country is defined as a geographical entity which trades, or has the potential to trade, with Australia in accordance with Australian Customs provisions. External territories under Australian administration are treated separately whilst self-governing territories and dependent territories under the administration of other countries may be treated as individual countries in Australian overseas trade statistics. *Imports*: for imports, *country* refers to the country of origin of the goods which is defined as the country of production for Customs purposes.

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 the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

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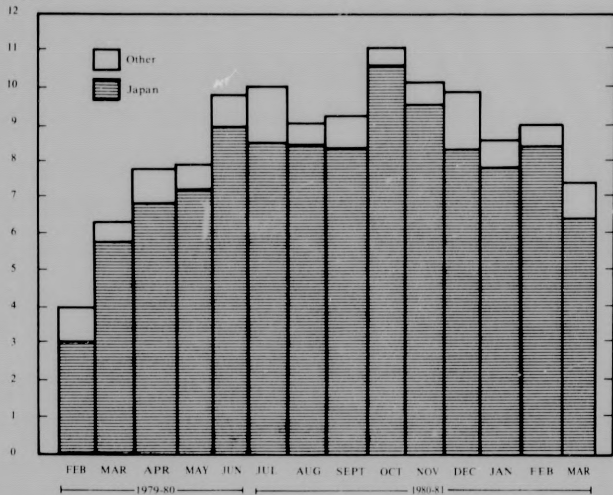
9. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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IMPORTS

'000 Vehicles



'000 Vehicles

IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

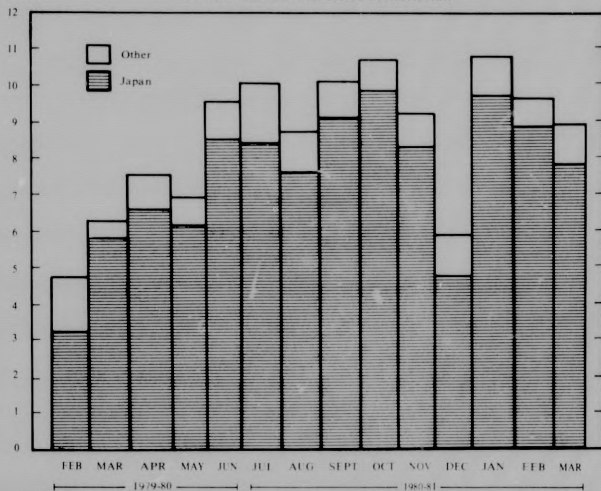


TABLE 1. IMPORTS OF ASSEMBLED NEW PASSENGER MOTOR CARS BY COUNTRY

	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	6,706	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—																
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
Nine months total	449	3,236	4,265	48,827	2,563	13,441	56,157	148,934	1,750	12,167	2,864	24,588	64	558	68,398	252,106
1979-80—																
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	149	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	316	3,655	139	874	8,780	23,893	123	893	28	322	1	13	9,415	29,820
September	15	94	327	3,564	310	1,697	8,391	23,741	195	1,299	40	410	1	12	9,279	30,818
October	2	12	227	3,477	12	102	10,650	30,716	189	1,193	11	184	3	26	11,095	35,710
November	8	46	425	4,848	72	467	10,103	28,437	50	295	13	597	6	35	10,677	34,726
December	30	159	620	7,189	599	3,322	8,266	24,766	225	1,241	106	1,558	4	112	9,853	38,352
January	25	136	557	6,928	13	176	7,843	24,180	113	698	24	563	5	67	8,580	32,748
February	6	60	304	3,859	128	712	8,349	28,245	106	723	24	374	1	6	8,918	33,979
March	11	62	286	3,176	48	275	6,951	22,302	70	461	4	149	4	50	7,375	26,476
Nine months total	129	759	3,490	42,358	2,217	12,821	77,921	229,670	1,144	7,326	259	4,493	32	389	85,198	298,034

(a) Includes countries not shown separately.

NOTE: Symbol (—) indicates that the value figures may not be comparable because of the change in basis of valuation of imports. (See paragraph 5 of explanatory notes.)

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—																
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
Nine months total	190	1,258	4,512	46,697	2,162	11,413	57,157	152,717	1,423	9,852	1,249	11,211	63	553	67,070	234,087
1979-80—																
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	337	4,156	224	1,306	7,821	21,413	185	1,282	352	2,869	1	13	8,972	31,406
September	21	146	463	5,616	233	1,193	9,126	25,930	200	1,334	101	885	3	36	10,147	35,139
October	17	131	349	5,084	217	1,280	9,875	28,478	82	637	147	1,240	3	26	10,691	36,877
November	11	70	425	5,314	185	1,085	8,455	23,362	192	1,324	137	1,537	6	35	9,411	32,727
December	51	323	417	5,045	143	796	4,762	14,002	510	3,174	31	452	5	124	5,922	23,920
January	43	278	391	5,089	495	2,684	9,633	30,153	112	692	23	607	5	67	10,730	39,606
February	10	91	382	5,127	112	632	8,882	28,450	103	705	113	1,297	1	6	9,601	36,310
March	17	108	418	4,640	158	898	7,850	25,007	68	449	390	2,409	4	50	8,906	33,561
Nine months total	243	1,649	3,519	44,196	2,430	13,520	75,036	220,620	1,659	11,092	1,439	12,795	35	424	84,395	304,354

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