



IMPORTS OF ASSEMBLED NEW PASSENGER MOTOR CARS, AUSTRALIA JANUARY 1983 (PRELIMINARY)

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MAIN FEATURES

5,553 vehicles were imported in January 1983, a decrease of 31% on December 1982.

7,664 vehicles were cleared for home consumption in January 1983, an increase of 3% on December 1982.

Vehicles imported from Japan decreased 21% to 5,204, whilst vehicles cleared for home consumption from Japan increased by 48% to 7,448.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains monthly and year-to-date 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, 781.00.19, 781.00.21, 781.00.22, 781.00.23, 781.00.25, 781.00.31 and 781.00.43 of the 1981-82 Australian Import Commodity Classification (AICC) (1204.0). Statistics for 1982-83 may be amended as a result of continuing quality checks on overseas trade data. Although these amendments usually have little effect on broad aggregate statistics they may have a significant effect on individual commodity statistics. For this reason statistics for 1982-83 should be regarded as pre-

liminary 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 Australian Customs Service 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 includes vehicles imported directly for home consumption and vehicles imported in to 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 directly 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 Australian Customs Service and passed to the ABS for further processing. Import entries may be lodged early using the Customs check-to-arrive system or the document may be delayed because of various validation checks carried out by Customs prior to the entries being passed to the ABS. 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 customs value (formerly referred to as the value for duty). On 30 November 1981, Australia changed its system of valuation from the Brussels Definition of Value (BDV) to the GATT Agreement on Customs Valuation. The Agreement reflects one of a number of trade related codes of conduct established during the round of Multi-lateral Trade Negotiations (MTN) concluded in 1979.

6. The GATT Agreement differs from the Brussels Definition of Value in that it offers a set of practical rules on the valuation of imports rather than a list of conceptual guidelines. Under the Agreement the primary basis for establishing the customs value is the price actually paid or payable, provided a number of conditions are met. The most important condition is that the buyer and seller must be independent of each other. If the conditions are not met the practical rules are used to determine the customs value.

7. The recording of the value of imports remains on a free-on-board (f.o.b.) basis (i.e. the charges and expenses involved in delivering the goods from the place of exportation to Australia are excluded). The recorded value also continues to include the value of outside packages, other than international containers used for containerised cargo.

8. The change in the basis of valuation is expected to have a negligible effect on value and duty import statistics.

Country

9. 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. For imports, country refers

to the country of origin of the goods which is defined as the country of production for Customs purposes.

OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE

10. Special returns service: Subscribers to this service can receive computer produced printout of overseas trade statistics at the commodity specific level in one or more of a limited number of formats, for a charge consistent with the level of detail required. This service is recommended where up to fifty specific commodity items are required on a regular basis.

11. Microfiche service: Overseas trade statistics are available on microfiche in a variety of tabular formats. Each tabular format covers all commodities exported or imported at various levels of aggregation. This service is recommended where the subscriber wishes to obtain overseas trade details for a large number of commodities.

12. Magnetic tape: Statistics for imports, exports and import clearances are available on 9-track magnetic tape approximately 4 weeks after the end of the reference period. Documentation regarding the content and structure of these tapes is available from the ABS Foreign Trade and Shipping Section in Canberra.

13. To meet subscribers' needs special returns and microfiche are available on a monthly, quarterly or less frequent basis. Relevant application forms and information papers for these services are available from the ABS Foreign Trade and Shipping Section in Canberra or any ABS State office. Payment in advance is required for each of these services.

Related publications

14. 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

13. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the Catalogue of Publications, Australia (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a Publications Advice (1105.0) which

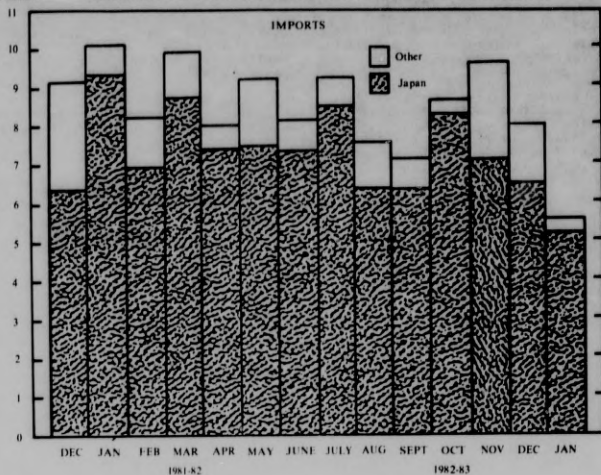
lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

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

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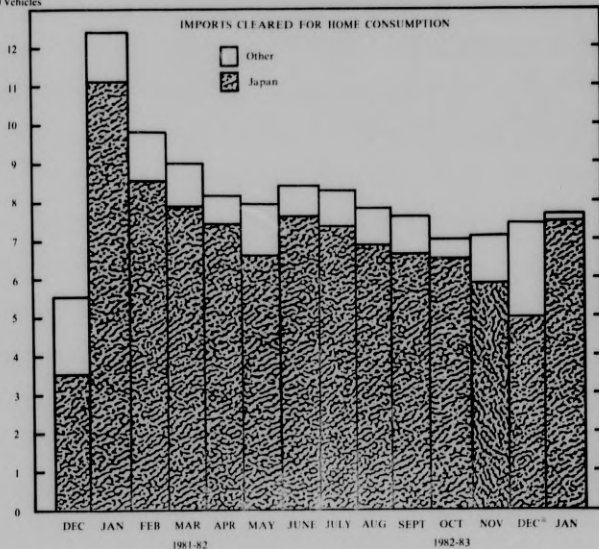


TABLE 1. IMPORTS OF ASSEMBLED NEW PASSENGER MOTOR CARS BY COUNTRY

	FRANCE		GERMANY, F.R.		ITALY		JAPAN		SWEDEN		UNITED KINGDOM		TOTAL ALL COUNTRIES(a)	
	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000
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	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	83,947	282,584
1978-79	1,225	6,596	8,860	88,872	3,095	15,071	62,068	195,584	2,554	14,287	3,234	24,374	81,509	348,321
1979-80	478	3,404	3,368	62,074	3,115	16,641	79,355	209,093	2,480	17,072	2,887	25,171	94,077	334,657
1980-81	184	1,050	4,796	56,422	2,942	16,811	98,864	295,303	1,829	11,799	327	5,809	109,009	387,848
1981-82	1,085	5,165	6,962	79,948	2,669	15,859	85,168	279,178	2,335	15,010	1,501	18,912	99,961	415,233
1981-82 -														
December	50	216	890	10,510	215	1,325	6,352	20,926	1,255	7,709	350	2,925	9,151	43,726
January	4	14	284	3,271	152	849	9,341	31,201	295	1,781	47	724	10,139	37,971
February	150	784	706	7,500	337	1,724	6,931	23,312	15	103	67	1,104	8,214	34,588
March	1	9	830	8,683	316	1,988	8,716	29,964	31	225	27	412	9,925	41,312
April	32	146	360	5,090	55	306	7,426	26,763	30	198	94	1,091	8,002	33,650
May	94	486	981	11,009	383	1,917	7,437	26,228	86	624	215	2,121	9,209	42,485
June	43	238	482	6,587	119	916	7,335	26,138	128	892	25	500	8,147	35,355
1982-83 -														
July	29	127	285	3,901	95	534	8,488	28,696	235	1,655	62	976	9,202	35,952
August	75	391	784	9,489	266	1,712	6,372	23,951	10	75	61	710	7,574	36,361
September	204	971	203	3,341	221	1,053	6,340	23,748	46	332	89	747	7,115	30,262
October	65	343	171	2,840	12	64	8,249	28,401	67	456	56	623	8,627	32,753
November	410	2,299	830	12,636	323	1,683	7,155	23,511	503	3,389	440	4,109	9,670	47,704
December	152	834	618	9,326	300	1,623	6,546	23,307	110	864	314	3,143	8,044	39,102
January	11	65	228	3,951	33	154	5,204	20,645	38	253	37	550	5,553	25,620
Seven months ended January -														
1981-82	765	3,503	3,603	41,079	1,459	9,008	47,323	146,772	2,045	12,968	1,073	13,684	56,464	227,843
1982-83	946	5,030	3,119	45,484	1,250	6,823	48,354	172,259	1,009	7,025	1,059	10,859	55,785	247,754

(a) Includes countries not shown separately.

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

	FRANCE		GERMANY, F.R.		ITALY		JAPAN		SWEDEN		UNITED KINGDOM		TOTAL ALL COUNTRIES(a)	
	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000
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	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	84,656	279,579
1978-79	1,282	8,630	7,810	78,450	3,934	17,487	61,758	133,567	2,601	14,442	3,025	23,597	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	91,176	315,107
1980-81	306	2,005	4,979	60,168	3,022	16,811	95,600	285,780	2,267	15,032	1,842	16,825	108,115	397,351
1981-82	1,140	5,818	6,411	73,695	2,604	14,981	85,206	277,711	2,161	13,613	1,282	16,535	99,047	403,511
1981-82 -														
December	93	449	434	5,050	365	2,226	3,517	10,399	952	5,409	166	1,443	5,545	25,067
January	85	456	733	7,758	173	1,006	11,128	38,027	146	1,048	76	933	12,439	49,470
February	227	1,181	613	6,472	222	1,151	8,556	28,510	106	694	104	1,315	9,836	39,385
March	50	280	587	7,175	210	1,133	8,014	27,268	198	1,186	104	1,023	9,167	38,096
April	35	164	403	5,160	116	643	7,411	27,033	96	573	97	1,159	8,163	34,790
May	98	513	800	9,316	269	1,401	6,599	22,856	102	766	90	1,229	7,969	36,168
June	28	159	441	5,645	140	807	7,619	26,803	124	902	104	932	8,471	35,321
1982-83 -														
July	31	143	415	5,033	105	565	7,314	24,867	139	987	242	2,503	8,255	34,181
August	63	343	540	7,045	177	925	6,840	24,598	88	629	109	1,245	7,823	34,817
September	172	903	424	4,827	250	1,379	6,601	23,903	41	277	78	549	7,592	31,969
October	88	459	233	3,431	92	564	6,443	21,896	20	163	63	615	6,946	27,155
November	269	1,484	519	8,276	203	1,034	5,890	19,478	95	725	144	1,650	7,129	32,724
December	333	1,865	884	13,005	340	1,783	5,017	16,954	463	3,170	414	3,589	7,455	40,372
January	2	20	111	1,916	34	284	7,448	27,551	39	310	28	482	7,664	30,564
Seven months ended January -														
1981-82	702	3,521	3,567	39,924	1,647	9,845	47,007	145,240	1,535	9,492	783	10,878	55,441	219,751
1982-83	958	5,218	3,126	43,534	1,201	6,533	45,553	159,248	885	6,261	1,078	10,634	52,864	231,782

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