



IMPORTS OF ASSEMBLED NEW PASSENGER MOTOR CARS, AUSTRALIA AUGUST 1981 (PRELIMINARY)

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MAIN FEATURES

7,439 vehicles were imported in August 1981, an increase of 16% on July 1981.

6,145 vehicles were cleared for home consumption in August 1981, a decrease of 18% on July 1981.

Vehicles imported from Japan increased by 12% to 6,334, whilst vehicles cleared for home consumption decreased by 15% to 5,461.

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 and 781.00.22 of the 1980-81 *Australian Import Commodity Classification* (AICC). Statistics for 1980-81 and 1981-82 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. Import entries may be lodged early using the check-to-arrive system or the documents 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 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. 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

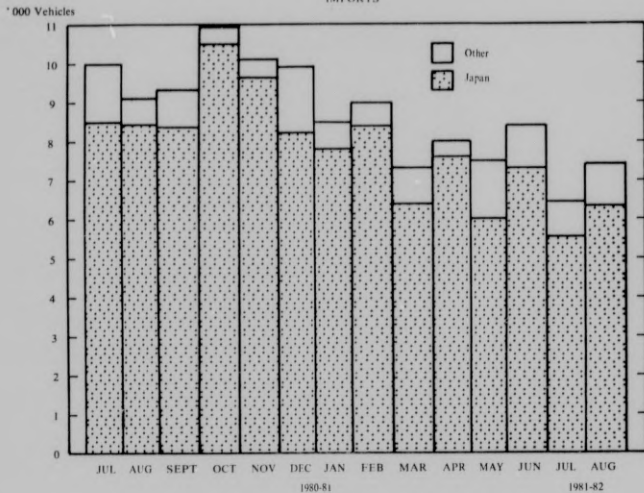
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9. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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ASSEMBLED NEW PASSENGER MOTOR CARS : JULY 1980 TO AUGUST 1981

IMPORTS



'000 Vehicles

IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

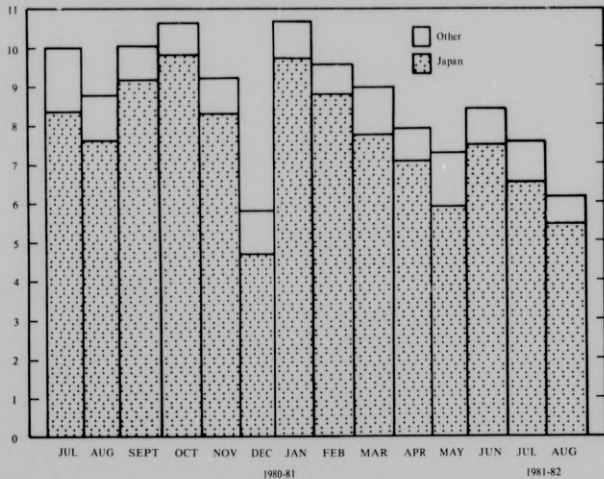


TABLE 1. IMPORTS OF ASSEMBLED NEW PASSENGER MOTOR CARS BY COUNTRY

	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	6,706	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
1980-81	184	1,050	4,796	56,401	2,942	16,811	98,864	294,900	1,829	11,799	327	5,809	59	632	109,009	387,425
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
Two months total	32	191	744	9,317	1,035	6,072	17,368	47,484	196	1,416	37	658	8	80	19,421	65,225
1980-81—																
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
April	14	72	327	3,767	27	157	7,491	23,218	63	398	17	313	4	52	7,944	27,980
May	5	26	525	5,591	560	3,031	6,061	19,006	252	1,614	14	366	10	127	7,427	29,761
June	36	193	454	4,684	138	801	7,391	22,806	370	2,461	37	637	13	64	8,440	31,649
1981-82—																
July	15	82	316	3,411	299	1,642	5,632	16,890	56	372	62	1,589	7	112	6,389	24,104
August	107	474	468	5,457	95	718	6,334	18,553	251	1,724	138	2,009	5	56	7,439	29,037
Two months total	122	556	784	8,868	394	2,360	11,966	35,443	307	2,096	200	3,598	12	168	13,828	53,141

(a) Includes countries not shown separately.

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	France		Germany, F.R.		Italy		Japan		Sweden		United Kingdom		United States of America		Total all countries(a)	
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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	199,115
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
1980-81	306	2,005	4,979	60,147	3,022	16,811	95,600	285,377	2,267	15,032	1,842	16,825	63	673	108,115	396,928
<i>1980-81—</i>																
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
Two months total	73	503	674	8,282	887	4,952	16,455	45,242	392	2,778	497	4,368	8	80	18,987	66,212
<i>1980-81—</i>																
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	9,603	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
April	20	116	441	4,644	138	719	7,191	22,530	13	89	126	1,219	4	52	7,934	29,373
May	7	42	592	6,644	282	1,558	5,935	19,120	272	1,713	212	1,892	11	133	7,311	31,102
June	36	198	427	4,663	172	1,013	7,436	23,103	323	2,139	65	919	13	64	8,473	32,102
<i>1981-82—</i>																
July	28	200	488	5,326	302	1,636	6,462	19,709	133	904	43	1,369	6	100	7,464	29,250
August	13	82	413	4,929	145	969	5,461	16,352	77	497	29	833	6	68	6,145	23,733
Two months total	41	282	901	10,255	447	2,605	11,923	36,061	210	1,401	72	2,202	12	168	13,609	52,983

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