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## IMPORTS OF ASSEMBLED NEW PASSENGER MOTOR CARS, AUSTRALIA FEBRUARY 1984 (PRELIMINARY)

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### MAIN FEATURES

6,647 vehicles were imported in February 1984, an increase of 11% compared with January 1984.

6,947 vehicles were cleared for home consumption in February 1984, a decrease of 2% compared with January 1984.

Vehicles imported from Japan increased by 9% to 5,887, whilst vehicles cleared for home consumption from Japan decreased by 3% to 5,889.

### 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 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 directly for home consumption and vehicles cleared from bonded warehouses.

### 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 781.00.17, 781.00.21, 781.00.23, 781.00.25, and 781.00.44 of the 1983-84 Australian Import Commodity Classification (AICC) (1204.0). Statistics for 1983-84 may be amended as a result of continuing quality checks on foreign 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 1983-84 should be regarded as preliminary and subject to revision.

### 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 foreign 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 foreign 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 foreign 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: Foreign 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 foreign 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 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 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

15. 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

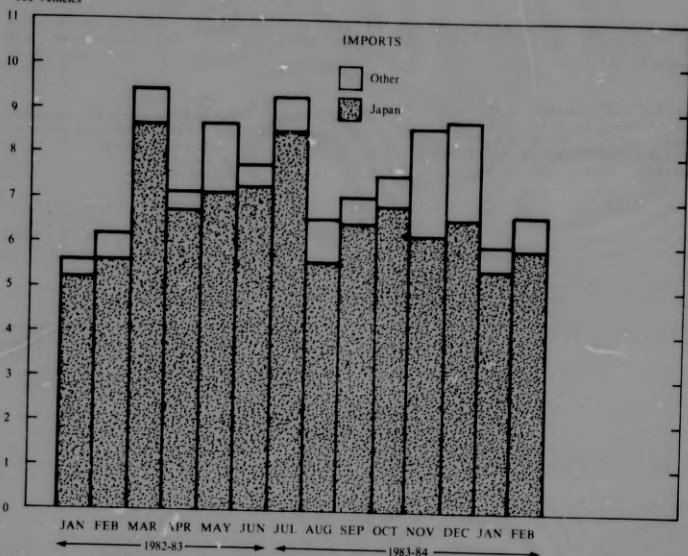
lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

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

R. J. CAMERON  
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## ASSEMBLED NEW PASSENGER MOTOR CARS: JANUARY 1983 TO FEBRUARY 1984

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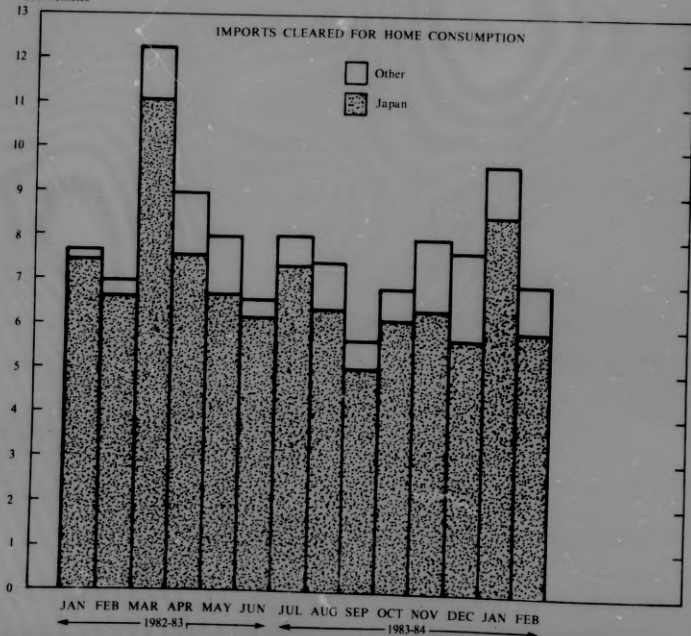


TABLE 1. IMPORTS OF ASSEMBLED NEW PASSENGER MOTOR CARS BY COUNTRY

	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
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	8,596	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	5,368	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
1982-83	1,354	7,667	5,727	83,851	1,522	9,047	83,571	316,595	1,329	9,807	1,254	13,493	94,810	440,915
1982-83 -														
January	11	65	228	3,951	33	154	5,204	20,645	38	253	37	550	5,551	25,617
February	13	68	404	6,643	13	57	5,584	21,176	113	1,019	44	510	6,174	29,498
March	11	79	605	8,727	109	846	8,674	34,895	-	-	38	475	9,439	45,061
April	65	407	278	4,583	8	55	6,726	26,930	65	617	6	374	7,151	33,045
May	251	1,581	973	13,132	99	965	7,099	30,598	141	1,137	87	990	8,650	48,403
June	68	408	347	5,267	43	301	7,237	31,200	1	10	20	284	7,719	37,517
1983-84 -														
July	60	399	527	7,129	51	369	8,509	35,538	69	380	49	724	9,266	44,557
August	109	684	542	8,235	106	894	5,606	23,759	63	392	102	1,427	6,529	35,408
September	101	571	244	3,669	114	655	6,508	27,026	30	170	84	1,213	7,088	33,368
October	50	298	292	4,478	22	200	6,865	30,128	240	1,717	58	806	7,528	37,647
November	258	1,508	688	10,026	115	514	6,192	26,352	1,272	8,673	111	1,722	8,645	48,897
December	155	1,049	963	12,222	391	2,349	6,525	29,621	194	1,628	290	3,059	8,719	50,999
January	4	27	465	6,865	12	82	5,405	25,302	63	516	35	504	5,987	33,343
February	343	2,388	254	3,702	24	133	5,887	25,848	33	323	99	2,586	6,647	35,050
Eight months ended February -														
1982-83	959	5,192	3,524	52,142	1,263	6,880	53,835	192,971	1,122	8,044	1,103	11,369	61,851	276,889
1983-84	1,080	6,924	3,975	56,325	835	5,196	51,497	223,574	1,964	13,800	828	12,042	60,409	319,268

(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
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	193,567	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
1982-83	1,227	6,917	5,771	80,530	1,819	10,677	83,692	315,506	1,561	11,593	1,458	15,198	95,596	440,958
1982-83 -														
January	2	20	111	1,916	34	284	7,448	27,551	39	310	28	482	7,662	30,562
February	-	-	213	2,325	42	257	6,613	25,278	92	605	18	270	6,981	28,759
March	7	47	689	9,520	187	1,205	11,081	44,444	150	1,142	123	1,330	12,239	57,726
April	66	413	699	11,193	215	1,293	7,555	30,878	293	2,445	119	1,535	8,950	47,838
May	179	1,103	763	9,940	128	1,082	6,686	27,997	140	1,131	86	929	7,982	42,183
June	17	136	277	3,950	46	306	6,203	27,660	1	10	34	500	6,581	32,608
1983-84 -														
July	38	262	348	4,611	147	1,001	7,367	30,815	69	380	64	872	8,034	37,957
August	64	425	669	9,114	158	1,150	6,373	26,642	63	392	47	786	7,381	38,538
September	52	314	292	4,526	92	512	5,065	21,895	30	170	144	2,062	5,682	29,543
October	12	68	313	5,157	71	431	6,135	27,250	240	1,717	66	852	6,838	35,496
November	88	570	481	6,527	66	532	6,347	26,465	917	6,125	76	1,114	7,984	41,433
December	554	3,278	1,009	14,439	191	1,138	5,696	23,184	22	176	183	1,952	7,683	44,319
January	69	448	270	3,242	397	2,357	8,503	39,380	309	2,119	99	1,094	9,650	48,687
February	149	1,055	422	6,322	20	153	5,889	25,361	364	2,572	101	2,669	6,947	38,142
Eight months ended February -														
1982-83	958	5,218	3,343	45,926	1,243	6,790	52,167	184,528	977	6,865	1,096	10,904	59,844	260,603
1983-84	1,026	6,419	3,804	53,937	1,142	7,276	51,375	220,991	2,014	13,652	780	11,401	60,199	314,117

(a) Includes countries not shown separately.