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IMPORTS OF ASSEMBLED NEW PASSENGER MOTOR CARS, AUSTRALIA

NOVEMBER 1984

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MAIN FEATURES

8,931 vehicles were imported in November 1984, an increase of 15% compared with October 1984.

8,726 vehicles were cleared for home consumption in November 1984, an increase of 30% compared with October 1984.

Vehicles imported from Japan increased by 4% to 6,789, whilst vehicles cleared for home consumption from Japan increased by 27% to 6,933.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains monthly and year-to-date statistics of imports of assembled new passenger motor cars including station wagons, their derivatives and variants, e.g. panel vans and utilities, i.e. vehicles classified to items 781.00.17, 781.00.21, 781.00.23, 781.00.25, 781.00.44 and 781.00.54 of the 1983-84 Australian Import Commodity Classification (1204.0). Statistics for 1983-84 and 1984-85 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 and 1984-85 should be regarded as 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 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.

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.

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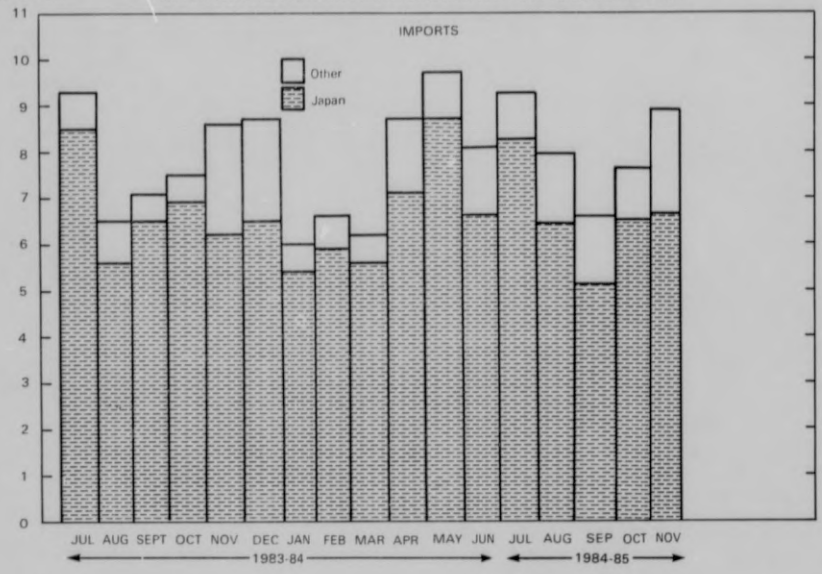
ASSEMBLED NEW PASSENGER MOTOR CARS: JULY 1983 TO NOVEMBER 1984



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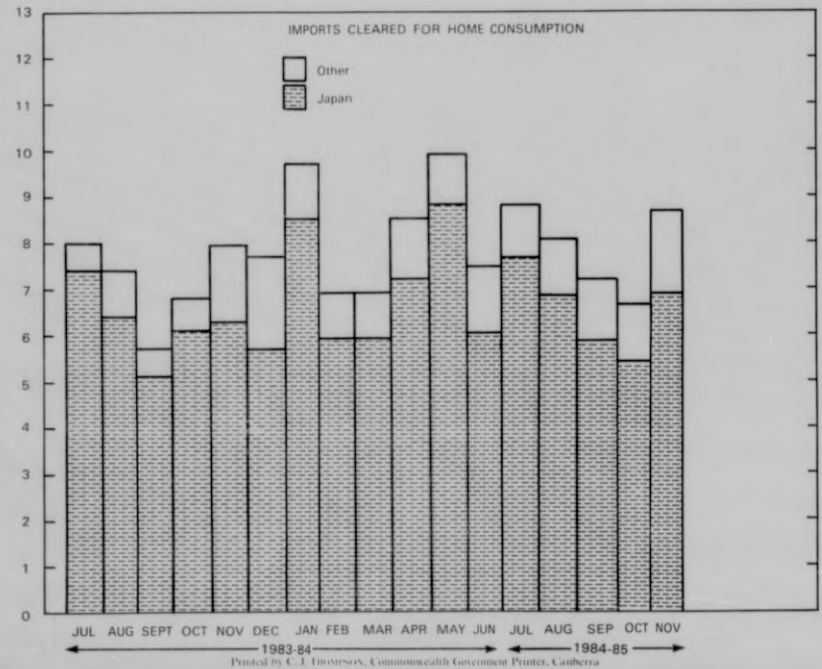

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TABLE 1. IMPORTS OF ASSEMBLED NEW PASSENGER MOTOR CARS BY COUNTRY

	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
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
1983-84	1,955	13,369	6,106	85,318	1,310	8,081	79,463	350,295	2,444	17,991	1,201	15,878	93,074	494,389
1983-84 -														
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	466	6,879	12	82	5,405	25,302	63	516	35	504	5,988	33,357
February	343	2,388	251	3,694	24	133	5,905	25,891	33	323	96	1,025	6,658	33,522
March	11	83	440	6,298	64	374	5,554	23,830	88	797	71	1,033	6,234	32,503
April	478	3,560	512	7,491	64	413	7,090	31,941	101	834	54	880	8,650	46,992
May	51	373	471	6,702	237	1,489	8,678	40,507	159	1,300	114	1,487	9,714	51,917
June	335	2,429	710	8,495	110	610	6,626	30,400	132	1,261	137	1,998	8,055	45,223
1984-85 -														
July	306	2,108	459	5,028	101	655	8,227	38,511	85	683	147	2,361	9,327	49,372
August	378	3,076	132	2,346	356	1,732	6,429	31,898	179	1,551	162	2,433	7,989	44,922
September	399	2,476	617	7,694	228	1,502	5,101	25,997	54	508	112	2,021	6,511	40,198
October	121	796	844	9,484	-	-	6,525	34,818	149	1,397	117	1,672	7,763	48,272
November	310	2,080	1,185	15,828	94	869	6,789	39,568	217	1,857	175	3,020	8,931	64,134
Five months ended November -														
1983-84	578	3,460	2,293	33,537	408	2,632	33,680	142,804	1,674	11,333	404	5,892	39,056	199,876
1984-85	1,514	10,537	3,237	40,381	779	4,757	33,071	170,792	684	5,995	713	11,507	40,521	246,897

(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
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
1983-84	1,937	13,091	6,166	86,816	1,533	9,688	79,406	348,249	2,508	17,938	1,215	16,034	93,141	494,094
1983-84 -														
September	52	314	293	4,539	92	512	5,065	21,899	30	170	144	2,062	5,683	29,559
October	12	68	313	5,167	71	431	6,135	27,250	240	1,717	66	852	6,838	35,506
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	271	3,256	397	2,357	8,503	39,380	309	2,119	99	1,094	9,651	48,701
February	149	1,055	419	6,314	20	153	5,912	25,405	364	2,572	98	1,109	6,963	36,614
March	183	1,248	500	6,844	55	374	5,943	26,029	147	1,333	103	1,428	6,940	37,381
April	400	3,045	491	7,092	22	118	7,204	32,645	116	979	84	1,297	8,520	46,279
May	106	721	645	9,816	210	1,290	8,793	39,970	105	864	108	1,360	9,971	54,082
June	222	1,657	726	9,085	104	629	6,067	28,486	126	1,109	143	2,108	7,491	43,629
1984-85 -														
July	209	1,400	503	5,696	120	792	7,630	34,991	135	1,173	158	2,526	8,809	46,874
August	227	1,550	134	2,279	367	1,784	6,848	34,599	179	1,551	156	2,380	8,053	44,895
September	343	2,412	618	7,822	75	828	5,866	29,469	102	873	118	2,074	7,192	43,861
October	184	1,295	750	8,675	23	132	5,473	28,538	70	555	118	1,689	6,688	41,322
November	192	1,310	1,036	14,213	164	1,130	6,933	38,755	201	1,727	143	2,406	8,726	59,852
Five months ended November -														
1983-84	254	1,638	2,105	29,971	534	3,627	31,288	133,150	1,319	8,784	397	5,686	35,922	183,089
1984-85	1,155	7,966	3,041	38,684	749	4,666	32,750	166,351	687	5,879	693	11,075	39,468	236,805

(a) Includes countries not shown separately.