



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

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MAIN FEATURES

9,151 vehicles were imported in December 1981, an increase of 9.8% on November 1981.

5,545 vehicles were cleared for home consumption in December 1981, a decrease of 24.5% on November 1981.

Vehicles imported from Japan decreased by 5.5% to 6,352, whilst vehicles cleared for home consumption decreased by 43.8% to 3,517.

For the calendar year ended 31 December 1981, 95,990 vehicles were cleared for home consumption with a customs value of \$373m.

commodity statistics. For this reason, statistics for 1981-82 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 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 includes 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 Bureau of Customs and passed to the ABS for further processing. Import entries may be lodged early using the Customs check-to-arrive system or the documents may be delayed because of

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 1981-82 Australian Import Commodity Classification (AICC). Statistics for 1981-82 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

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 not be related. 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 (fob) basis (i.e. 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.

Related publications

10. 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

11. 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.

Symbols and other usages

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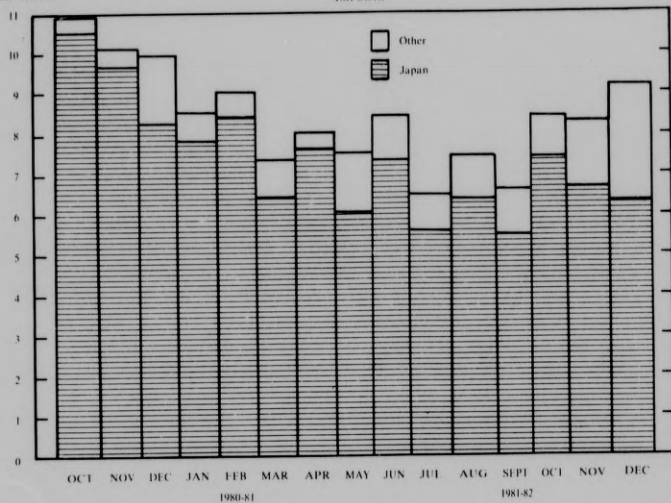
12. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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ASSEMBLED NEW PASSENGER MOTOR CARS : OCTOBER 1980 TO DECEMBER 1981

'000 Vehicles

IMPORTS



'000 Vehicles

IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

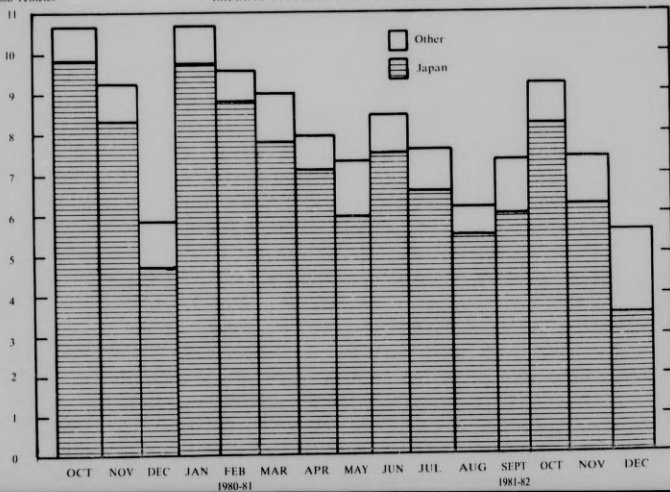


TABLE 1. IMPORTS OF ASSEMBLED NEW PASSENGER MOTOR CARS BY COUNTRY

	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
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	56,422	2,942	16,811	98,864	295,303	1,829	11,799	327	5,809	59	632	109,009	387,848
1980-81- 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
Six months total	87	502	2,343	28,417	2,028	11,659	54,778	155,546	855	5,444	207	3,407	22	265	60,325	205,255
1980-81- January	25	136	557	6,928	13	176	7,843	24,190	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
September	171	816	450	4,341	325	2,089	5,487	16,306	18	148	138	1,957	9	93	6,619	25,778
October	325	1,471	308	3,391	53	394	7,450	21,659	138	1,067	100	1,599	12	114	8,391	29,729
November	93	429	887	10,699	320	1,992	6,719	21,265	40	238	238	2,881	2	18	8,336	37,600
December	50	216	890	10,510	215	1,325	6,352	20,926	1,255	7,709	350	2,925	3	31	9,151	43,726
Six months total	761	3,488	3,319	37,809	1,307	8,160	37,994	115,599	1,758	11,259	1,026	12,960	38	423	46,345	189,975

(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		United States of America		Total all countries(a)	
	No.	\$'000	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	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	3,984	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	60,168	3,022	16,811	95,600	285,780	2,267	15,032	1,842	16,825	63	673	108,115	397,351
1980-81-																
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
Six months total	173	1,172	2,328	29,361	1,665	9,307	48,673	137,417	1,376	9,246	913	8,482	25	300	55,158	195,299
1980-81-																
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	4,644	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
1981-82-																
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
September	202	944	418	4,114	182	1,106	5,978	17,473	204	1,441	302	3,513	9	93	7,306	28,702
October	160	714	438	4,136	293	1,834	8,200	23,398	18	148	96	1,552	13	119	9,228	31,912
November	121	677	643	8,611	187	1,068	6,261	19,881	36	265	71	1,234	2	18	7,345	31,838
December	93	449	434	5,050	365	2,226	3,517	10,399	952	5,409	166	1,443	4	37	5,545	25,067
Six months total	617	3,066	2,834	32,166	1,474	8,839	35,879	107,212	1,420	8,665	707	9,945	40	435	43,033	170,502

(a) Includes countries not shown separately.