

Russian Automotive – Selected News

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100,000 trucks and 24,000 buses have been manufactured in Russia during the first 6 months of the year

13.07.2012 / ASM Holding

According to ASM Holding data, 98,500 trucks have been manufactured in Russia since the beginning of the year. This figure is equivalent to a 5.5% increase in comparison with the same period of the previous year. 85,800 of the manufactured amount belong to home brands (+4%) and the remaining 12,700 (+17.2%) to foreign brands. Meanwhile, Russia's biggest truck manufacturer KamAZ has produced 26,350 trucks within the first 6 months of the year 2012 (+15%).

On the other hand, the bus production by the end of the first 6 months has shown an increase of 33% in comparison with the same period of the previous year, reaching 24,400 vehicles. 19,600 of these buses have been manufactured by home brands (+40%) and the remaining 4800 by foreign brands (+10.5%).

Automobile imports have increased in Russia by 15% within 5 months

11.07.2012 / Autonews.ru

According to the statement made by the Federal Customs Service (FTS), in January-May period the automobile imports in Russia have increased by 15.3% in comparison with the same period of the previous year, reaching 427,400 vehicles. The monetary value of these imports has been calculated as \$8,723,500,000. On the other hand, Russia's automobile exports have doubled during the same period, in comparison with the first five months of the previous year. 42,500 vehicles have been exported, the monetary value adding up to \$357 million.

Truck imports have also increased by 36.7% in January-May period, reaching 43,200 vehicles. The monetary value of the imports in question is equivalent to \$1,353,200,000. During the same period Russia has exported 6600 trucks (\$198.7 million).

AvtoVAZ relates the decline in Granta sales to supply problems

10.107.2012 / Volga News

AvtoVAZ executives relate the 12.8% decline in Lada Granta sales in June to the failure of the factory to reach the planned level of production. The problems experienced with parts and components suppliers are shown as the main reasons contributing to this failure. AvtoVAZ External Affairs Director Igor Burenkov has stated that the company has a strict quality control policy on components and some of the manufacturers are struggling to reach the desired levels. Burenkov has added that their meticulous approach to the process of quality control and testing is another factor slowing down the production.

AvtoVAZ is planning to manufacture 140,000 Lada Grantas this year. 45,100 Grantas have been sold in the country by the end of the first six months of the year.

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Over 1.4 million vehicles have been sold in Russia during the first six months of the year

09.07.2012 / OIB Russia

According to AEB data, a total number of 1,413,769 cars and light commercial vehicles have been sold in Russia during the first six months of the year. In comparison with the previous year's performance of 1,236,386 vehicles sold during the same period, the figure above corresponds to a 14% increase in sales, in addition to being the best result in the last four years.

On the other hand, 272,125 cars and LCVs have been sold in the country in June-only (+10%). This is the highest monthly sales figure since July 2008. The automobiles manufactured domestically have taken place in the top-10 best-sold models list.

Localisation rate on Peugeot 408 manufactured in Kaluga: 33%

06.07.2012 / Avtostat

The General Director of Kaluga PSMA Rus Factory, Didier Aleton has announced the localisation rate of the new Sedan Peugeot 408 as 33%. The production of the model has started a while ago, using CKD method. Aleton has added that the factory is ahead of the calendar scheduled by the Russian government regarding the localisation demands. Accordingly, 50% of parts and components used in the production of Peugeot 408 is being provided from Europe, 10% from China and 5% from Argentina.

Didier Aleton lists the following companies as their suppliers that make production in Russia; Lear (seats), Magna (bumpers) and Faurecia (indicator panels, interior/exterior plastic details including door panels, exhaust systems). Kaluga based Gestamp-Severstal and Moscow based Alfa Automotive Technologies supply PSMA Rus with press parts, on the other hand.

KamAZ has increased its production by 15% during the first half of the year

05.07.2012 / Avtostat

KamAZ has manufactured 26,350 trucks during the first 6 months of the year. This figure is above the previous year's first six months performance by 15%. The production plan of the company for the year 2012 is 48,500 vehicles (+9%). 42,000 of these trucks are being manufactured for the domestic market and the remaining vehicles will be exported.

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Ford-Sollers Elabuga Factory has manufactured its 5000th Transit

04.07.2012 / Avtostat

The 5000th Ford Transit commercial vehicle has been manufactured in Ford-Sollers Elabuga Factory on 04.07.2012. Transit production in Elabuga had started in January 2012. Transits are being manufactured in Van, Single Cab, Double Cab, Bus and Combi modifications in Russia. The vehicles are equipped with 2.2lt, 100,125 and 155hp Global Puma engines.

During the first quarter of 2012, Ford Transit sales in Russia have doubled in comparison with the same period of the previous year, exceeding 2000 vehicles.

GAZ Group will build contract "Gazelles" in Istanbul

04.07.2012 / RBK daily

GAZ Group announced that at the end of 2012 SKD assembly of LCVs "Business Gazelle" will be launched in Turkey. The planned volume of production has not yet disclosed. The Turkish company Mersa Otomotiv will perform the assembly and the distribution of Gazelles in Turkey. Mersa Otomotiv currently distributes Citroen cars in Turkey.

The partners plan to open 12 sales centers and 21 service center. "By the time of sale in Turkey will be established stock of spare parts and established system of operative delivery in the car dealers and services " reported GAZ. It is also planned that a group of Turkish specialists will be trained and certified in Nizhny Novgorod at the headquarters of GAZ.

Renault will lend AvtoVAZ €126 million

03.07.2012 / Finmarket

AvtoVAZ shareholder Renault will allocate AvtoVAZ a credit of €126 million for the realisation of the company's investment programme. The relevant statement has been made by Renault's Russia representative Oxana Nazarova via Interfaks. Renault's Russia executives state that the amount in question will be used on the development of AvtoVAZ and to continue the work on the realisation of B0 project.

According to the report of Finmarket, the amount of money expected to be spent within the frame of the development programme of AvtoVAZ is approximately 169 billion rubles. 60 billion rubles of this amount is planned to be provided from the shareholders through borrowing.