

### **Russia's car production has increased by 14.3% in January**

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According to Russian Statistical Institute data, 127,000 automobiles have been manufactured in the country in January. This figure corresponds to a 14.3% increase, in comparison with the same period of the previous year. Also within January, AvtoVAZ has started the production of new generation Lada Kalina in Togliatti and Sollers-Busan partnership began manufacturing Toyota Land Cruiser Prado in Vladivostok.

The truck production in Russia has remained at 7600 in January, declining by 11.2% in comparison with the same period of the previous year. As another significant development which took place in Russian truck industry during the month: Avtotor has started manufacturing Hyundai HD-170 in Kaliningrad.

The bus production in the country has declined by 14.4% by the end of the first month of 2013, in comparison with the same period of the previous year. Approximately 2000 buses have been manufactured in total.

### **MAN St. Petersburg factory will be opened in June**

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German truck manufacturer MAN is planning to open its St. Petersburg factory officially in June 2013. The relevant statement has been made by the General Director of MAN Truck and Bus Production Rus Thomas Schneiderheinze. MAN initially wanted to open the factory in 2012, however managed to obtain the production licence only last December. Currently the factory is operating in test mode. Schneiderheinze has added that Russia is the second biggest market for the company after Germany.

### **Volkswagen supplier Boryszew will make production in Nizhny Novgorod**

15.02.2013 / AutoBusiness info

European automotive supplier Boryszew is getting ready to start the construction of a new factory, which will manufacture interior components for automobiles, in Dzerzhinsk, Nizhniy Novgorod. According to Kommersant newspaper, the factory will commence operations at Oka-polimer Industrial Estate in September. The estimated investment value is €40 million. Boryszew will supply for the VW models produced in Kaluga and Nizhniy Novgorod.

### **Toyota has started the serial production of Land Cruiser Prado in Vladivostok**

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Sollers-Busan has started the serial production of Toyota Land Cruiser Prado model vehicles in Vladivostok. 1000 automobiles will be manufactured monthly, at the first stage of the project. As one may remember, the project commenced with the participation of Sollers and Mitsui & Co. and the support of Toyota in August 2010.

### **162,000 cars and LCVs have been sold in Russia in January**

11.02.2013 / OIB Russia

According to Association of European Business (AEB) data, 162,000 cars and light commercial vehicles have been sold in Russia within the first month of the year. This figure corresponds to a 5% increase, in comparison with the same period of the previous year. Lada has become the sales leader in January (30,000 vehicles). The best-selling foreign brand was Renault (14,700), on the other hand. GAZ occupies the top spot in LCV market (4100).

### **The automobile import of Russia has increased by 9.35% in 2012**

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According to Russian Customs Service (FTS) data, the automobile import of the country has increased by 9.35% in 2012, in comparison with the previous year, reaching 1.076 million vehicles. The monetary value of this import has been calculated as \$20.216 billion.

The number of trucks imported to Russia has reached 120,000 in 2012 (+20.36%), on the other hand. The amount paid for these 120,000 vehicles summed up to \$3.729 billion.

The number of cars and trucks exported from Russia has increased by 1.8 (113,000 vehicles, \$988.8 million) and 1.5 (18,800 vehicles, \$512 million) times respectively in 2012.

### **AvtoVAZ will invest €378 million in engine production**

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AvtoVAZ is getting ready to invest €378 million in a project, proposing engine production in Russia, under the licence of Renault-Nissan. In accordance with the project, the production of two different models of 1.6 l petrol engines will start in Togliatti in 2015. The annual production capacity of the project is planned to be 500,000 units. The engines will be used in Renault, Nissan and Lada model vehicles manufactured in Russia. As is known, within the frame of the Industrial Assembly Regime, the automotive companies, who signed agreements with the Russian government, are obliged to use locally manufactured engines in at least 30% of the vehicles they produce.

### **Moscow is the biggest regional foreign vehicle market in Russia**

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According to Avtostat data, 2.24 million new foreign brand vehicles have been sold in Russia in 2012 (+16.8%). The Central Federal Region has become the area, with the largest sales figure, following the sales of 937,200 vehicles. Despite the fact that the number of sales in the region has increased by 11.9% in comparison with the previous year, the share of the region in the country has fallen to 41.9% from 43.8%. The sales figures within the region indicate that the great majority of transactions has taken place in the city of Moscow. 710,800 foreign brand automobiles have been sold in the capital in 2012 (+7.9%).

414,100 vehicles have been sold in the Volga Federal Region (+22.9%), where 18.5% of the foreign brand vehicle market in Russia belong to. Tatarstan has become the biggest market of the region in 2012 (68,000 vehicles, 18.6%).

The North-Western Federal Region occupies the third place. 264,100 foreign brand vehicles have been sold in the region in 2012 (+10.7%). The countrywide share of the region is 11.8%. The city of St. Petersburg is the leading market of the region (22,700 vehicles).

Northern Caucasia was the region with the fastest growth rate in comparison with the previous year (34,100, +53.9%). However, the share of the region within the country still remains very low (1.5%).

The sales figures of the remaining 4 federal regions according to rates of increase are as follows; Far-East: 16,300, +51.1%; Siberia: 155,800, +26.8%. The regional market leaders: Krasnodar Krai (33,700, +29.9%) and Kemerovo Region (32,800, +21.6%); South: 180,000, +22% and Ural: 234,700, +18.9%.

### **Pirelli has started tyre production in Voronezh**

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Pirelli - Rosteks partnership has started test production of tyres in Voronezh. The factory will be manufacturing tyres for the market from March onwards. Pirelli and Rosteks had previously invested €56 million in the modernisation of the Voronezh-based tyre factory, belonging to Russians. This figure will be completed to €100 million within the next couple of years. Pirov and Rosteks have another investment in tyres sector in the city of Kirov. The partners are aiming to reach a total annual production number of 10 million tyres, by completing the modernisation processes of the two factories by the year 2015.

### **The total number of automobiles in Russia has reached 36.9 million**

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The total number of vehicles in Russia has grown by 5.1% in 2012, reaching 36.9 million vehicles. 37% of this figure is formed of Lada brand automobiles (13.67 million vehicles). This ratio was 37.6% in 2011. Toyota is the second most popular brand in Russia (3.1 million, +0.4%). The number of Nissan vehicles in the country is 1.5 million (+0.3%). GAZ occupies the fourth spot in the list (1.4 million, -0.2%). GAZ had discontinued automobile production in 2010. This quartet is being followed by Moskvich, a brand which still exists in the country in great numbers, despite its declining share in total (1.27 million, -0.2%). The rest of the brands with sales figures above the 1 million vehicles mark in Russia are as follows; Chevrolet - 1.2 million, +0.4%; Ford - 1.08 million, +0.2% and Hyundai - 1.03 million, +0.4%). The number of Volkswagen vehicles in the country is 970,000, on the other hand (+0.4%).

### **Automobile production in St. Petersburg has increased by 50% in 2012**

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Toyota, GM, Nissan and Hyundai factories established in St. Petersburg have manufactured a total number of 389,300 vehicles in 2012 (+50%). Thereby, St. Petersburg has become the second biggest automotive manufacturing area of the country after Volga region, overtaking Kaluga. The share of the city in the total production of the country is 19.7%. This ratio was 14.8% in 2011.

57% of the 389,300 automobiles manufactured in St. Petersburg in 2012, is formed of Hyundai vehicles. The shares of GM, Nissan and Toyota in the total production are; 24%, 11% and 8% respectively. The factories used their production capacities to the full extent in 2012. Auto-Dealer-SPb executives predict that the production will increase by 5% in the city, in 2013. 30 out of every 100 foreign brand automobiles in Russia are manufactured in St. Petersburg. This figure was 23.8 in 2011. The models produced in the city are as follows; Chevrolet Cruze, Opel Astra, Nissan Teana, Nissan X-Trail, Nissan Murano, Infiniti FX, Infiniti M, Toyota Camry, Hyundai Solaris and KIA Rio.