

Renault has increased its Russian sales by 10.7% in 2013

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Renault has sold 210,094 automobiles in Russia in 2013 (+10.7%). This is the highest sales figure recorded by the company, during its 15 years of operation in Russia. Duster has become the most popular Renault model in Russia last year: 83,702 vehicles (+77%).

According to the statement made by the company, Moscow based Avtoframos factory has manufactured 198,546 automobiles in 2013 (+19%). Meanwhile, the localisation rate of the models manufactured in the factory such as; Logan and Sandero has reached 76.6%. This rate is lower for the Duster model. Driver air-bags, steering wheels, tailgate fillings, bonnet ropes, various profiles, wheel rims and a good number of metal press components are amongst the localised components.

Renault has exported 21,779 Russian-made automobiles to countries such as; Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia in 2013 (+21.3%).

Sollers sales have fallen by 3% in 2013

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Sollers Group has sold 97,394 UAZ, SsangYong and Isuzu vehicles in 2013 (-3%). SsangYong brand automobiles form 34,055 of this figure (+9%). The sales figure for UAZ is 62,044 (-9%). UAZ exports made by the Group in 2013, on the other hand, has increased at a record rate, reaching 10,421 vehicles (+37%). Finally, Sollers has sold 1296 Isuzu light commercial vehicles and trucks in 2013 (+75%). The total figure is formed of 1083 trucks (+86%) and 212 light commercial vehicles (+36%).

Daewoo buses will be manufactured in Ingushetia

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The founder of Daewoo Bus Ingushetia: Yunus Gagiyev has announced plans to start the production of Daewoo buses in Ingushetia in June 2014.

During the Sochi-2013 International Economic Forum, authorities from the Republic of Ingushetia had signed a cooperation agreement with Daewoo Bus Global company, proposing the organisation of the production of Daewoo brand passenger buses in the region. The Ingushetian Ministry of Development has declared the amount of investment to be made in the project as 402 million rubles. The assembly facility to be established will have an annual production capacity of 500 vehicles.

Hyundai Russia factory has increased its production by 2.4% in 2013

13.01.2014 / Avtostat

St. Petersburg based Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Rus factory has manufactured 229,400 automobiles in 2013 (+2.4%). Hyundai Solaris forms 128,400 of this figure (+3.5%) and KIA Rio 101,000 (+1%). The factory has announced that the pre-season production plan has been exceeded by 4%. The production target of the factory for the year 2014 is 230,000 automobiles.

26,000 of the automobiles manufactured in the factory in 2013 have been exported to countries such as; Kazakhstan and Ukraine.

Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Rus had commenced operations in January 2011. 592,800 automobiles have been manufactured in the factory since its establishment. Hyundai Solaris model forms 370,700 of this figure. Solaris is currently the best-sold foreign model in Russia.

AvtoVAZ sales have declined by 15.1% in 2013

10.01.2014 / Avtostat

Russian car manufacturer: AvtoVAZ has sold 456,309 automobiles in 2013 (-15.1%). In the statement made by the company, the decline in customer demand for expensive products such as automobiles, due to the general economic climate in the country and pessimistic macroeconomic predictions; and the partial decline in production numbers as a result of the start of the production of new generation Kalina and Priora models, have been shown as the factors behind the falling sales.

Lada Granta has become the best-sold AvtoVAZ model in Russia in 2013: 166,951 (+37.8%). The second place is occupied by Kalina: 67,960 (-43.3%). 26,967 of this figure belong to the new generation of the model. The third best-sold Lada model is Largus: 63,831 (+310.3%). Finally, AvtoVAZ has exported 78,602 automobiles in 2013 (+11.4%).

Russia has become the second biggest automobile market of Europe in 2013

09.01.2014 / Avtostat

According to Avtostat data, Russian automobile market has become the second biggest market in Europe for the third consecutive time in 2013. While Germany became the country with the most number of automobile sales in 2013 with 2.95 million vehicles (-4.2%), Russia took the second place with a total sales figure of 2.59 million (-6%). This duo is followed by Great Britain with 2.265 million (+10.8). 1.8 million automobiles have been sold in France in 2013, on the other hand (-5.7%). The fifth place is occupied by Italy with 1.3 million (-7.1%).

Russian car manufacturers will start paying renewal tax from 2014 onwards

09.01.2014 / Kommersant

Russian government has approved the regulation, concerning the implementation of renewal tax on domestic manufacturers. Accordingly, as of 01.01.2014 the companies operating in Russia will be paying the same amount of tax with the importer companies.

The amount of renewal tax is calculated by multiplying the coefficients -which increase in parallel with the engine volume and the age of the vehicle- with the base tax rates. The base tax rate is 20,000 rubles for automobiles and 150,000 rubles for buses and trucks. As a result, the amount renewal tax varies in between 17,200 and 110,000 rubles for new automobiles and 75,000 and 450,000 rubles for trucks. The importers will pay this tax to the Federal Customs House and the companies manufacturing in Russia to the Federal Tax Office.

As one may remember, the implementation of renewal tax on automobiles imported to Russia had started with the admission of Russia to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) on 01.09.2012. At the first stage of the implementation, the companies manufacturing in Russia were held exempted from renewal tax, subject to their declaration to cover the renewal costs. As a result of the criticism received from the European Union (EU), the Russian government decided to extend the scope of the implementation to companies operating on Russian soil.

According to the Ministry of Finance data, the Russian manufacturers will pay 118.9 billion rubles in 2014 and the amount will have reached 383 billion rubles by the end of the next three years. The EU, on the other hand, states that the annual contribution made by the foreign manufacturers to the Russian budget via renewal tax is €1.3 billion (58.5 billion rubles).

On the other hand, the government has taken some precautionary measures, in order to compensate for the losses to be suffered by domestic manufacturers due to renewal tax. An annual amount of 100 billion rubles has been allocated from the federal budget to help the Russian manufacturers safeguard the employment levels and to encourage the production of more eco-friendly automobiles.

KamAZ is planning to manufacture Liebherr engines

09.01.2014 / Avtostat

KamAZ and Swiss Liebherr have signed an initial agreement, proposing joint engine production. Accordingly, the two companies will manufacture 12 lt., 6 cylinder, Euro-5 standard diesel and gas engines at KamAZ facilities. The production of Euro-6 engines in the long run is also within the scope of the agreement. KamAZ director in charge of development: Irek Gumerov has stated that the changing circumstances due to Russia's entry to WTO and ecological needs have made the development of a new family of engines necessary.

GM-AvtoVAZ production has fallen by 8% in 2013

09.01.2014 / Avtostat

GM-AvtoVAZ factory, established in Tolyatti, has manufactured 57,939 automobiles in 2013 (-8%). The press office of the factory has stated that 56,609 Chevrolet Niva have been delivered to sales points within the previous year (-10.2%). Finally, the factory has exported 4013 automobiles in 2013 (+46.5%).

GM-AvtoVAZ has manufactured 525,829 automobiles since its establishment. The total export figure of the company is 38,345, on the other hand. The break given to production by GM-AvtoVAZ due to new year holidays and maintenance works on 31.12.2013, will end 20.01.2014.

Vadim Sorokin is the new General Director of GAZ Group

09.01.2014 / GAZ Group

Vadim Sorokin, who was in charge of the LCV department of the company previously, has been appointed as the new General Director of GAZ Group. A new position, under the name of Executive Directorship, has also been created within the Group, as of 01.01.2014. Gunther Heiden has become the first Executive Director of GAZ Group. Previously, Heiden held the same post in the supply industry company: SPM. In addition, it has been announced that Dr. Albert Kohler will be appointed as the Director of Development of the Group. Kohler, who's currently the Executive Director of Knorr Bremse, will be working for the improvement of the efficiency of GAZ Group, in his new position.

The production of Russian automobiles has declined by 14.5% in January-November period

27.12.2013 / ASM Holding

According to ASM Holding data, car production has declined by 3.1% in Russia within the January-November period of 2013, in comparison with the previous year. The sales figure has been recorded as 1,753,000. While the production of Russian automobiles has declined by 14.5% during the aforementioned period (501,200 vehicles), the production of foreign brand automobiles has increased by 2.3%, with 1,252,000 vehicles.

According to the prediction of ASM, the annual car production will have reached 1,913,000 vehicles by the end of 2013 (-2.8%). It's anticipated that 1,358,000 of this figure will be formed of foreign brand automobiles.

AvtoVAZ will invest 180 billion rubles in development

27.12.2013 / gazeta.ru

The Governor of Samara Region: Nikolai Merkushkin has announced that besides making new investments worth 180 billion rubles, AvtoVAZ is aiming to launch 30 new models until the year 2020. The Governor has stated that part of the aforementioned amount will be financed from the budget of the regional administration in 2014: "The 600 million rubles to be allocated for the subsidy of the machinery production and supply industry plants will induce these facilities to reach the level required by AvtoVAZ."

However, some sectoral experts share the view that it will neither be easy nor necessary for AvtoVAZ to develop 30 new models until 2020. The General Director of Avtostat: Sergei Tselikov, for example, is of the opinion that what the company really needs is the creation of a new platform model, rather than making new variations of the existing models.

On the other hand, according to the financial analysts of VTP Kapital, becoming a competitive manufacturer in Russia by renewing its model range is out of question for AvtoVAZ: "AvtoVAZ is manufacturing Lada Granta and Largus. There's a demand for these models. Therefore, the renewal of the model range must continue in this direction. Its strong position in the budget-friendly automobiles segment is the biggest advantage of AvtoVAZ. They have manufacture inexpensive and high-quality cars."

The Act which made the installation of ERA-GLONASS compulsory for automobiles has been approved by the Russian parliament

26.12.2013 / auto.vesti.ru

Russian legislative organ: Duma has passed the law making the installation of ERA-GLONASS (traffic accident emergency action warning system) compulsory for automobiles. The law will come into force as from 01.01.2014. The implementation will extend to Belarus and Kazakhstan from 2015 onwards.

Accordingly, the installation of the ERA-GLONASS device has been made compulsory for M (passenger transport) and N (freightage) categories. It's anticipated that the system will help emergency crews in countries where traffic accidents are frequent, to save an extra number of 4000 people annually, by reducing the arrival time to the point of accident by 30-40%.

The device enables the operator in the centre to get in touch with the driver, by automatic activation in time of accident or being activated manually by pressing a button. In case the driver loses consciousness and fails to respond, the operator diverts the emergency crew to the point of accident.

GAZ will carry out modernisation works in January

26.12.2013 / Avtostat

Extensive modernisation works will be carried out in Gorky Car Factory (GAZ) as from January. Modernisation works, such as the installment of paint and welding shops with new equipment, have been necessitated by the preparations made for the production of Next model light commercial vehicles.

With the introduction of the new technologies in the factory, it will be possible to paint and weld seven different types of cabins in an automatic regime, within one technological cycle. In other words, it will be possible to weld GAZel Next, GAZel Biznes and Valday on the same line with several other models. In addition, the robots in the paint shop of the factory are being replaced with the new Sames models. The modernisation work is aimed to enhance the colour range, paint quality and durability of the vehicles manufactured.

St. Petersburg vehicle market has grown by 2% in November

25.12.2013 / Auto-Dealer-SPb

According to Auto-Dealer-SPb agency data, 185,002 new cars and light commercial vehicles have been sold in St. Petersburg during the January-November period (-4%). This figure corresponds to 7.4% of Russian market in the aforementioned period.

The number of vehicles sold in November-only is 17,604 (+2%). The market had shown a growth trend in February for the last time. KIA has become the most popular brand in November with a sales figure of 1517 vehicles (+44%). The second place is occupied by Renault with 1440 vehicles (+7%). Ford is the third best-sold brand: 1422, +9%.The agency anticipates the year-end market to exceed 200,000 vehicles (-3.5%).

AvtoVAZ has discontinued Lada Samara production

25.12.2013 / Avtostat

As of yesterday, AvtoVAZ has discontinued the production of 5-door Lada Samara Hatchback automobiles. 5.2 million of this model had been manufactured since 1984. Samara will be replaced by Lada Granta Hatchback, which will be manufactured in Izhevsk from 2014 onwards.

The tariffs implemented on electromobile imports in Russia have been lifted for two years

25.12.2013 / gazeta.ru

The Economic Commission for Europe has nullified the customs duties implemented on electric cars entering the Customs Union - formed of Russia, Kazakhstan and Belarus- via imports, for two years, between 01.02.2014 and 31.12.2015.

The Commission Minister responsible for commercial affairs: Andrei Slepnev has stated that the automobiles with capacities up to eight passengers excluding the driver will benefit from the implementation, however the vehicles with hybrid engines will be outside the scope.

According to the calculations of the Russian Ministry of Industry and Commerce, the new practice will make it possible to import up to 500 vehicles annually. By this means, the establishment of the infrastructure necessary for electric cars will be stimulated.

The electromobile sales have exceeded the 100,000 mark for the first time in Russia in 2013. Mitsubishi i-MiEV is the only electric car model sold in Russia currently. AvtoVAZ is currently working on the production of an electromobile, under the name of El Lada. The model is in the process of pilot production at the moment.

Yekaterinburg vehicle market has grown by 2% in November

24.12.2013 / Auto-Dealer-Yekaterinburg

According to Auto-Dealer-Yekaterinburg agency data, 85,685 new cars and light commercial vehicles have been sold in Yekaterinburg during the January-November period (-8%). This amount corresponds to 3.4% of the Russian market, in the aforementioned period. The number of vehicles sold in November-only is 8187 (+2%). The vehicle market of the city had shown an upward dynamic in February for the last time.

Nissan has become the best-sold brand of November with 940 vehicles (+133%). The second place is occupied by Lada with 909 vehicles (-23%). The sales leader of January-November period is KIA: 7228, +25%, on the other hand. KIA is followed by Hyundai with 6669 vehicles (+18%).

The agency predicts the year-end vehicle market of the city as above 93,000 vehicles mark (-7%).