

Russian truck market up by 40% in March

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5500 new trucks have been sold in Russia in March 2017, indicating a 39.8% year-on-year rise, as published by Autostat.

KAMAZ has kept the leadership of the market, with more than 30% share last month. The performance of KAMAZ is equivalent to 1700 units in quantitative terms, exceeding last year's figure by 1.5%. The leader is followed GAZ with 624 vehicles (+10.4%). The top-three is completed by Mercedes-Benz (381 units), with a 8.5-fold sales increase. The remaining brands of the top-five are Scania (381, +180%) and Volvo (369, +310%).

The Russian truck market has amounted to 13,300 units by the end of the first quarter of 2017, following a 32% year-on-year growth.

Top-10:	Brand	Units	YoY
	Kamaz	1 728	+2%
	GAZ	624	+10%
	Mercedes-Benz	381	+747%
	Scania	381	+180%
	Volvo	369	+310%
	MAZ	304	+50%
	Ural	303	+10%
	DAF	275	+848%
	MAN	250	+40%
	Isuzu	223	+114%
	Total market	5 457	+40%

Russian LCV market has grown by 41% in March

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According to Autostat analytical agency, the Russian new light commercial vehicle (LCV) market has amounted to 9900 units in March, which is equivalent to a 41% year-on-year growth.

GAZ has kept its traditional leadership of the market, with approximately 40% share during the first month of spring. GAZ has sold 3900 units, exceeding last year's figure by a quarter. UAZ occupies the second place with a sales figure of around 2700 units (+77%). Lada completes the top-three (944, +85%). Mercedes-Benz (903, +62.4%) and Ford (541, +98.2%) have also made it into the top-five.

It should be noted that the Russian new LCV market has reached 23,200 units within the first quarter of the year, following a 32% year-on-year growth.

Top-10:	Brand	Units	YoY
	GAZ	3 910	+26%
	UAZ	2 657	+77%
	Lada	944	+85%
	Mercedes-Benz	903	+62%
	Ford	541	+98%
	VW	347	-13%
	Hyundai	168	+56%
	FIAT	145	-29%
	Peugeot	109	+91%
	Citroen	101	+80%
	Total market	9 936	+41%

FAW and Avtotor will make crossover production in Kaliningrad

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As stated by Avtotor press office, FAW and Avtotor have established a joint venture to manufacture automobiles in full-cycle technology. The project envisages the usage of the existing production facilities of Avtotor, the development of welding and painting shops, the implementation of a programme, which will increase the localisation level of car production gradually and the introduction of FAW vehicles manufactured in Avtotor to foreign markets.

There are plans to manufacture 100,000 cars annually, with partial usage of the existing capacity. The test production of Besturn X80 crossovers has been completed in the facility.

The project is financed by Avtotor, Chinese investors and the China Automobile Industry Fund. It's planned to restore the number of jobs at the facility established in Kaliningrad to 3000 people, as a result of the project.

Avtovaz will increase car body production for the Renault plant in Algeria

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Avtovaz will add two working days on body production for the Renault factory in Algeria, as stated by the press office of the company trade union.

Renault intends to deliver 14,000 Avtovaz production welded and painted bodies to Algeria in 2017. Renault Algeria Production factory, which was founded at Oued Tlelat (in Oran province of Algeria) in 2014, is a joint venture between Renault Group (49% share) and the Algerian state. Renault Symbol and Dacia Sandero models are currently being manufactured in the plant.

40 Lamborghini Urus have been pre-ordered in Russia

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Residents of Moscow and St. Petersburg have pre-ordered approximately 40 Lamborghini Urus crossovers. The relevant statement has been made during the opening of the official showroom in St. Petersburg.

The Lamborghini SUV model Urus will be presented at the headquarters of the brand - the Italian Santa-Agata-Bolognese in December this year and will appear in the Russian market in mid-2018, as stated by the head of Lamborghini Stefano Domenicali. The estimated cost of the vehicle is €250,000.

St. Petersburg automotive industry has grown by 47% during the first quarter

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According to Auto-Dealer-SPb data, Hyundai, Nissan and Toyota factories, established in St. Petersburg, have manufactured 82,100 automobiles during the first quarter of 2017, which is equivalent to a 47% year-on-year rise.

Car production amounted to 31,700 units in March 2017, indicating a 44% increase in comparison with the same period of the previous year. It should be noted that March performance is the best monthly production figure for the last three years. April 2014 was the last month, superior to March 2017.

66% of car production in St. Petersburg belongs to Hyundai, as of the end of the first quarter of the year. The shares of Toyota and Nissan are 20% and 14% respectively.

The share of St. Petersburg in Russian car production has reached 26.7% during the aforementioned period (up from last year's 22.4%).

Lada sales up by 63% in EU during the first quarter

19.04.2017 / Autostat

A total number of 1142 new Lada automobiles have been sold in EU countries within the January-March 2017 period. The sales figure indicates a 63.1% year-on-year rise.

504 Lada vehicles, manufactured in Avtovaz, have been sold in the EU in March, which is equivalent to a 73.2% year-on-year growth. Lada sales have risen every month so far this year, from 280 units in January to approximately 350 in February.

KAMAZ plans to establish a joint venture with Chinese Weichai Power

19.04.2017 / Kommersant

KAMAZ plans to establish a joint venture with Chinese Weichai Power, for the purpose of engine production in Yaroslavl, according to the protocol of the Russian-Chinese intergovernmental commission on investment projects.

The company has not disclosed the parameters of the project, however, specified that it involves engines for machine building purposes, with volumes over 20 litres. As stated by the company, trucks running on gas are currently being equipped with Weichai Power engines (approximately 1000 units per year).

Moscow automobile fleet has exceeded 8 million units

18.04.2017 / Kommersant

The Russian State Traffic Safety Inspectorate has published information on the number of vehicles registered in Moscow and Moscow Region. As of the beginning of the year, the number of automobiles registered in the two regions has amounted to over 8 million units (4.88 million in Moscow and 3.17 million in Moscow Region). The number of passenger cars has reached 6.72 million units, up by 280,000 vehicles compared to the 2015 figure of 6.44 million. Moscow has the lion's share in passenger car numbers with 255,000.

Car production has grown by 21.5% in March

18.04.2017 / RusAutoNews.Com

According to Rosstat data, 308,000 cars have rolled off Russian production lines within the first three months of 2017, which is equivalent to a 23% year-on-year rise. 121,000 vehicles have been manufactured in March, on the other hand, exceeding the previous year's figure by 21.5%.

Truck production has amounted to 29,400 units by the end of the January-March period, indicating a 13% year-on-year rise. 13,800 trucks have rolled off Russian conveyors in March, up by 16.1% in comparison with the same period of the previous year.

Bus production has also increased within the first three months of the year, by 37.1% to 4900 units. March bus production figure has reached 2200 units (+23%).

Car imports and exports in January-February 2017

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According to Russian Federal Customs House data, car imports to Russia have fallen by 17.4% within the first two months of 2017, to 23,700 units. The monetary value of these imports amounts to \$691.8 million. While 23,100 vehicles have been imported from non-CIS countries for \$683.6 million, the remaining 600 automobiles came from CIS countries for \$8.2 million.

Car exports from Russia were also on the decline during the aforementioned period, by 11.7% to 9100 units, generating a total sum of \$133.5 million. 4100 automobiles were imported to non-CIS countries for \$58 million and 5000 to CIS countries for \$75.5 million.

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