

Kässbohrer is opening a factory in Tula

26.01.2013 / Kässbohrer

Kässbohrer is opening a factory in Yasnogorsk, Tula Region. The facility established for the purpose of semi-trailers has a production area of 12,000 square metres. The General Director and Board Member of the company Gokhan Vergon has stated that the decision to establish a factory in the country has been made in order to get a step closer to the Russian market, where they're currently supplying semi-trailers and the company has long-term targets in Russia. As is known, Kässbohrer had been purchased by Tirsan of Turkey in 2002.

Toyota has generated the highest income in Russian vehicle market in 2012

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According to 2012 results, Toyota has generated the highest income in Russian vehicle market (\$7.24 billion) throughout the year. This figure was \$5.77 billion in 2011. Toyota is being followed by AvtoVAZ with \$5.8 billion (-2%) and Nissan with \$5.17 billion (+8%). The performances of other brands are as follows; VW - \$5.11 billion, +36%, KIA - \$4.77 billion, +23%, Hyundai - \$4.28 billion, +14%, Mercedes-Benz - \$4.11 billion, +30%, Chevrolet - \$3.98 billion, +23%, Renault - \$3.14 billion, +31% and Ford - \$3.09 billion, +18%. The incomes of the rest of the players in the market fell short of the \$3 billion mark.

The automobile market in Yekaterinburg has grown by 14% in 2012

24.01.2013 / Auto-Dealer Yekaterinburg

According to Auto-Dealer Yekaterinburg data, 97,348 new automobiles have been sold in Yekaterinburg in 2012 (+14%). The number of automobiles sold in December-only is 8227 (-3%). This figure indicates that first time since 2009, a monthly sales figure has shown a negative dynamic.

Lada has become the leader of Yekaterinburg market in 2012 (14,683, 0%). The market share of the Russian brand is 15%. (This ratio was 21% in 2010 and 17% in 2011). The best-sold foreign brand in the city was Chevrolet (8317 vehicles, +3%). Toyota sales are not far behind Chevrolet (8278, +29%). KIA is the third bestselling foreign brand (6380, +53%).

The experts from Auto-Dealer-Yekaterinburg predict the market for 2013 as approximately 100,000 automobiles.

Russian automotive sector has broken a production record in 2012

23.01.2013 / Avtostat

According to Russian Statistical Institute Rosstat data, car factories in Russia have manufactured 2 million vehicles in 2012. Thereby, the production has increased by 13.3% in comparison with the previous year. This also is the highest ever annual production figure recorded in the history of the country. The number of automobiles manufactured in December-only is around 200,000 (+8%), on the other hand. The role of the foreign brand car manufacturers in achieving this historical growth rate should be mentioned at this point.

The leader of the Russian automotive sector AvtoVAZ has manufactured 718,917 vehicles in 2012 (-1.6%). The decline in AvtoVAZ production is being related to the modernisation of the production lines and the renewal of the product range. The company had started to manufacture Lada Granta, Lada Largus and Nissan Almera last year. Another company manufacturing in Samara Region GM-AvtoVAZ has produced 62,981 Chevrolet Nivas in 2012 (+9%), on the other hand.

The production of several foreign brand has started in Russia in 2012. These models are; KIA Rio Hatchback, Chevrolet Malibu, Peugeot 408, Ford Explorer Kuga, S-Max and Galaxy, Mazda CX-5, Opel Astra Sedan and Nissan Almera.

The truck production in Russia has increased by 1.5% in 2012. The total production number is 210,000 vehicles. The number of trucks manufactured in December-only is 19,000 (+0.3%). The biggest truck manufacturer of the country KamAZ has produced over 51,000 vehicles. Sollers-Isuzu partnership, who resumed production at UAZ facilities in 2012, has manufactured 1596 N-series chassis' until the end of the year. Avtotor, who has been manufacturing Hyundai LCVs in Kaliningrad since September, has produced 380 HD-78 model trucks until the end of the year, on the other hand.

Bus production in Russia has increased by 30,7% in 2012, reaching 57,100 vehicles. The number of buses manufactured in December-only is 6600 (+9.3%). KamAZ has maintained its position as the production leader in 2012, with 14,000 vehicles. The Group is currently world's fifth biggest bus manufacturer.

Russian LCV market grew by 2.7% in 2012

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179,727 LCVs have been sold in Russia in 2012 (+2.7%). The sales figure for December-only is 18,669, on the other hand (-0.2%). 67.8% of LCVs sold in 2012 is formed of Russian brands. For example, GAZ has sold 90,247 vehicles (+0.5%). This figure corresponds to half of the market. Second place is occupied by UAZ (27,885 vehicles, +5.5%). Volkswagen is the leader amongst the foreign brands (13,677, +33.2%). VW is followed by Ford (11,936, +51.1%). Peugeot occupies the fifth place (9933, +4.7%).

Ford Sollers will manufacture Tourneo Custom in Tatarstan

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Ford Sollers representative Sergei Kirillov has told Vedomosti newspaper that the company will start the production of new Tourneo Custom model minibuses in Elabuga factory, Tatarstan, during the first half of 2013. The presentation of the model had been made in Spring 2012. Kirillov has stated that the annual Tourneo production will be around 1000 vehicles. Ford Sollers is currently making the SKD production of Explorers in Elabuga, in addition to Transit, S-Max and Galaxy models. 11,475 Transits have been manufactured in the factory last year (+56%). 12,179 Ford LCVs have been sold in Russia (+50%), on the other hand. Explorer production will shift to CKD during the first quarter of 2013 and the production of Kuga will start in the second half of the year. Naberezhniye Chelny factory of Ford Sollers is planned to be opened in 2014.

Ford Sollers has another factory, with a capacity of 125,000, in Vselovozhsk. The President of Ford Sollers Ted Kannis has stated that the company is planning to increase the capacity of this factory, however only by a small margin due to physical impossibilities. Ford Sollers manufactures Focus and Mondeo in Vselovozhsk.

Russian truck market grew by 13.4% in 2012

21.01.2013 / Avtostat

The sales of medium and heavy tonnage trucks increased by 13.4% in 2012, in comparison with the previous year, reaching 138,000 vehicles. 3.6% increase took place in the medium tonnage trucks segment (36,000 vehicles). The sales figure of the leader of this segment: GAZ is 12,400 (+5.1%). Hyundai is in the second place with 6800 vehicles (-1.2%). The sales of KamAZ in this segment has declined by 15%, in comparison with the previous year (3370 vehicles). This trio is being followed by Mitsubishi (2000, +88%) and Foton (1850, +122%).

The magnitude of the 16+ tonnes trucks segment reached 102,000 vehicles in 2012 (+17.4%). The old age of the vehicles and the renewal tax being implemented on imported vehicles since September are being shown as the two main factors contributing to the growth in this segment. The truck buying companies have made an extra effort to renew their vehicle fleets before August. KamAZ has sold 31,500 heavy tonnage trucks in 2012 (+1.7%). MAZ occupies the second place (13,700, +16.2%). The Russian and the Belarusian manufacturers are being followed by MAN (8000, +3.3%) and Volvo (8000, +25.2%). Chinese Shaanxi, who multiplied its sales by 2.8 in comparison with the previous year is in the fifth place (7400 vehicles).

GAZ will start manufacturing Chevrolet Aveo in February

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GAZ will start the production of Chevrolet Aveo in Nizhni-Novgorod within a few weeks. According to the assembly agreement signed between GM and GAZ in February 2012, an annual number of 30,000 Aveos are planned to be manufactured in Nizhni. As one may remember, GM and GAZ had made a new investment of 30 million rubles in this project.

Additionally, GAZ will start manufacturing Mercedes-Benz Sprinter as from mid-2013. In accordance with the agreement signed between the Group and Daimler in December 2010, 25,000 Sprinters will be assembled annually in Nizhni. The agreement between the duo also covers the organisation of the production of Mercedes-Benz engines, transmissions and several other components to be used on Sprinters in Yaroslavl.

Components market for trucks in Russia is worth \$9 billion

16.01.2013 / Avtostat

According to the assessment published by Avtostat, the components market for trucks in Russia has reached 226.3 million in 2011. The monetary value of this amount is equivalent to more than \$ 9 billion. 60% of the market is formed of components produced for Russian trucks.

Money has been spent mostly on tyres, oil and other liquid products and fuel system components. For instance, while the magnitude of the tyre market was 6.88 million units in 2011, the monetary value of this amount corresponded to \$2.9 billion. 157.7 litres (\$743 million) of oil and other liquids have been consumed during the same period. The amount spent on fuel system components is \$563.5 million (10.88 million units), on the other hand.

KamAZ production has increased by 6% in 2012

10.01.2013 / Avtostat

KamAZ has manufactured 51,355 trucks in 2012. Thereby, compared to the year 2011, the annual production has increased by 6%. The number of vehicles manufactured in December-only is around 3900 (-20%). 47,300 trucks have been delivered from the factory to the sales points by the end of the previous year. 41,300 of these vehicles have been put on the domestic market and the remaining 6300 on export markets.

AvtoVAZ is planning to manufacture 800,000 automobiles in 2013

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AvtoVAZ Foreign Affairs Director Igor Burenkov has stated that the company is planning to increase production by 100,000 vehicles in comparison with the previous year, in order to reach a total number of 800,000. Without giving any specific model names, Burenkov has added that the extra 100,000 vehicles will be formed of orders placed by Renault-Nissan.

Apart from its own models, AvtoVAZ has a BO line in Tolyatti with a capacity of 350,000. Lada Largus' are manufactured on this line. It should be remembered that the company also makes production at IzhAvto factory, established in Izhevsk.

According to Vedomosti newspaper, Renault production will start in Tolyatti, as from the second half of 2013. As an unconfirmed news, Logan will be one of the models to be manufactured in the factory. As is known, the only production facility of Renault in Russia is situated in Moscow. The company representative speaking to the newspaper has stated that the capacity of Moscow Avtoframos factory is 188,000 and it's possible to meet the demand in Russia with the help of the additional production volume at Tolyatti and Izhevsk, moreover, even the export numbers can be increased.

Nissan has a production facility with a capacity of 50,000 in St.Petersburg only. The company is willing to increase this capacity before 2014. As one may remember, Carlos Gohn had announced that Datsun production will be organised in Tolyatti.

Russian vehicle market has grown by 11% in 2012

15.01.2013 / [OIB Russia](http://OIB.Russia)

According to Association of European Business (AEB) data, car and LCV market has grown by 11% in Russia in 2012. The total sales figure is 2,935,111. Thereby, the sales record of 2008 with 2,918,000 vehicles has been broken, albeit by a small margin.

December-only sales figure of 2012 is 253,158 (+1%). All of the ten best-sold models have been manufactured domestically. AEB's 2013 market prediction is 2,950,000 vehicles.

The models are ranked according to sales figures as follows; AvtoVAZ: 537,625, -7%, Chevrolet: 205,042, +17%, Renault: 189,852, +23%, KIA: 187,330, +23%, Hyundai: 174,286, +7%, VW: 164,702, +40%, Nissan: 153,747, +11%, Toyota: 153,047, +28%, Ford: 130,809, +11 and Skoda: 99,062, +34%.

2.76 million new automobiles have obtained licences in Russia in 2012

14.01.2013 / Avtostat

According to Avtostat data, 2,760,327 new automobiles have been registered in Russia by the end of 2012 (+10.2%). LCVs are not included in this figure. The number of automobiles obtaining licences in December-only is 252,361, on the other hand. Sales figures:

- 1) Lada / AvtoVAZ (520,513, -12.8%)
- 2) Chevrolet (206,428, +18.7%)
- 3) KIA (193,217, +30%)
- 4) Renault (182,160, +18.9%)
- 5) Hyundai (181,390, +13.9%)
- 6) VW (168,059, +39.2%)
- 7) Toyota (160,429, +27.9%)
- 8) Nissan (154,712, +13%)
- 9) Ford (117,200, +4.1%)
- 10) Skoda (97,064, +33.2%)

BMW have sold over 40,000 vehicles in Russia in 2012

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BMW Director Friedrich Eichiner has spoken to Wall Street Journal, stating that the company is willing to reduce its dependency on the German market. 60% of automobiles manufactured by BMW are being sold in Germany. As one may remember, a serious shrinkage had been observed throughout European automobile markets previous year. For this reason, the company intends to strengthen its position in markets outside Europe. Eichiner has added that they are currently carrying out negotiations in order to increase production capacity, however a final decision has not yet been made. According to Eichiner, the existence of a strong demand will be the main factor, making a positive effect on the decision of BMW.

BMW has broken a record by selling 1,845,186 automobiles world-wide in 2012 (including Mini and Rolls Royce). This figure is 10.6% more than the total sales of 2011. The Russian sales of the company also increased by 33.1%, in comparison with the previous year, reaching 40,144 vehicles (including Mini and Rolls Royce). This has so far been the highest sales figure recorded by BMW in Russia.

The car manufacturers are not anticipating growth in Russian market this year

11.01.2013 / Vedomosti

Local and foreign car manufacturers operating in Russia have spoken cautiously about their evaluations on the Russian market for the year 2013. The Foreign Affairs Director of AvtoVAZ Igor Burenkov has stated that he's of the opinion that the company will maintain its sales figure of the year 2012 (538,000 vehicles, -7%) in 2013.

GM-AvtoVAZ, on the other hand, is planning to manufacture 62,500 Chevrolet Nivas in 2013 (-0.7%). While Volkswagen decided not to disclose its production plans, Ford-Sollers executives have stated that they have based their plans on increasing LCV production, avoiding to pronounce any figures. A Ford-Sollers representative believes that the volume of the Russian vehicle market will remain unchanged in 2013. In contrast, the Director of Avtostat Sergei Udalov predicts that the market will maintain its magnitude according to the optimistic scenario, however a decline of 3% is also within possibility.

PSMA Rus (Peugeot, Citroen, Mitsubishi) is one of the more optimistic manufacturers, considering the expectations from the year 2013. The Vice President Frederic Saint-Geours is anticipating a 5% growth in Russian vehicle market for this year. Saint-Geours has stated that they have manufactured 40,800 automobiles in 2012 and this figure will increase with the addition of new models such as; Citroen C4L and Mitsubishi Pajero Sport in 2013. The Renault representative, on the other hand, did not make a statement.

The GAZ Group representative is of the opinion that the Russian LCV market will more or less maintain its 2012 figures (±3-5%). Approximately 175,000 LCVs had been sold in Russia in 2012. Russian truck manufacturer KamAZ have sold over 47,000 vehicles in 2012, on the other hand. 41,000 of these vehicles have found buyers domestically. This sales figure will be maintained in 2013, according to the statement made by KamAZ Director of Public Relations Oleg Afanasyev. AvtoVAZ predicts that approximately 135,000 medium or heavy tonnage trucks will be sold in Russia this year. In other words, the truck market will not go below its 2012 performance.

AvtoVAZ sales declined by 7% in 2012

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According to the year-end figures, AvtoVAZ sales in Russia has declined by 7% in comparison with 2011 (537,625 vehicles). Lada Priora has become the most popular AvtoVAZ model in 2012 (125,951 units, -9.2%). Lada Granta was the second best-sold model of the year (121,151). The sales figures for the rest of the models are as follows; Lada Kalina: 119,980, -16.1% -Lada Samara: 67,961, -44.5% - Lada 4x4: 54,656, -10% - Lada 2107 and 2104: 32,444 (3.5 times fewer than 2001 figures) - Lada Largus: 15,559 (on sale since July 2012). AvtoVAZ has exported 70,580 Lada vehicles in 2012 (+23.5%).