

Russian truck market has grown by a quarter in January

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According to Autostat data, 3530 trucks have been sold in Russia in January 2017, which is equivalent to a 25.5% year-on-year increase.

Russian manufacturer Kamaz has become the leader of the truck market as usual, with more than 40% share in January. The sales figure of the brand exceeded 1500 units in quantitative terms, indicating a 28.9% year-on-year rise. Another domestic manufacturer: GAZ occupies the second spot, with 394 units (+1.5%). The top-three is completed by Belarusian MAZ (200, +7%). Swedish Scania (200, +222.6%) and Russian Ural (185, +31.2%) came fourth and fifth respectively.

Interestingly, almost all brands in the top-ten have achieved market growth by the end of the last month, with the exception of MAN (-3%).

Top-10:	Brand	Units	YoY
	Kamaz	1 531	+29%
	GAZ	394	+2%
	MAZ	200	+7%
	Scania	200	+223%
	Ural	185	+31%
	Volvo	167	+129%
	MAN	164	-3%
	Mercedes-Benz	155	+94%
	Isuzu	141	+60%
	DAF	75	+317%
	Total market	3 530	+25,5%

Russian LCV market has grown by 30% in January

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According to Autostat data, the volume of Russian new light commercial vehicles market (LCV) has amounted to 6120 vehicles in January 2017, following a 33.4% year-on-year growth.

GAZ has kept its position as leader, with 45% share of total sales. GAZ has sold approximately 2800 vehicles, which indicates a 59.8% year-on-year rise. Another home brand UAZ occupies the second place, with a sales figure of around 1400 units (+14.6%). Mercedes-Benz came third (555, +71.3%). Lada (431, +69.7%) and Ford (335, +55.8%) are the remaining brands in the top-five.

Mercedes-Benz has achieved the highest rate of growth in the market in January (more than 70%). Two brands in the top-ten have experienced shrinkage: FIAT and Volkswagen (-52.6% and -16.8% respectively), on the other hand.

Top-10:	Brand	Units	YoY
	GAZ	2 762	+60%
	UAZ	1 377	+15%
	Mercedes-Benz	555	+71%
	Lada	431	+70%
	Ford	335	+56%
	VW	247	-17%
	Hyundai	105	+57%
	Peugeot	84	+24%
	FIAT	83	-53%
	Citroen	48	+26%
	Total market	6 120	+33,4%

Sales of new passenger cars and LCVs in Russia decreased by 5% in January

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In January 2017, sales of new cars and LCVs in Russia decreased by 5% compared with January 2016 and amounted to 77 916 cars, according to the AEB.

Chairman of the AEB Automobile Manufacturers Committee commented: “If the market is going to grow this year, then in January it is not showing any hurry to do so. After a very slow first 2 weeks, customer activity has been picking up visibly and consistently across the industry starting from the middle of the month. This suggests that consumers have digested the 2017 price and product offerings and are coming to terms with the new reality. This is a solid basis to start from into the beginning spring season, and with the recent trend continuing it should be only a matter of time until we see sales growing year-on-year”.

Top-10:

Brand	Units	YoY
Lada	16 334	+5%
KIA	10 306	+14%
Hyundai	6694	-16%
Renault	5208	+4%
VW	4581	+3%
Nissan	4230	-6%
Toyota	3831	-37%
Skoda	3571	0%
Mercedes-Benz	2471	-23%
GAZ LCV	2307	+25%

Car imports to Russia fell by 24% in 2016

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Car imports to Russia fell by 23.7% in 2016, to 267,000 vehicles. According to Russian Federal Customs House (FTS) data, the monetary value of automobiles imported to Russia within the aforementioned period amounted to \$6.0274 billion. 252,900 vehicles have been imported from non-CIS countries at the worth of \$5.8196 billion and 14,100 from CIS countries for \$207.8 million.

Truck imports were also down last year, by 9.8% to 20,300 units, with a total value of \$1.0306 billion. 16,600 of these trucks were imported from non-CIS countries for \$556 million and the remaining 3700 from CIS countries for \$475.1 million.

Car exports from Russia shrank by 30.2% in 2016 to 68,000 units, at a total monetary value of \$1.0975 billion. 23,400 of these vehicles were exported from non-CIS countries for \$553.3 million and 44,600 from CIS countries for \$544.2 million.

Truck exports fell by 28.5% to 14,300 vehicles, generating \$352.9 million. 6000 trucks have been exported to non-CIS countries for \$206 million and 8300 to CIS countries for \$146.9 million.

Avtovaz revenues increased by 4.8% in 2016

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Avtovaz Group has published the financial results of the year 2016. The high share achieved in Russian passenger cars market, in connection with the commercial success of new Lada models, the measures taken on restructuring, the pro-active reduction of costs and more favourable exchange rates have helped the improvement of the financial performance of the Group.

Despite the 12% shrinkage in Russian car market in 2016, Avtovaz has managed to increase its revenue to 184.9 billion rubles, which is equivalent to a 4.8% rise. High customer demand for the new Lada Vesta and Lada XRAY models, alongside a sensible pricing policy have become the main factors behind the revenue growth.

The retail sales of Lada in the Russian market amounted to 266,296 units in 2016 (down by 1% year-on-year). The share of Lada in the domestic market has risen by 2.2 points to 20.1%. 18,511 Lada vehicles have been sold in export markets (according to figures from 32 countries). Thereby, the combined sales of Lada in Russia and abroad have amounted to 284,807 vehicles.

The production volume of four brands (Lada, Renault, Nissan and Datsun) at Tolyatti and Izhevsk plants has reached 408,000 units, including the assembly kits.

The operational loss of Avtovaz Group before depreciation and the restructuring costs amounted to 15.6 billion rubles, which indicates a 36.8% year-on-year decline. (24.7 billion rubles). 25.0 billion rubles have been spent on depreciation and restructuring.

Avtovaz Group has ended the year 2016 with a net loss of 44.8% billion rubles, including the depreciation and restructuring costs.

Hyundai St. Petersburg plant will start the production of new Solaris on 15 February

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Hyundai St. Petersburg plant will start the serial production of the new generation Hyundai Solaris sedan on 15 February. As to the planned production volumes, the company intends to distribute its capacity on two models: Hyundai Solaris and Creta, localised in St. Petersburg equally. The company currently manufactures 100-110,000 Hyundai vehicles in the factory annually.

Hyundai St. Petersburg plant had commenced operations in September 2010. Hyundai Solaris, Hyundai Creta and KIA Rio are the currently manufactured models. The company plans to manufacture 220,000 automobiles in 2017 (+6.3% in comparison with 2016).

Electric buses manufactured by GAZ Group have hit the Moscow roads

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Russian electric buses, tested on the basis of Mosgortrans State Unitary Enterprise, will run on the main routes of the capital. The relevant statement has been made by Mosgortrans SUE press office to TASS.

“Today, the LiAZ-6274 electric buses have hit the M2 route, which connects the western regions of the capital with the interchange hub in the city centre at Slavyanskaya Square. Due to the high passenger traffic on this route, we will be able to evaluate the performance of the vehicles under heavy load. Six months of tests carried out on all stages made it possible for the vehicles to face different weather conditions” - said the chief engineer of the Mosgortrans SUE: Pavel Khmelev, as quoted by the press office.

The electric bus, which started running on Moscow roads, is manufactured on the basis of LiAZ-5292 low-floor, large-class buses. The vehicle is characterised by its high ecological standards and complete adaptation for disabled passengers. The electric bus has a capacity of up to 90 passengers. The maximum velocity of the vehicle is 80 km/h and the batteries are charged from the 380 volt electric mains.

President Putin has met the VW CEO Matthias Müller

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Volkswagen Group CEO Matthias Muller has discussed the issues faced by the company in Russia with President Vladimir Putin, at a meeting in Kremlin. The Russian leader said he was ready to help the German automotive giant's efforts to arrest sliding sales and reinvigorate its business in the country.

The press secretary of Vladimir Putin: Dmitri Peskov has stated that Muller and Putin have discussed the business development plans of Volkswagen. An industry source said Müller's meeting with Putin had been to discuss "exclusive benefits" for his company.

The meeting between Müller and Putin in Moscow comes at a critical time for VW, whose sales in Russia have seen a sharp downturn in recent years, plunging from their 2012 peak of almost 3 million vehicles a year to around 1.4 million cars now.

The main production of Volkswagen in Russia takes place at the full-cycle car factory in Kaluga. Two VW models - Polo sedan and Tiguan crossover are manufactured at the plant with the aforementioned method, alongside Skoda Rapid liftback. Due to falling demand (the total sales of VW Group have fallen to 156,712 vehicles in Russia in 2016, or by 4.9%), the plant has fulfilled less than half of its annual capacity of 225,000 units). 110,000 vehicles have been manufactured at the facility in 2016. The company has recently discontinued the SKD assembly of Audi A6 and A8 sedans in Kaluga.

KAMAZ has made a net profit of 339 million rubles in 2016

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The net profit of PJSC KAMAZ has amounted to 339 million rubles in 2016, in contrast with the previous year's loss of 2 billion rubles, as stated in the corporate publication of the company, with reference to the management report.

The revenues have reached 127.2 billion rubles (+31%). The investment made by the company in the development of the production of the new model range has amounted to 6.887 billion rubles.

As stated in the report, according to the operational data of KAMAZ, 34,323 vehicles have been sold in 2016 (21% year-on-year increase). Truck sales reached 28,122 units in Russia, alongside the export figure of 6201 vehicles (+6%).

The share of KAMAZ in Russian truck market over 14 tonnes gross weight amounted to 56% in 2016 (up from 51% in 2015).

Lexus RX has become the leader of the premium-segment of Russian car market

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Analytical agency Autostat has conducted a survey on Russian new automobile market in 2016 and compiled the ratings of the best-sold premium models.

According to the results of the survey, Lexus RX has become the leader of the segment, with a sales figure of 7848 vehicles, which indicates a 2.5 times growth. The remaining models of the top-three also belong to the Japanese brand - Lexus NX (6476, -32.5%) and Lexus LX (6402, +118.6%).

German brands are just outside the top-three. The top-five is completed by BMW X5 (5203, -13.3%) and Audi Q7 (5102, +44.6%). Mercedes-Benz models occupy sixth to eighth spots: GLS (5100, +18%), GLC (4791, +169.6%) and E-Klasse (4761, -2.7%). The ninth place belongs to BMW 5-Series (4426, +31.1%) and the last spot in top-ten to Mercedes-Benz GLE (4422, +10.6%).

It should be noted that the sales of new premium-segment passenger cars exceeded 139,000 units in Russia in 2016, following a 7.2% year-on-year decline.

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