

Russian spare parts market has reached \$18.8 billion in 2016

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According to Autostat, the aftermarket of car components and spare parts has amounted to 970 million units in Russia in 2016. The market volume has reached a total sum of \$18.8 billion in monetary terms, which is equivalent to 1.26 trillion rubles.

The three traditional segments have kept their leadership in the aftermarket of parts and components: suspension parts, tyres and oil. Suspension parts market has amounted to 135 billion rubles in total last year, which corresponds to approximately 11% of the components market in financial terms.

More than 9% of the market belongs to car tyres segment, which is equivalent to 121.5 billion rubles. Oils and technical fluids occupy the third spot (share around 8%). A total amount of 309 million litres of oils and fluids have been used in cars in 2016, costing automobile owners 97 billion rubles.

KAMAZ intends to enter the Philippine market

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KAMAZ plans to deliver more than 1000 automobiles to Philippines by 2020, as stated by the company press office.

The relevant memorandum of understanding has been signed between KAMAZ and the Philippine company Lifetruck International Incorporated on 25 May.

The specific schedule for the project, a model range of KAMAZ vehicles for the Philippine market and further activities will be agreed upon by the parties additionally, according to the press release.

Lifetruck plans to promote KAMAZ products in the Philippine market. The vehicles are expected to be used particularly in cargo transportation, construction and agriculture.

The memorandum also covers cooperation in the field of maintenance of KAMAZ vehicles. Lifetruck plans to create a dealer and service network with a repair and maintenance base throughout the Philippines. The implementation of the agreements will be carried out in stages.

Volkswagen is reviewing opportunities to export Russian production engines

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Volkswagen Group is interested in exporting the engines it manufactures in Russia to other countries. The engine assembly is carried out at the Kaluga plant at the moment. The production capacity of the facility is currently not fully utilised.

Volkswagen has been making the mass production of engines at Kaluga plant since September 2015. The assembly of 1.6 l petrol engines has started at the facility. The engines are available in two versions: 90 or 110hp.

Russian LCV market has grown by 19% in April

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According to Autostat data, the Russian new light commercial vehicle (LCV) market has amounted to 9700 units in April, following an 18.8% year-on-year growth.

The traditional leader of the market GAZ has kept its position, with approximately 42% share in total. GAZ has sold 4100 vehicles, which is equivalent to a 5.6% year-on-year rise. Another home brand UAZ occupies the second place, reaching a sales figure of 2400 units (+39.3%). As previously, the top-three is completed by yet another domestic brand: LADA (965, +79.4%). Mercedes-Benz (734, +18.6%) and Ford (502, +49.9%) came fourth and fifth respectively.

The Russian new LCV market has reached 33,000 units by the end of the first four months of 2017, indicating a 28% y-o-y increase.

Russian truck market up by 36% in April

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According to Autostat, 5900 new trucks have been sold in Russia in April 2017, following an increase of 35.7% in comparison with the same period of the previous year.

Russian manufacturer KAMAZ has kept the leadership of the market, with 37% share in total in April. The sales figure of the brand is equivalent to 2200 units, which indicates a 27.4% year-on-year rise. The leader is followed by another home brand GAZ, with 614 vehicles (-15%). Volvo has tripled its market share and joined the top-three (378 units). Isuzu (350, +117.4%) and Mercedes-Benz (342, +557.7%) are the remaining brands of the top-five.

Russian truck market has amounted to 19,300 units by the end of the first four months of 2017, following a 33.8% y-o-y growth.

Isuzu Rus has launched the production of heavy trucks

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Ulyanovsk Isuzu Rus plant has launched a line for the assembly of C and E truck series. The annual planned production figure is around 400 units. The volume will go up to 2000 vehicles in the forthcoming years. The trucks will be equipped with Euro-5 standard engines, as stated by the press office of Ulyanovsk regional government.

A total amount of 200 million rubles has been invested in the production site. The current number of employees is 263, to be increased to 300 within the year, according to company data.

As one may remember, the first truck assembly line was opened at Ulyanovsk car plant in May 2012. Today, the company in Ulyanovsk manufactures a full range of trucks, from 3-tonnes upwards. Due to the launch of production of heavy series, the total capacity of the factory has reached 100% and the planned production for 2017 is 4300 units. Trucks are assembled in Ulyanovsk using both imported and localised units and components. Further localisation of production within the territory of Ulyanovsk region is within the plans of the company.

Bus market has grown by 62% during the first quarter

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According to Autostat data, the Russian new bus market (excluding LCVs) has amounted to 2500 units by the end of the first quarter of 2017, following a 62% year-on-year growth.

PAZ has become the leader of the market with more than half of the share in total. PAZ has sold a little bit over 1400 vehicles, exceeding last year's figure by 54%. Another home brand LiAZ occupies the second spot, with 525 units (+156%). Belarusian MAZ completes the top-three (160, +39%). Russian NEFAZ (135, -9%) and KAVZ (70, +27%) are the remaining brands of the top-five.

High-floor, small class PAZ 3205 has become the most popular model of the bus market, with a sales figure of 815 units during the first quarter of 2017 (+42%). Another product of Pavlovsk Automobile Factory: the small class PAZ-3204 follows the leader (350, +105%). Low-floor, large-class LiAZ-5292 comes third in the rankings (245, +474%). Two domestic models complete the top-five: LiAZ-4292 (235, +287%) and PAZ-4234 (180, +82%).

Ukraine has brought sanctions against Russian car manufacturers

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Ukraine has brought sanctions against a number of Russian companies, including GAZ Group and KAMAZ.

According to Wroom.ru portal, sanctions have been imposed on GAZ Group, also affecting bus factories under the company's umbrella, such as: LiAZ and PAZ, for a period of three years. The sanctions imply a temporary blocking of the assets of companies in Ukraine, restriction of trade operations and a ban on public procurement of their products. Gorky Car Factory has not been specifically mentioned in the decree, however, it's likely that the plant will be affected by the restrictions.

Remarkably, PAZ became the leader of the Ukrainian bus market last year, exporting 401 vehicles to the country (Russian sales figure for the aforementioned period was 5952 units). According to Ukravtoprom Association, 90 PAZ buses and 350 GAZ light commercial vehicles have been sold in the country during the first quarter of 2017.

With regards to KAMAZ, restrictions have been imposed on trade operations for the duration of one year. As previously reported, the Naberezhnye Chelny company had already stopped the official deliveries of trucks and components to Ukraine, however, according to Ukavtoprom, 45 KAMAZ trucks have been sold in Ukraine within the first quarter of the year.

LADA and UAZ automobiles are currently being delivered to the Ukrainian market from Russia, alongside the Russian assembly Hyundai Solaris (named Accent in Ukraine), Hyundai Creta and Volkswagen Polo models.

Car production has increased by 22.3% in Russia within the January-April period

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Car production has risen by 22.3% year-on-year in Russia within the January-April period to 423,000 units, according to Rosstat.

The output has grown by 20.4% in April to 116.000 units in annual terms, in contrast with a shrinkage by 5% in comparison with March production.

Truck production (including chassis, excluding dump trucks) has grown by 13.8% by the end of the first four months of the year to 43,000 units, alongside the 36% increase in bus production to 7900 units.

Mann+Hummel and Mubea have stopped their factory constructions in Russia

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According to the press office of the government of Samara region, the manufacturer of air filters and inlet modules for passenger cars: Mann+Hummel has given up on the construction of a plant in Tolyatti SEZ and sold the incomplete site to Prodmash-composite in February 2017. The company planned to invest 444 million rubles in the Tolyatti site and reach an annual production volume of 450,000 components. Mann+Hummel has another plant in Russia, in Naberezhnye Chelny.

Mubea Suspension Components Rus, the affiliate company of the German Mubea Group, has postponed its suspension springs production project for automobiles. The company has rescheduled its plans in the design process of the building framework and the start of the construction works, due to the shrinkage in car production in the Russian market. "We plan to launch the Tolyatti SEZ plant by the end of 2020. According to our predictions, the Russian automobile market will have recovered to a level that would enable us to receive enough orders to start the production by that time" - said the project manager Alexei Berezhnov.

As one may remember, the construction of the plant had started in 2014. The company had plans to invest more than 700 million rubles.

Kaluga Volvo plant will increase truck production

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Kaluga Volvo Vostok plant currently operates full-time and plans to increase the production of Volvo trucks this year. The company director Abuayub Abdennaïsser has made the relevant statement and added that 24 automobiles will be rolling off the production line on a daily basis as of June. The truck cabins will be delivered by a specialist company, located in the neighbourhood of the Swedish manufacturer. In connection with the restoration of production volumes, 280 specialists have returned to their posts and the total number of workforce exceeds 500 people, as stated by the regional press office Kaluga.

The extension of the localisation of production in Kaluga is within the plans of the Volga Vostok factory. Currently, the company successfully cooperates with Kaluga Engine Company, which supplies parts for gearbox assembly.

As one may remember, the Volga Vostok factory was opened in January 2009. The annual capacity of the enterprise, which is worth over €100 million, amounts to 15,000 trucks (10,000 Volvo + 5000 Renault).

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