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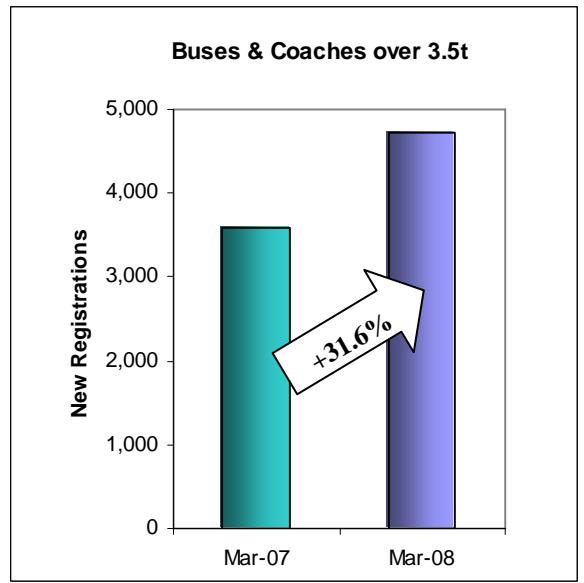
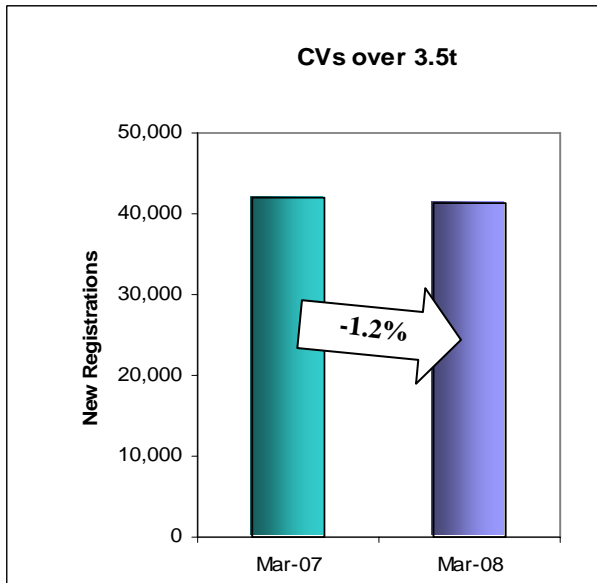
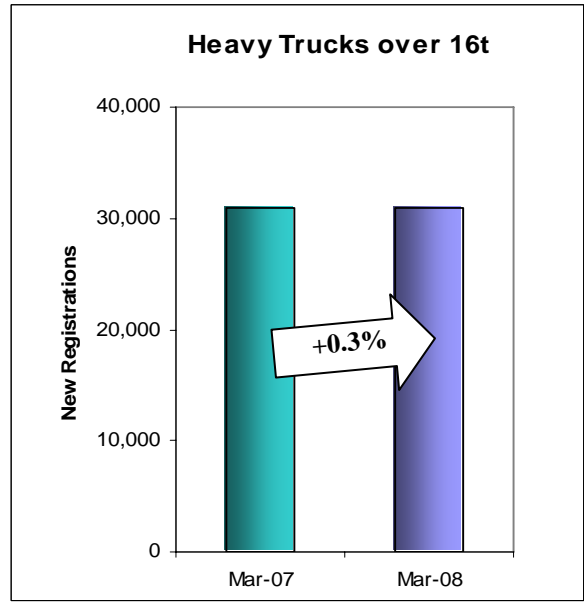
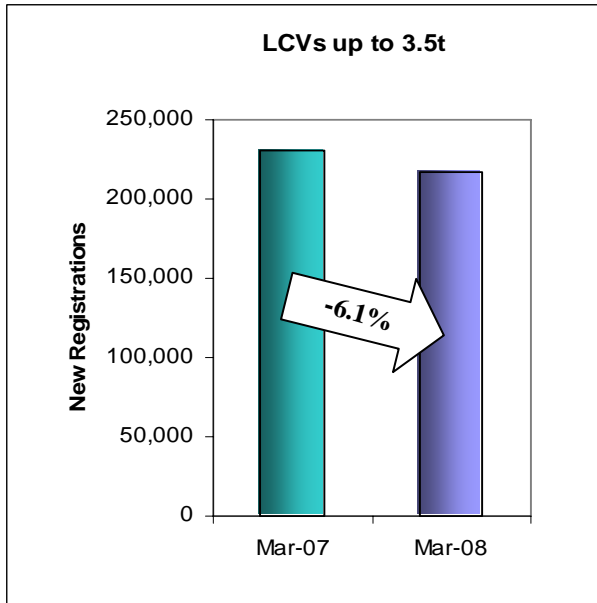
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Press Release

NEW COMMERCIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

March 2008

EU + EFTA Countries



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Commercial vehicle registrations up 1.4% in first quarter 2008

New commercial vehicle registrations in the first quarter this year amounted to 700,245 units¹ in Europe (EU27+EFTA), or 1.4% more than in the first three months of 2007. Results for March, however, were 4.9% lower than last year, partly due to the timing of the Easter break, which led to the loss of two business days². From January to March 2008, demand rose for all categories of vehicles, with the exception of light commercial vehicles.

New Light Commercial Vehicles up to 3.5t - “vans”

The van segment was the only category of commercial vehicles affected by the economic downturn. The *monthly figures* for March show a 7.8% decline in Western Europe and, despite the 14.4% increase in the new EU Member States, an overall decrease of 6.1%. The markets in France, Italy and the UK still posted growth ranging from 6.2% to 1.6%. Germany, however, recorded a 6.3% drop and the Spanish figures (-35.9%) reflected the deteriorating economic outlook for the country. The new EU Member States all registered more vehicles in March compared with last year, except for Estonia and Latvia. Poland and the Czech Republic registered the most cars, 5,614 and 4,898 respectively.

Cumulative figures counter-balanced the March results in the majority of markets. In Western Europe, only France performed better in March (+6.2%) than over the first quarter as a whole (+1.8%). Italy registered 11% more vans and the UK 2.3% more. The number of vehicles registered throughout the first quarter in Europe was stable compared to the same period last year (-1%). Western Europe registered 3% less and the new EU Member States 22.9% more.

New Heavy Commercial Vehicles over 16t (excluding Buses & Coaches) – “heavy trucks”

Monthly figures recorded a stable demand for heavy trucks (+0.3%) in Europe, and in Western Europe (-0.5%). The new EU Member States increased their registrations by 4.5%. The fall in registrations in the German market (-30.6%) was balanced by an increase of the French and British markets by 18.1% and 37.3% respectively. Italian and Spanish registrations dropped by 9.7% and 37.3%. Among the new EU Member States, Poland stood out with 2,138 trucks registered.

While the European market proved to be stable in March, registrations rose by 13.2% looking at the *cumulative figures up till March*. Western Europe increased its result by 14.1% and the new EU Member States by 8.5%. In the first quarter, Germany registered the most trucks (16,791) despite a 4.2% decrease. France recorded 13,683 registrations and a 32.5% rise. A sound 42.5% increase was posted by the UK, as the Italian market expanded by 5.9% and the Spanish fell by 5.1%.

New Commercial Vehicles over 3.5t (excluding Buses & Coaches) – “trucks”

The *March results* in Western Europe declined by 2.6%, whereas demand in the new Member States grew by 6.7%. As a consequence, overall demand in Europe slightly decreased by 1.2%. In the *first quarter* of the year, both Western Europe and the new Member States posted growth (+11.7% and +18.8%), leading to an overall increase of 12.7%.

The biggest market in this segment was Germany with 24,789 vehicles registered from January to March, albeit a 5.5% contraction. France came second with 16,018 units and a 28.2% increase, followed by the UK with 14,846 trucks and a 43.7% upturn over the same period. In the new Member States, the three most important markets are Poland (6,993 units, +26.6%), the Czech Republic (2,543) and Romania (2,128).

New Buses & Coaches over 3.5t

Registrations of buses and coaches in Europe were 20.5% higher in the first quarter of this year than last year. They were up by 16.7% in Western Europe and 47.6% in the new Member States. The major market for this segment is the United Kingdom, which grew by 44.2% over the past three months.

ACEA press releases on commercial vehicles have been covering Bulgaria and Romania since January 2008

¹ Please note that registration figures for Denmark were still incomplete at the time of publication

² Three less days in Germany, the UK, Greece, Sweden, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Slovakia; four less days in Spain and Denmark

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EU* + EFTA COUNTRIES REGISTRATION FIGURES BY MARKET NEW LIGHT COMMERCIAL VEHICLES up to 3.5t

25/04/08

	March '08	March '07	% Change	Jan-Mar '08	Jan-Mar '07	% Change
AUSTRIA	3.019	3.225	-6,4%	8.415	7.960	5,7%
BELGIUM	6.503	6.633	-2,0%	18.994	18.850	0,8%
DENMARK**	2.567	6.388	-59,8%	8.823	16.472	-46,4%
FINLAND	1.353	1.651	-18,0%	4.681	4.887	-4,2%
FRANCE	42.634	40.151	6,2%	120.055	117.958	1,8%
GERMANY	19.149	20.438	-6,3%	52.931	50.234	5,4%
GREECE	1.769	2.187	-19,1%	6.128	6.316	-3,0%
IRELAND	3.980	5.545	-28,2%	17.445	21.213	-17,8%
ITALY	23.436	22.676	3,4%	64.824	58.392	11,0%
LUXEMBOURG	358	347	3,2%	1.065	888	19,9%
NETHERLANDS	8.141	7.433	9,5%	28.318	24.093	17,5%
PORTUGAL	5.205	6.721	-22,6%	13.987	17.133	-18,4%
SPAIN	17.881	27.888	-35,9%	53.116	70.007	-24,1%
SWEDEN	3.408	3.993	-14,7%	9.652	10.107	-4,5%
UNITED KINGDOM	52.333	51.500	1,6%	90.105	88.072	2,3%
EU15	191.736	206.776	-7,3%	498.539	512.582	-2,7%
ICELAND	178	201	-11,4%	570	567	0,5%
NORWAY	3.030	4.214	-28,1%	8.658	10.566	-18,1%
SWITZERLAND	2.210	2.528	-12,6%	6.379	6.419	-0,6%
EFTA	5.418	6.943	-22,0%	15.607	17.552	-11,1%
WESTERN EUROPE	197.154	213.719	-7,8%	514.146	530.134	-3,0%
BULGARIA	958	610	57,0%	2.367	1.844	28,4%
CZECH REPUBLIC	4.898	4.655	5,2%	15.208	12.824	18,6%
ESTONIA	252	367	-31,3%	885	1.111	-20,3%
HUNGARY	2.050	1.778	15,3%	5.348	4.787	11,7%
LATVIA	195	316	-38,3%	623	869	-28,3%
LITHUANIA	318	263	20,9%	1.004	865	16,1%
POLAND	5.614	4.480	25,3%	14.147	11.100	27,5%
ROMANIA	2.712	2.498	8,6%	8.350	6.035	38,4%
SLOVAKIA	2.017	1.628	23,9%	6.158	4.529	36,0%
SLOVENIA	711	646	10,1%	2.136	1.778	20,1%
EU (New Members)	19.725	17.241	14,4%	56.226	45.742	22,9%
EUROPEAN UNION*	211.461	224.017	-5,6%	554.765	558.324	-0,6%
TOTAL EUROPE (EU+EFTA)	216.879	230.960	-6,1%	570.372	575.876	-1,0%

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EU* + EFTA COUNTRIES REGISTRATION FIGURES BY MARKET NEW HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES of 16t and over**

25/04/08

	March '08	March '07	% Change	Jan-Mar '08	Jan-Mar '07	% Change
AUSTRIA	897	901	-0,4%	2.208	1.941	13,8%
BELGIUM	878	879	-0,1%	3.050	2.848	7,1%
DENMARK***	396	576	-31,3%	1.340	1.496	-10,4%
FINLAND	268	222	20,7%	869	676	28,6%
FRANCE	4.360	3.693	18,1%	13.683	10.329	32,5%
GERMANY	5.217	7.519	-30,6%	16.791	17.535	-4,2%
GREECE	117	180	-35,0%	398	508	-21,7%
IRELAND	280	399	-29,8%	1.234	1.425	-13,4%
ITALY	2.153	2.384	-9,7%	7.068	6.672	5,9%
LUXEMBOURG	161	102	57,8%	490	292	67,8%
NETHERLANDS	3.057	1.276	++	6.435	3.265	97,1%
PORTUGAL	462	354	30,5%	1.325	1.026	29,1%
SPAIN	2.531	3.428	-26,2%	8.455	8.912	-5,1%
SWEDEN	509	559	-8,9%	1.403	1.375	2,0%
UNITED KINGDOM	4.007	2.919	37,3%	8.346	5.855	42,5%
EUROPEAN UNION	25.293	25.391	-0,4%	73.095	64.155	13,9%
ICELAND	18	32	-43,8%	65	65	0,0%
NORWAY	387	404	-4,2%	1.355	1.161	16,7%
SWITZERLAND	305	294	3,7%	813	660	23,2%
EFTA	710	730	-2,7%	2.233	1.886	18,4%
WEST. EUROPE	26.003	26.121	-0,5%	75.328	66.041	14,1%
BULGARIA	221	153	44,4%	593	357	66,1%
CZECH REPUBLIC	609	688	-11,5%	1.834	1.581	16,0%
ESTONIA	144	146	-1,4%	417	401	4,0%
HUNGARY	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
LATVIA	165	257	-35,8%	613	643	-4,7%
LITHUANIA	365	410	-11,0%	1.108	954	16,1%
POLAND	2.138	1.739	22,9%	5.300	4.476	18,4%
ROMANIA	759	849	-10,6%	786	1.668	-52,9%
SLOVAKIA	361	332	8,7%	1.050	816	28,7%
SLOVENIA	217	192	13,0%	769	594	29,5%
EU (New Members)	4.979	4.766	4,5%	12.470	11.490	8,5%
EUROPEAN UNION*	30.272	30.157	0,4%	85.565	75.645	13,1%
TOTAL EUROPE (EU+EFTA)	30.982	30.887	0,3%	87.798	77.531	13,2%

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25/04/08

	March '08	March '07	% Change	Jan-Mar '08	Jan-Mar '07	% Change
AUSTRIA	951	964	-1,3%	2.379	2.140	11,2%
BELGIUM	1.084	1.123	-3,5%	3.739	3.662	2,1%
DENMARK***	478	651	-26,6%	1.587	1.674	-5,2%
FINLAND	426	417	2,2%	1.397	1.253	11,5%
FRANCE	5.121	4.388	16,7%	16.018	12.497	28,2%
GERMANY	7.966	11.280	-29,4%	24.789	26.223	-5,5%
GREECE	206	261	-21,1%	654	735	-11,0%
IRELAND	408	615	-33,7%	1.763	2.155	-18,2%
ITALY	2.893	3.238	-10,7%	9.306	9.029	3,1%
LUXEMBOURG	171	125	36,8%	539	340	58,5%
NETHERLANDS	3.298	1.431	130,5%	7.179	3.692	94,4%
PORTUGAL	551	458	20,3%	1.607	1.323	21,5%
SPAIN	3.236	4.293	-24,6%	10.581	11.217	-5,7%
SWEDEN	588	651	-9,7%	1.614	1.604	0,6%
UNITED KINGDOM	6.687	5.048	32,5%	14.846	10.334	43,7%
EUROPEAN UNION	34.064	34.943	-2,5%	97.998	87.878	11,5%
ICELAND	29	41	-29,3%	116	91	27,5%
NORWAY	534	542	-1,5%	1.768	1.521	16,2%
SWITZERLAND	387	411	-5,8%	1.048	884	18,6%
EFTA	950	994	-4,4%	2.932	2.496	17,5%
WEST. EUROPE	35.014	35.937	-2,6%	100.930	90.374	11,7%
BULGARIA	367	239	53,6%	981	545	80,0%
CZECH REPUBLIC	910	928	-1,9%	2.543	2.186	16,3%
ESTONIA	161	173	-6,9%	459	462	-0,6%
HUNGARY	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
LATVIA	174	274	-36,5%	660	709	-6,9%
LITHUANIA	388	432	-10,2%	1.200	1.005	19,4%
POLAND	2.803	2.197	27,6%	6.993	5.525	26,6%
ROMANIA	875	1.053	-16,9%	2.128	2.201	-3,3%
SLOVAKIA	465	458	1,5%	1.352	1.135	19,1%
SLOVENIA	243	229	6,1%	860	694	23,9%
EU (New Members)	6.386	5.983	6,7%	17.176	14.462	18,8%
EUROPEAN UNION*	40.450	40.926	-1,2%	115.174	102.340	12,5%
TOTAL EUROPE (EU+EFTA)	41.400	41.920	-1,2%	118.106	104.836	12,7%

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25/04/08

	March '08	March '07	% Change	Jan-Mar '08	Jan-Mar '07	% Change
AUSTRIA	65	50	30,0%	235	142	65,5%
BELGIUM	155	74	109,5%	423	268	57,8%
DENMARK**	55	16	++	120	104	15,4%
FINLAND	45	36	25,0%	137	108	26,9%
FRANCE	488	479	1,9%	1.668	1.442	15,7%
GERMANY	500	480	4,2%	1.349	1.340	0,7%
GREECE	62	35	77,1%	285	86	++
IRELAND	38	31	22,6%	172	89	93,3%
ITALY	425	400	6,3%	1.230	1.194	3,0%
LUXEMBOURG	39	21	85,7%	119	81	46,9%
NETHERLANDS	85	54	57,4%	132	138	-4,3%
PORTUGAL	61	69	-11,6%	248	236	5,1%
SPAIN	392	550	-28,7%	983	1.211	-18,8%
SWEDEN	54	68	-20,6%	165	216	-23,6%
UNITED KINGDOM	1.105	699	58,1%	2.302	1.596	44,2%
EUROPEAN UNION	3.569	3.062	16,6%	9.568	8.251	16,0%
ICELAND	4	1	++	6	3	++
NORWAY	105	94	11,7%	271	217	24,9%
SWITZERLAND	77	40	92,5%	158	101	56,4%
EFTA	186	135	37,8%	435	321	35,5%
WEST. EUROPE	3.755	3.197	17,5%	10.003	8.572	16,7%
BULGARIA	15	8	87,5%	86	13	++
CZECH REPUBLIC	103	69	49,3%	209	153	36,6%
ESTONIA	14	17	-17,6%	33	60	-45,0%
HUNGARY	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
LATVIA	7	4	75,0%	51	19	168,4%
LITHUANIA	3	18	-83,3%	10	40	-75,0%
POLAND	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
ROMANIA	788	237	++	1.213	807	50,3%
SLOVAKIA	31	28	10,7%	123	80	53,8%
SLOVENIA	9	13	-30,8%	39	23	69,6%
EU (New Members)	970	394	146,2%	1.764	1.195	47,6%
EUROPEAN UNION*	4.539	3.456	31,3%	11.332	9.446	20,0%
TOTAL EUROPE (EU+EFTA)	4.725	3.591	31,6%	11.767	9.767	20,5%

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