

Press release

IN 2009 ITALIAN CAR MARKET ALIGNED WITH THE YEAR 2008
with Home Makes in growth by 19.4% in December (2009 share close to 33%)

Turin, 4th January 2010 – Also in January the Italian Car market increased, up by 16.7%, recording 165,428 new-car registrations; volumes realized in 2009 totally amounted to 2,158,010 units, attaining the same levels of 2008 when the year closed with 2,161,682 registrations.

The increase recorded in new registrations was partly motivated by the *expiration* of the governmental scrapping incentive program, ended in December 2009, and also due to several promotional campaigns offered by all Carmakers.

The penetration share of cars with alternative motorizations was around 31% in December, in alignment with the growing trend recorded during the whole year (share recorded in January: 9.9%). As a final result the global share of 2009 was about 21.6% on 6.4% of the previous year. 87.4% of the alternative motorized cars sold in 2009 belonged to A, B e C segments (provisional data).

“At the beginning of 2009, nobody could expect such a closure in 2009, aligned with those volumes recorded in 2008, considering the heavy difficulties created by the economic financial crisis in progress – declared Eugenio Razelli, President of ANFIA. This situation was also expected to persist, but this did not occur thanks to the scrapping incentive campaign started up. Now, it is fundamental that these measures be renewed this year, to sustain both economy and environment; actually, the majority of European countries have already made their decision to extend the incentives for 2010. On the other hand, the EU Vice President Antonio Tajani has already reconfirmed his “green light” to these measures, being aware of the importance to help and accompany the automotive sector towards the complete recovery, in view of replacing the vehicles in circulation and promoting a wider use of low environmental impact cars.”

With regard to our country, the incentive plan for 2009 proved really quite efficient and successful, and now it is to be extended for 2010, with particular focus on alternative and methane motorizations by means of a more lasting deferment, in order to progressively adequate the whole sector, and strengthen the dealer network. Further to the great results obtained by scrapping incentives, it is now necessary to look for valid solutions, for example by including in the disposition Tremonti-ter also some vehicles like commercial vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers, that have not yet benefited from these advantages up to now.”

As for total orders received, further to some first information based on the usual exchange of data between ANFIA and UNRAE, in December around 260,000 were signed, namely more than 68% on December 2008, while in 2009 were recorded nearly 2,335,000 orders (up by 15% on orders collected in 2008).

In December the growth recorded by Domestic makes (up by 19.4% with 52,452 new

registrations) exceeded the market increase whereas the penetration share went up by 0.7 of a percentage point (31.7% on 31%). Also the 12-month period was positive: up by 2.7% for a total of 710,870 new units recorded. The market share went up as well in 2009 (by around one percentage point), reaching almost 33% (32.9% on 32%).

The top-ten best selling car list was led in December by Fiat Punto (15,078 units) and Fiat Panda (12,999), that were also the two best selling models of 2009 (by respectively 182,622 and 171,435 units sold). At 7th place Lancia Ypsilon (advancing by two positions on the previous month, with 3,999 units), followed at 8th place by Fiat 500 (3,957) that was at 4th place in the yearly best selling list (80,078).

With regard to diesel cars, the share attained in December was around 38.4%, namely down by 39.2% on November, while the share for 2009 was close to 41.8% (down by almost 9 percentage points on 2008 – 50.6% - and almost 14 points on 2007 – 55.7%).

In December the best selling diesel model was Fiat Punto (with 2,957 units) on 2009 (49,163). In the yearly list of best selling models, respectively at 6th and 7th places we find Fiat Bravo (21,793) and Fiat 500 (20,086), with Lancia Delta at 10th place (17,764).

As for the second-hand car market, in December, total transfers of ownership (*including the mini-transfer transactions between clients and dealers*) attained 397,887 units and posted a light growth on December 2008 (up by 1.8%). 2009 total transactions recorded were 4,469,775 with a decrease by 10.5% on 2008.

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ITALIA - IMMATRICOLAZIONI AUTOVETTURE
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dati provvisori/provisional data

MARCA/MAKE	DICEMBRE DECEMBER				VAR. % % CHG. 09/08	GENNAIO/DICEMBRE JANUARY/DECEMBER				VAR. % % CHG. 09/08
	2009	%	2008	%		2009	%	2008	%	
FIAT	41.115	24,85	34.479	24,33	19,25	549.310	25,45	542.408	25,05	1,27
ALFA ROMEO	3.233	1,95	3.375	2,38	-4,21	55.251	2,56	52.833	2,44	4,58
LANCIA	7.817	4,73	5.879	4,15	32,96	102.549	4,75	93.331	4,32	9,88
DR MOTOR	235	0,14	142	0,10	65,49	2.326	0,11	1.908	0,05	21,91
FERRARI	16	0,01	18	0,01	-11,11	620	0,03	645	0,03	-3,88
MASERATI	25	0,02	38	0,03	-34,21	587	0,03	813	0,04	-27,80
LAMBORGHINI	3	0,00	2	0,00	50,00	151	0,01	170	0,01	-11,18
ALTRE NAZIONALI	8	0,00	4	-	-	76	0,00	25	0,00	-
TOT. MARCHE NAZ.	52.452	31,71	43.937	31,00	19,38	710.870	32,94	692.133	32,02	2,71
AUDI	2.779	1,68	3.965	2,80	-29,91	60.256	2,79	61.386	2,84	-1,84
BMW	5.871	3,55	4.968	3,51	18,18	55.316	2,56	68.298	3,16	-19,01
CHEVROLET	3.968	2,40	2.678	1,89	48,17	52.843	2,45	45.339	2,10	16,55
CHRYSLER/JEEP/DODGE	693	0,42	967	0,68	-28,34	9.365	0,43	18.160	0,84	-48,43
CITROEN	9.246	5,59	7.103	5,01	30,17	111.016	5,14	116.115	5,37	-4,39
DAIHATSU	744	0,45	1.018	0,72	-26,92	9.125	0,42	15.490	0,72	-41,09
FORD	15.401	9,31	10.633	7,50	44,84	210.705	9,76	169.872	7,86	24,04
HONDA	1.167	0,71	1.136	0,80	2,73	18.668	0,87	18.938	0,88	-1,43
HYUNDAI	4.432	2,68	779	0,55	468,93	38.866	1,80	20.354	0,94	90,95
KIA	1.819	1,10	1.494	1,05	21,75	20.823	0,96	20.659	0,96	0,79
LAND ROVER	507	0,31	493	0,35	2,84	9.362	0,43	11.839	0,55	-20,92
MAZDA	1.086	0,66	1.072	0,76	1,31	14.396	0,67	18.340	0,85	-21,50
MERCEDES	4.527	2,74	3.565	2,52	26,98	55.482	2,57	70.752	3,27	-21,58
MINI	1.658	1,00	1.254	0,88	32,22	17.544	0,81	18.463	0,85	-4,98
MITSUBISHI	365	0,22	480	0,34	-23,96	4.812	0,22	10.546	0,45	-54,37
NISSAN	3.652	2,21	1.889	1,33	93,33	53.082	2,46	47.460	2,20	11,85
OPEL	9.140	5,53	12.074	8,52	-24,30	126.799	5,88	142.525	6,55	-11,03
PEUGEOT	9.955	6,02	7.206	5,08	38,15	113.448	5,26	94.362	4,37	20,23
RENAULT	6.614	4,00	4.219	2,98	56,77	91.998	4,26	94.939	4,35	-3,10
SEAT	1.518	0,92	1.953	1,38	-22,27	19.488	0,90	25.847	1,20	-24,60
SKODA	1.089	0,66	781	0,55	39,44	13.939	0,65	17.696	0,82	-21,23
SMART	1.847	1,12	1.998	1,41	-7,56	29.245	1,36	33.825	1,56	-13,54
SUZUKI	3.089	1,87	2.356	1,66	31,11	33.475	1,55	33.300	1,54	0,53
TOYOTA/LEXUS	8.004	4,84	10.923	7,71	-26,72	95.914	4,44	109.748	5,08	-12,61
VOLKSWAGEN	9.039	5,46	9.352	6,60	-3,35	125.887	5,83	137.829	6,38	-8,66
VOLVO	1.209	0,73	1.064	0,75	13,63	16.181	0,75	16.642	0,77	-2,77
ALTRE	3.557	2,15	2.358	1,66	50,85	39.105	1,81	30.825	1,43	26,86
TOT.MARCHE EST.	112.976	68,29	97.778	69,00	15,54	1.447.140	67,06	1.469.549	67,98	-1,52
TOT.MERCATO	165.428	100,00	141.715	100,00	16,73	2.158.010	100,00	2.161.682	100,00	-0,17

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TOTALE MERCATO - MARKET TOTAL

N.	MARCA <i>Make</i>	MODELLO <i>Model</i>	DICEMBRE 2009 <i>DECEMBER 2009</i>	N.	MARCA <i>Make</i>	MODELLO <i>Model</i>	GENN./DICEMBRE 2009 <i>JAN./DECEMBER 2009</i>
1	FIAT	PUNTO	15.078	1	FIAT	PUNTO	182.622
2	FIAT	PANDA	12.999	2	FIAT	PANDA	171.435
3	FORD	FIESTA	8.448	3	FORD	FIESTA	106.260
4	CITROEN	C3	5.322	4	FIAT	500	80.078
5	OPEL	CORSA	4.068	5	CITROEN	C3	57.467
6	PEUGEOT	207	4.052	6	VOLKSWAGEN	GOLF	56.391
7	LANCIA	YPSILON	3.999	7	OPEL	CORSA	52.267
8	FIAT	500	3.957	8	LANCIA	YPSILON	50.870
9	VOLKSWAGEN	GOLF	3.610	9	PEUGEOT	207	45.930
10	TOYOTA	YARIS	3.353	10	TOYOTA	YARIS	42.721

DIESEL

N.	MARCA <i>Make</i>	MODELLO <i>Model</i>	DICEMBRE 2009 <i>DECEMBER 2009</i>	N.	MARCA <i>Make</i>	MODELLO <i>Model</i>	GENN./DICEMBRE 2009 <i>JAN./DECEMBER 2009</i>
1	FIAT	PUNTO	2.957	1	FIAT	PUNTO	49.163
2	FORD	FIESTA	2.802	2	FORD	FIESTA	42.262
3	BMW	SERIE 3	2.548	3	VOLKSWAGEN	GOLF	34.515
4	VOLKSWAGEN	GOLF	2.247	4	FORD	FOCUS	31.245
5	FORD	FOCUS	1.791	5	NISSAN	QASHQAI	22.605
6	PEUGEOT	308	1.384	6	FIAT	BRAVO	21.793
7	NISSAN	QASHQAI	1.315	7	FIAT	500	20.086
8	OPEL	CORSA	1.262	8	AUDI	A4	19.755
9	PEUGEOT	207	1.256	9	BMW	SERIE 3	19.577
10	CITROEN	C3	1.218	10	LANCIA	DELTA	17.764

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