5% fewer registrations of new passenger cars from January to October 2019; more new registrations of two-wheelers

Vienna, 2019-11-12 – 283 410 new passenger cars were registered between January and October 2019, according to Statistics Austria. This represents a decrease of 5.0% compared to the same period of the previous year. The number of registrations of petrol-driven passenger cars declined by 4.6% (share: 54.3%), those of diesel-driven cars by 11.9% (share: 38.2%). Among passenger cars with alternative drives, increases were recorded for electric cars (+48.5%), petrol hybrids (+29.4%; share related to alternative drives: 45.8%) and diesel hybrids (+416.3% or +2 552 to 3 165 registrations).

Among the ten most important passenger car makes, VW (16.1%), Skoda (8.4%) and Seat (6.4%) had the highest shares related to all new passenger car registrations. The highest increases compared to the same period in 2018 were reported for Skoda (+7.2%), Seat (+6.2%) and BMW (+2.1%) – these were also the only makes with growing figures among the Top 10.

New registrations of two-wheelers increased by 7.8%

From January to October 2019, the number of registrations of new scooters increased by 8.1%, those of new motorcycles by 7.7% compared to previous year’s period. These figures resulted in a total increase for two-wheelers of 7.8%.

Of the 12 424 newly registered scooters (up to 50 cm³ cubic capacity), 1 793 were electric scooters (share: 14.4%; +10.5%). Of the 27 200 newly registered motorcycles, 1.9% had an electric drive (520 vehicles; +94.0%), 31.0% a cubic capacity up to 125 cm³ (8 432 vehicles; +9.8%) and 67.1% a cubic capacity of 126 cm³ (18.248 vehicles, +5.3%). The purchase of electric scooters and motorcycles is promoted in 2019 and 2020, as is the purchase of electric passenger cars.

More registrations for commercial vehicles

The market for commercial vehicles recorded rising registration figures for tractors used for agriculture and forestry (+18.8), lorries category (cat.) N3 (+11.9%), lorries cat. N2 (+1.1%) and lorries cat. N1 (+1.0%). Decreases were reported for articulated lorries (-3.6%).

A total of 380 455 new motor vehicles was registered between January and October 2019, resulting in a decrease of 2.5% compared to the same period in 2018.

Registrations in October 2019

25 138 passenger cars were registered in October 2019, 11.7% more than in October 2018 and 19.4% more than in September 2019. The number of new vehicles registrations in total rose by 7.6% compared to October 2018.

For more detailed results and further information concerning statistics of motor vehicles please refer to our website.

Information on methods, definitions: Motor vehicle statistics (registrations of new and used vehicles as well as the stock of vehicles) are secondary statistics, compiled on the basis of daily data files sent to Statistics Austria by Austria’s association of insurance companies (VVO). VVO, in turn, receives data by the insurances’ registrations offices, responsible for registrations, de-registrations and rectifications of motor vehicles and trailers. Within motor vehicle statistics, all motor vehicles, once nationally or internationally registered, are levied, irrespective of the registration’s duration.