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Used passenger car registrations down by 13 % in the first half of 2022

Fewer registrations for used petrol and diesel passenger cars; alternative drive systems hold a share of 7.0 % of all used passenger car registrations and are up by around 50 %

Vienna, 2022-07-14 — According to Statistics Austria, 393 259 used passenger cars were registered in the first half of 2022, 12.9 % fewer than in the same period of the previous year. A decrease of 12.3 % was also observed for total used motor vehicles with 509 621 registrations.

After an increase of 12.8 % in registrations of used passenger cars in January 2022, declining registration figures followed in February (-4.1 %), March (-20.9 %), April (-16.3 %), May (-16.2 %) and in June even with -22.8 %. Fewer registrations compared with H1 2021 were recorded for diesel-powered passenger cars (share: 55.2 %; -18.0 %) and petrol-powered passenger cars (including flex-fuel; share: 37.8 %; -11.8 %).

On the other hand, the registrations of used passenger cars with alternative drive increased significantly by 48.1% compared to the first half of 2021 and reached a share of 7.0% (2021: 4.1%) of total used passenger car registrations. Among them, registrations of passenger cars with petrol-hybrid drive accounted for a share of 3.5% (+33.1%), passenger cars with electric drive (BEV) for a share of 2.3% (+83.1%), and passenger cars with diesel-hybrid drive for a share of 1.1% (+48.8%).

Among the top 10 used passenger car makes, VW (share: 19.7 %) ranked ahead of Audi (share: 9.8 %), BMW (share: 9.4 %) and Mercedes (share: 6.8 %) in the first half of 2022. All top 10 passenger car makes recorded declines in used registrations: Seat (-17.7 %), VW (-17.5 %), Skoda (-16.5 %), Ford (-15.6 %), Opel (-14.4 %), Audi (-13.8 %), Mercedes (-11.6 %), Peugeot (-11.5 %), BMW (-9.9 %) and Renault (-9.5 %).

Similar to the passenger cars, total used motor vehicle registrations also started with an increase in the year 2022 (January: +13.1 %). However, registrations declined in February (-4.7 %), March (-19.3 %), April (-15.1 %), May (-13.8 %) and June (-21.5 %). Among used commercial vehicles, there was also a consistent decline in registrations in the first half of 2022. For class N2 lorries the decline was -15.3 %, for tractors used for agriculture and forestry -12.2 %, for class N1 lorries -11.7 %, for class N3 lorries -10.8 %, and for articulated lorries -3.8 %.

In the two-wheeler segment, fewer used motorcycles (-9.0 %) and mopeds (-11.5 %) were registered than in the same period last year.

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

Information on methodology, 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. The statistics of used vehicle registrations cover all registrations of vehicles that have already been registered, regardless of the duration of the registration.

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