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# 11.1% more new car registrations in February 2023

## Slight decline in conventional drives; share of alternative drives 46.8%

Vienna, 2023-03-09 – According to Statistics Austria, 17 895 new passenger cars were registered in February 2023, an increase of 11.1% compared to February 2022. The number of new registrations of motor vehicles also increased to 23 543, corresponding to an increase of 10.6%.

“The Austrian new car market is back on track: 17 895 passenger cars were placed on the market for the first time in February 2023. This is almost 1 800 more than in the very weak February of the previous year. While registrations of petrol-powered and diesel cars declined slightly, demand for alternative drives increased: Within the year, the share of all new passenger car registrations accounted for by alternatively powered vehicles rose by 7.7 percentage points to 46.8%,” says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

New registrations of passenger cars with conventional combustion engines were down slightly in February 2023. Petrol-powered passenger cars (5 929; –2.0%) accounted for 33.1% of the total, while diesel-powered passenger cars (3 596; –4.4%) had a share of 20.1%. By contrast, new registrations of alternative fuel passenger cars increased. Petrol-electric hybrid passenger cars (3 784; +19.2%) amounted to 21.1%, battery electric passenger cars (3 415; +61.5%) to 19.1% and diesel-electric hybrid passenger cars (1 171; +18.3%) had a share of 6.5%. New registrations of alternative fuel passenger cars increased with 7.7 percentage points to 8 370 passenger cars in February 2023 (share: 46.8%). Of the 3 415 battery electric passenger cars, 79.3% were registered by legal entities, companies and local authorities and 20.7% by private vehicle owners.

Among the ten most important passenger car makes, VW was again in first place in February 2023 with 2 466 newly registered passenger cars and a market share of 13.8%. Next came Skoda (1 666 cars; share: 9.3%), Audi (1 195 cars; share: 6.7%), BMW (1 132 cars; share: 6.3%) and Mercedes (1 071 cars; share: 6.0%). Increases in new registrations were recorded for Dacia (+149.0%), Tesla (+96.1%), VW (+45.8%), Mercedes (+45.1%), Toyota (+9.3%), Audi (+6.4%), Ford (+4.6%), Skoda (+2.1%) and BMW (+1.4%). New passenger car registrations declined for Seat (–17.5%).

In the commercial vehicle market, new registrations increased for articulated lorries (379; +46.9%), lorries class N3 (299; +31.1%) and lorries class N1 (2 268; +30.2%). There was no change in class N2 lorries (21 vehicles). Declines were observed in tractors used for agriculture and forestry (514; –13.6%).

Among two-wheelers, slight increases were noted compared to February 2022. There were 3.9% more new registrations of motorcycles (1 163) and 2.3% more of mopeds (438).

For detailed results and further information, please refer to our [website](#) (“further data”).

**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 insurers’ registrations offices, responsible for registrations, de-registrations and rectifications of motor vehicles and trailers.

All new registrations, i.e. all brand-new registrations, are collected as part of the new vehicle registration statistics, regardless of the duration of the registration (including so-called short-term registrations, e.g. one day registrations).

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