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September is first month of 2020 with growth in new car registrations (+5.3%)

Vienna, 2020-10-09 – With 22 162 newly registered passenger cars in **September 2020**, a plus of 5.3% compared to the same month last year was achieved. As Statistics Austria reports, this was the first monthly increase in new car registrations in 2020. In total, 31 903 new motor vehicles were registered, 14.9% more than in September 2019 and 3.4% more than in August 2020.

As the method of calculating the engine-related insurance tax changes from 1 October 2020 – in which not only the power of the combustion engine but also the CO₂ emissions are used for assessment – growth was recorded in September in the passenger car segments of large vans (+158.2%), large passenger vans (+129.2%), sports cars (+91.3%) and SUVs (+15.0%).

The ongoing growth in new registrations of campers (January: +58.3%, February: +2.5%, May: +9.0%, June: +72.9%, July: +119.3%, August: +25.4%) was also continued in September (+639.6%). From January to September 2020, the number of newly registered campers increased by almost half (+46.0%) to 2 310; this also corresponds to this year's trend to spend more nights on campsites (January to August 2020: +25.6% for overnight stays by resident guests in Austria).

January to september 2020: new registrations of passenger cars -30.1%; motor vehicles -24.4%

In the period **January to September 2020**, 180 639 new passenger cars were registered, 30.1% less than in the same period of the previous year (258 272). Passenger cars accounted for 68.5% of total new registrations. Only 37.1% or 67 068 of the newly registered passenger cars were registered by private persons, 62.9% or 113 571 passenger cars by entities, companies or local resp. regional authorities. In the same period of the previous year, the ratio was 33.3% to 66.7%.

In total, 263 574 new motor vehicles were registered from January to September 2020, 24.4% less than in the same period in 2019.

Increases for electric powered and hybrid passenger cars; decreases for petrol and diesel

In the first nine months of 2020, purely electric powered passenger cars achieved an increase of 21.1% with a share of 5.0% (8 942 vehicles). Petrol-hybrid passenger cars (share: 9.1%) grew by 94.7% to 16 398 vehicles, passenger cars with diesel-hybrid technology (share: 2.6%) by 79.9% to 4 768. The number of natural gas passenger cars rose by 13.2% to 326. There were fewer new registrations of petrol- (share: 45.3%; -42.0%) and diesel-powered passenger cars (share: 37.9%; -30.5%) than in the same period last year.

CO₂ emissions of diesel-powered cars higher than those of petrol cars

According to preliminary data, the CO₂ emissions of all newly registered passenger cars (including those with electric and hydrogen drive systems) averaged 140.2 g/km in the first three quarters (based on the WLTP test procedure; see methodological information). For newly registered petrol passenger cars, an average value of 144.5 g/km and for diesel passenger cars a value of 158.3 g/km was observed.

4.7% more motorcycles registered, but fewer scooters

The total number of newly registered two-wheelers increased by 2.4% in the period from January to September 2020. More motorcycles were newly registered (+4.7%) than in the corresponding period last year, but fewer scooters (-2.8%).

Of the 11 537 newly registered scooters, 1 497 had an electric drive (share: 13.0%; -12.1%). Of the 27 509 newly registered motorcycles, 2.2% had electric drive (609 vehicles; +26.1%), 31.5% had an engine capacity up to 125 cc (8 656 vehicles; +6.7%) and 66.3% had an engine capacity over 125 cc (18 244 vehicles; +3.2%).

Commercial vehicle market declined, only tractors used for agriculture performed positively

In the commercial vehicle market, fewer new registrations were recorded for articulated lorries (-44.3%), lorries of the class N2 (-35.1%), lorries class N3 (-29.6%) and lorries class N1 (19.2%). Only tractors used for agriculture and forestry developed positively (+4.5%) compared to the first nine months of 2019.

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.

The determination of CO₂-emissions is based on globally harmonized measurements within the framework of the WLTP test procedure ("Worldwide Harmonised Light Vehicles Test Procedure"); this measurement procedure replaces the "New European Driving Cycle" (NEDC), which was valid until the end of August 2017.

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