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## Transport

### Motor Vehicles: January-March 2007

*The stock of motor vehicles rose by 1,821 in the first quarter of 2007, to stand at 280,242.*

At the end of March 2007, the stock of licensed motor vehicles stood at 280,242. Of these, 76.1 per cent were private vehicles, while commercial vehicles made up 16.4 per cent.

#### New licences

New licences issued during the first quarter of 2007 amounted to 3,123. Private vehicles accounted for 2,173 new licences, or 69.6 per cent of the total. In the reference quarter, the largest proportion of new licences were issued to private vehicles falling within class 1 (<1300 cc). This class accounted for 1,380 new licences, while vehicles in class 2 (1301-1449 cc) accounted for 242. Compared to the previous quarter, the total number of newly licensed new motor vehicles increased by 85, or 5.1 per cent. Newly licensed used motor vehicles increased by 65 when compared with the last quarter of 2006.

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Table 1. Stock of motor vehicles (\*)

Year	Agric.	Coach	Comm. veh.	G/Hire	Mini bus	Motor cycle	Private vehicle classes								Route bus	Self drive cars	Self drive motor cycles	Taxi	Totals
							Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Electric cars	Total					
<b>2003</b>																			
March	1,117	156	43,934	1,164	406	13,149	98,781	20,755	19,102	26,506	24,840	6,400	4	196,388	577	5,373	218	247	262,729
June	1,150	156	44,186	1,176	406	13,203	98,897	21,167	19,786	26,751	25,139	6,481	4	198,225	578	5,820	265	247	265,412
September	1,164	156	44,458	1,194	413	13,318	99,125	21,549	20,525	26,975	25,419	6,560	4	200,157	575	5,975	268	247	267,925
December	1,176	156	44,657	1,194	413	13,420	99,287	21,917	21,136	27,194	25,716	6,665	9	201,924	581	5,447	237	247	269,452
<b>2004</b>																			
March	1,196	156	44,726	1,189	417	13,382	99,027	22,133	21,555	27,257	25,867	6,760	9	202,608	582	5,321	231	248	270,056
June	1,210	156	44,714	1,212	421	13,069	98,790	22,440	21,868	27,399	26,088	6,840	10	203,435	582	5,813	209	248	271,069
September	1,224	156	44,562	1,215	422	12,714	98,732	22,715	22,043	27,428	26,179	6,862	13	203,972	582	5,903	199	246	271,195
December	1,239	155	44,575	1,190	422	12,639	98,704	23,015	22,149	27,577	26,316	6,928	13	204,702	581	5,245	143	246	271,137
<b>2005</b>																			
March	1,242	155	44,704	1,159	422	12,619	98,969	23,348	22,234	27,718	26,438	7,007	14	205,728	581	5,312	120	247	272,289
June	1,267	155	45,054	1,168	422	12,588	99,593	23,623	22,288	27,908	26,538	7,092	13	207,055	581	5,715	103	247	274,355
September	1,281	154	45,424	1,665	422	12,621	100,516	23,917	22,365	28,095	26,688	7,161	14	208,756	582	5,774	92	247	277,018
December**	1,270	144	44,371	1,133	422	11,905	98,283	24,047	22,098	27,869	26,602	7,234	15	206,148	577	5,034	88	246	271,338
<b>2006</b>																			
March	1,277	143	44,693	1,100	423	11,954	98,937	24,281	22,153	27,993	26,734	7,338	15	207,451	579	4,891	91	246	272,848
June	1,293	143	45,013	1,115	425	12,071	99,938	24,556	22,250	28,198	26,893	7,463	15	209,313	580	5,504	96	247	275,800
September	1,304	144	45,220	1,125	426	12,151	100,575	24,790	22,281	28,345	26,997	7,526	15	210,529	577	5,580	97	247	277,400
December	1,329	144	45,505	1,123	426	12,192	101,164	25,090	22,309	28,517	27,139	7,604	17	211,840	578	4,943	94	247	278,421
<b>2007</b>																			
March	1,347	147	45,844	1,107	424	12,303	101,932	25,311	22,339	28,718	27,227	7,704	17	213,248	579	4,900	95	248	280,242

(\*) As at end of period

\*\* In the fourth quarter of 2005, the stock of motor vehicles was re-assessed in view of an improvement in the computation of the number of cars that were scrapped in past years.

Table 2. Newly licensed motor vehicles

Year	Agric.	Coach	Comm. veh.	G/Hire	Mini bus	Motor cycle	Private vehicle classes								Route bus	Self drive cars	Self drive motor cycles	Taxi	Totals
							Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Electric cars	Total					
<b>2003</b>																			
Jan-Mar	36	2	447	19	8	121	656	413	433	188	286	78	4	2,058	4	67	0	2	2,764
Apr-June	23	0	455	15	4	234	903	452	506	192	273	91	0	2,417	32	273	24	2	3,479
Jul-Sep	16	0	451	24	9	208	1,092	449	593	204	281	93	0	2,712	24	220	3	3	3,670
Oct-Dec	20	0	491	14	2	143	1,329	451	411	203	308	127	5	2,834	46	95	0	1	3,646
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,844</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>3,980</b>	<b>1,765</b>	<b>1,943</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>1,148</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10,021</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13,559</b>
<b>2004</b>																			
Jan-Mar	39	3	488	13	13	90	1,048	312	353	129	223	90	0	2,155	5	127	0	3	2,936
Apr-June	34	0	522	33	10	99	1,109	370	199	169	231	100	1	2,179	0	327	0	2	3,206
Jul-Sep	50	1	519	23	2	180	1,261	350	167	178	187	86	2	2,231	0	194	4	6	3,210
Oct-Dec	13	0	430	19	2	104	1,139	346	147	202	174	79	0	2,087	6	73	0	4	2,738
<b>Total</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,959</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>4,557</b>	<b>1,378</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8,652</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12,090</b>
<b>2005</b>																			
Jan-Mar	60	0	443	18	3	52	1,272	364	94	186	160	68	1	2,145	2	294	0	6	3,023
Apr-June	22	1	616	33	9	129	1,605	334	88	213	136	62	0	2,438	0	267	0	6	3,521
Jul-Sep	16	0	625	19	7	124	1,507	329	85	244	211	77	1	2,454	0	155	2	2	3,404
Oct-Dec	31	0	596	16	14	103	1,299	241	81	222	196	140	1	2,180	0	62	1	2	3,005
<b>Total</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,280</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>5,683</b>	<b>1,268</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9,217</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12,953</b>
<b>2006</b>																			
Jan-Mar	20	0	538	18	1	90	1,287	214	72	218	162	96	0	2,049	1	132	0	4	2,853
Apr-June	14	0	485	25	9	150	1,525	293	84	253	182	103	0	2,440	0	424	5	6	3,558
Jul-Sep	20	0	451	13	5	196	1,697	290	96	244	172	75	0	2,574	0	165	2	4	3,430
Oct-Dec	26	1	444	8	0	108	1,444	273	90	250	167	74	1	2,299	0	82	0	5	2,973
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,918</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>5,953</b>	<b>1,070</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9,362</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12,814</b>
<b>2007</b>																			
Jan-Mar	25	2	511	19	1	181	1,380	242	89	229	162	71	0	2,173	1	205	0	5	3,123

Note: Figures include both new and second-hand registered motor vehicles

Table 3. Newly licensed new motor vehicles

Year	Agric.	Coach	Comm. veh.	G/Hire	Mini bus	Motor cycle	Private vehicle classes								Route bus	Self drive cars	Self drive motor cycles	Taxi	Totals
							Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Electric cars	Total					
<b>2004</b>																			
Jan-Mar	5	0	113	13	11	67	502	286	109	93	167	73	0	1,230	5	127	0	3	1,574
Apr-June	2	0	106	30	9	80	560	360	106	133	190	76	1	1,426	0	327	0	2	1,982
Jul-Sep	3	0	78	23	0	149	639	330	83	141	156	74	2	1,425	0	194	4	6	1,882
Oct-Dec	2	0	78	18	1	66	541	328	77	170	141	60	0	1,317	6	73	0	4	1,565
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>2,242</b>	<b>1,304</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5,398</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7,003</b>
<b>2005</b>																			
Jan-Mar	3	0	79	17	1	40	571	353	65	155	139	60	1	1,344	2	294	0	6	1,786
Apr-June	9	0	166	32	7	95	661	324	75	162	111	49	0	1,382	0	267	0	6	1,964
Jul-Sep	9	0	219	19	5	96	806	320	66	166	155	49	1	1,563	0	155	2	2	2,070
Oct-Dec	1	0	188	15	10	83	672	230	67	146	156	114	1	1,386	0	62	1	2	1,748
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>2,710</b>	<b>1,227</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5,675</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7,568</b>
<b>2006</b>																			
Jan-Mar	1	0	175	17	1	66	690	203	52	135	116	67	0	1,263	1	132	0	4	1,660
Apr-June	8	0	126	23	7	126	942	280	53	128	141	70	0	1,614	0	424	5	6	2,339
Jul-Sep	2	0	144	13	2	150	964	278	57	148	128	55	0	1,630	0	165	2	4	2,112
Oct-Dec	6	0	119	8	0	81	707	256	67	146	127	51	1	1,355	0	82	0	5	1,656
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>3,303</b>	<b>1,017</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5,862</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7,767</b>
<b>2007</b>																			
Jan-Mar	4	0	215	19	0	95	638	228	57	111	111	53	0	1,198	0	205	0	5	1,741

Table 4. Newly licensed used motor vehicles

Year	Agric.	Coach	Comm. veh.	G/Hire	Mini bus	Motor cycle	Private vehicle classes								Route bus	Self drive cars	Self drive motor cycles	Taxi	Totals
							Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Electric cars	Total					
<b>2004</b>																			
Jan-Mar	34	3	375	0	2	23	546	26	244	36	56	17	0	925	0	0	0	0	1,362
Apr-June	32	0	416	3	1	19	549	10	93	36	41	24	0	753	0	0	0	0	1,224
Jul-Sep	47	1	441	0	2	31	622	20	84	37	31	12	0	806	0	0	0	0	1,328
Oct-Dec	11	0	352	1	1	38	598	18	70	32	33	19	0	770	0	0	0	0	1,173
<b>Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,584</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>2,315</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,254</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,087</b>
<b>2005</b>																			
Jan-Mar	57	0	364	1	2	12	701	11	29	31	21	8	0	801	0	0	0	0	1,237
Apr-June	13	1	450	1	2	34	944	10	13	51	25	13	0	1,056	0	0	0	0	1,557
Jul-Sep	7	0	406	0	2	28	701	9	19	78	56	28	0	891	0	0	0	0	1,334
Oct-Dec	30	0	408	1	4	20	627	11	14	76	40	26	0	794	0	0	0	0	1,257
<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,628</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2,973</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,542</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,385</b>
<b>2006</b>																			
Jan-Mar	19	0	363	1	0	24	597	11	20	83	46	29	0	786	0	0	0	0	1,193
Apr-June	6	0	359	2	2	24	583	13	31	125	41	33	0	826	0	0	0	0	1,219
Jul-Sep	18	0	307	0	3	46	733	12	39	96	44	20	0	944	0	0	0	0	1,318
Oct-Dec	20	1	325	0	0	27	737	17	23	104	40	23	0	944	0	0	0	0	1,317
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,354</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>2,650</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,047</b>
<b>2007</b>																			
Jan-Mar	21	2	296	0	1	86	742	14	32	118	51	18	0	975	1	0	0	0	1,382

**Table 5. Stock of licensed motor vehicles  
(comparative analysis)**

Type of vehicle	March			Mar 2007/Mar 2006*		Mar 2007 % Distribution
	2005	2006	2007	Absolute change	% Change	
Agriculture	1,242	1,277	1,347	70	5.48	0.48
Coach	155	143	147	4	2.80	0.05
Commercial Vehicle	44,704	44,693	45,844	1,151	2.58	16.36
Garage Hire	1,159	1,100	1,107	7	0.64	0.40
Mini-bus	422	423	424	1	0.24	0.15
Motor-cycle	12,619	11,954	12,303	349	2.92	4.39
Private Cars	205,728	207,451	213,248	5,797	2.79	76.09
Route Bus	581	579	579	0	0.00	0.21
Self Drive	5,312	4,891	4,900	9	0.18	1.75
Self Drive motor-cycle	120	91	95	4	4.40	0.03
Taxi	247	246	248	2	0.81	0.09
<b>Totals</b>	<b>272,289</b>	<b>272,848</b>	<b>280,242</b>	<b>7,394</b>	<b>2.71</b>	<b>100.00</b>

\* In the fourth quarter of 2005, the stock of motor vehicles was re-assessed in view of an improvement in the computation of the number of cars that were scrapped in past years.

## Methodological Notes

1. This release is based on data provided by the Malta Transport Authority.
2. Data are final and are not normally subject to revision.
3. Definitions:

Agric.	Motor vehicles, normally tractors, designed exclusively or primarily for agricultural purposes. Licensed to use roads open to public traffic.
Coach	Passenger road motor vehicle designed to seat more than 18 persons (including the driver).
Comm. Veh.	Road vehicle designed, exclusively or primarily, to carry goods.
G/Hire	Chauffeur driven cars for hire.
Mini Bus	Passenger road motor vehicle designed to seat up to 18 persons (including the driver).
Motor Cycle	Two wheeled road motor vehicle with or without side-car, including motor scooter, or three-wheeled road motor vehicle.
Private Vehicles	Road motor vehicle, other than a motor cycle, intended for the carriage of passengers and designed to seat no more than nine persons. This category is sub-divided into further classes according to engine capacity: Class 1: < 1300 cc Class 2: 1301 - 1449 cc Class 3: 1450 - 1500 cc Class 4: 1501 - 1800 cc Class 5: 1801 - 2000 cc Class 6: >2000 cc Electric cars
Route Bus	Buses licensed to operate on established bus routes.
Self Drive Cars	Passenger road motor vehicle available for hire (without chauffeur).
Self Drive Motor Cycles	Same as motor cycles above, available for hire.
Taxi	Passenger road motor vehicle available for hire (with chauffeur).
Semi Trailer	Goods road vehicle with no front axle which is designed to be hauled by a road motor tractor, which also carries a substantial part of the loaded weight. Semi-trailers are excluded from the totals in the accompanying tables as these are not self-propelled.