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## Transport

### Motor Vehicles: January-March 2008

The stock of licensed motor vehicles rose by 2,330 in the first quarter of 2008, to stand at 289,450.

As at end March 2008, the stock of licensed motor vehicles stood at 289,450. Of these, 76.0 per cent were private vehicles, while commercial vehicles accounted for 16.3 per cent (see Table 1).

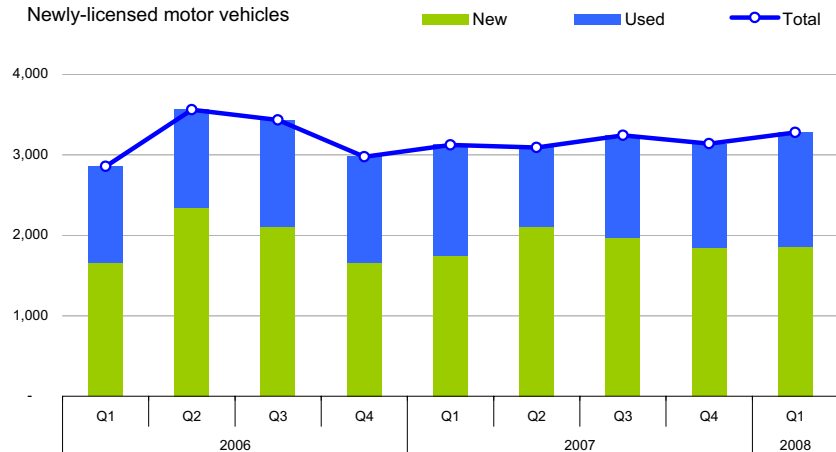
#### New licences

New licences issued during the first quarter of 2008 amounted to 3,276. Private vehicles accounted for 2,239 new licences, or 68.3 per cent of the total. In the reference quarter, the majority of new licences were issued to private vehicles falling within 'Class 1' (<1300 cc). This class accounted for 1,333 new licences, while vehicles in 'Class 2' (1301-1449 cc) accounted for 304. Newly-licensed 'new' motor vehicles amounted to 1,211, or 65.4 per cent of the total, while newly-licensed 'used' motor vehicles amounted to 1,028.

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Chart 1

Newly-licensed motor vehicles



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#### Exported, scrapped and garaged

In the first quarter of 2008, exported vehicles amounted to 11, an increase of two over the fourth quarter of 2007. Scrapped vehicles numbered 545 of which 59.6 per cent were 'Class 1' vehicles (<1300 cc). For the period under review, garaged vehicles (see definition in methodological notes) amounted to 1,123 or 66.9 per cent of the total vehicles which are no longer on the road■

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Table 1. Stock of licensed motor vehicles (\*)

Year	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Commercial vehicle	G/Hire	Minibus	Motorcycle	Private vehicle classes								Electric motorcycle	Route bus	Self-drive car	Self-drive motorcycle	Taxi	Total
							Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Electric	Total						
<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	0	579	4,891	91	246	<b>272,848</b>
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	0	580	5,504	96	247	<b>275,800</b>
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	0	577	5,580	97	247	<b>277,400</b>
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	0	578	4,943	94	247	<b>278,421</b>
<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	0	579	4,900	95	248	<b>280,242</b>
June	1,378	149	46,163	1,124	424	12,366	102,833	25,577	22,379	28,958	27,353	7,823	25	214,948	0	580	5,486	99	248	<b>282,965</b>
September	1,393	149	46,495	1,135	425	12,553	103,762	25,863	22,443	29,189	27,538	7,914	27	216,736	0	580	5,541	98	248	<b>285,353</b>
December	1,415	150	46,853	1,136	433	12,695	104,659	26,123	22,450	29,431	27,758	7,981	27	218,429	0	582	5,083	96	248	<b>287,120</b>
<b>2008</b>																				
March	1,422	154	47,209	1,133	432	12,847	105,537	26,395	22,461	29,670	27,918	8,054	27	220,062	0	582	5,262	100	247	<b>289,450</b>

(\*) As at end of period

Table 2. Newly-licensed motor vehicles (\*)

Year	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Commercial vehicle	G/Hire	Minibus	Motorcycle	Private vehicle classes								Electric motorcycle	Route bus	Self-drive car	Self-drive motorcycle	Taxi	Total
							Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Electric	Total						
<b>2006</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>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12,814</b>
Jan-Mar	20	0	538	18	1	90	1,287	214	72	218	162	96	0	2,049	0	1	132	0	4	<b>2,853</b>
Apr-Jun	14	0	485	25	9	150	1,525	293	84	253	182	103	0	2,440	0	0	424	5	6	<b>3,558</b>
Jul-Sep	20	0	451	13	5	196	1,697	290	96	244	172	75	0	2,574	0	0	165	2	4	<b>3,430</b>
Oct-Dec	26	1	444	8	0	108	1,444	273	90	250	167	74	1	2,299	0	0	82	0	5	<b>2,973</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2,021</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>5,400</b>	<b>1,029</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8,793</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12,589</b>
Jan-Mar	25	2	511	19	1	181	1,380	242	89	229	162	71	0	2,173	0	1	205	0	5	<b>3,123</b>
Apr-Jun	32	3	468	26	5	182	1,232	243	78	222	138	91	9	2,013	0	0	355	1	3	<b>3,088</b>
Jul-Sep	25	0	495	19	5	189	1,424	286	111	274	173	80	2	2,350	0	1	150	0	6	<b>3,240</b>
Oct-Dec	15	1	547	12	9	188	1,364	258	83	265	215	72	0	2,257	0	2	98	0	9	<b>3,138</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>1,333</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,239</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3,276</b>
Jan-Mar	34	4	487	23	7	140	1,333	304	72	276	180	74	0	2,239	0	5	328	0	9	<b>3,276</b>

(\*) Figures include new and used licensed motor vehicles

**Table 3. Newly-licensed 'new' motor vehicles**

Year	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Commercial vehicle	G/Hire	Minibus	Motorcycle	Private vehicle classes								Electric motorcycle	Route bus	Self-drive car	Self-drive motorcycle	Taxi	Total
							Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Electric	Total						
<b>2006</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>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7,767</b>
Jan-Mar	1	0	175	17	1	66	690	203	52	135	116	67	0	1,263	0	1	132	0	4	1,660
Apr-Jun	8	0	126	23	7	126	942	280	53	128	141	70	0	1,614	0	0	424	5	6	2,339
Jul-Sep	2	0	144	13	2	150	964	278	57	148	128	55	0	1,630	0	0	165	2	4	2,112
Oct-Dec	6	0	119	8	0	81	707	256	67	146	127	51	1	1,355	0	0	82	0	5	1,656
<b>2007</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>2,833</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5,334</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7,666</b>
Jan-Mar	4	0	215	19	0	95	638	228	57	111	111	53	0	1,198	0	0	205	0	5	1,741
Apr-Jun	7	0	220	26	4	158	716	231	63	141	103	66	9	1,329	0	0	355	1	3	2,103
Jul-Sep	3	0	198	19	4	144	759	265	81	169	118	55	2	1,449	0	0	150	0	6	1,973
Oct-Dec	0	0	232	11	5	135	720	237	56	144	147	54	0	1,358	0	1	98	0	9	1,849
<b>2008</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,211</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1,851</b>
Jan-Mar	0	0	195	21	3	84	531	285	58	159	129	49	0	1,211	0	0	328	0	9	1,851

**Table 4. Newly-licensed 'used' motor vehicles**

Year	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Commercial vehicle	G/Hire	Minibus	Motorcycle	Private vehicle classes								Electric motorcycle	Route bus	Self-drive car	Self-drive motorcycle	Taxi	Total
							Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Electric	Total						
<b>2006</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>0</b>	<b>5,047</b>
Jan-Mar	19	0	363	1	0	24	597	11	20	83	46	29	0	786	0	0	0	0	0	1,193
Apr-Jun	6	0	359	2	2	24	583	13	31	125	41	33	0	826	0	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	0	1,318
Oct-Dec	20	1	325	0	0	27	737	17	23	104	40	23	0	944	0	0	0	0	0	1,317
<b>2007</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,156</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>2,567</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,459</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,923</b>
Jan-Mar	21	2	296	0	1	86	742	14	32	118	51	18	0	975	0	1	0	0	0	1,382
Apr-Jun	25	3	248	0	1	24	516	12	15	81	35	25	0	684	0	0	0	0	0	985
Jul-Sep	22	0	297	0	1	45	665	21	30	105	55	25	0	901	0	1	0	0	0	1,267
Oct-Dec	15	1	315	1	4	53	644	21	27	121	68	18	0	899	0	1	0	0	0	1,289
<b>2008</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,425</b>
Jan-Mar	34	4	292	2	4	56	802	19	14	117	51	25	0	1,028	0	5	0	0	0	1,425

**Table 5. Exported motor vehicles**

Year	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Commercial vehicle	G/Hire	Minibus	Motorcycle	Private vehicle classes								Electric motorcycle	Route bus	Self-drive car	Self-drive motorcycle	Taxi	Total
							Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Electric	Total						
<b>2006</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>64</b>
Jan-Mar	0	0	4	0	0	0	7	0	0	2	2	1	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	16
Apr-Jun	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	6
Jul-Sep	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	2	0	3	6	2	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	19
Oct-Dec	0	1	1	0	0	8	2	4	0	3	2	2	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	23
<b>2007</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>71</b>
Jan-Mar	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	10
Apr-Jun	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	1	0	0	2	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	9
Jul-Sep	0	0	14	0	0	3	12	1	1	5	6	1	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	43
Oct-Dec	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	2	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	9
<b>2008</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>
Jan-Mar	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	2	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	11

**Table 6. Scrapped motor vehicles**

Year	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Commercial vehicle	G/Hire	Minibus	Motorcycle	Private vehicle classes								Electric motorcycle	Route bus	Self-drive car	Self-drive motorcycle	Taxi	Total
							Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Electric	Total						
<b>2006</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>1,872</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,545</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,956</b>
Jan-Mar	0	0	82	3	0	19	532	33	55	67	35	7	0	729	0	1	1	0	0	835
Apr-Jun	0	0	83	4	6	23	419	27	50	49	32	6	0	583	0	1	6	0	1	707
Jul-Sep	0	0	76	2	1	13	464	18	52	43	18	6	0	601	0	0	1	1	1	696
Oct-Dec	1	0	65	1	0	13	457	18	59	65	32	1	0	632	0	0	6	0	0	718
<b>2007</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1,508</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,148</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2,495</b>
Jan-Mar	0	0	99	0	1	16	392	24	60	53	36	2	0	567	0	0	1	0	1	685
Apr-Jun	0	0	48	2	2	16	352	13	50	51	21	3	0	490	0	0	1	0	0	559
Jul-Sep	1	0	62	2	5	16	405	26	55	53	32	3	0	574	0	1	2	0	1	664
Oct-Dec	0	0	54	0	3	9	359	27	54	51	20	6	0	517	0	2	0	0	2	587
<b>2007</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>545</b>
Jan-Mar	0	0	44	1	3	7	325	21	44	66	25	4	0	485	0	0	2	2	1	545

**Table 7. Garaged motor vehicles**

Year	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Commercial vehicle	G/Hire	Minibus	Motorcycle	Private vehicle classes								Electric motorcycle	Route bus	Self-drive car	Self-drive motorcycle	Taxi	Total
							Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Electric	Total						
2008	37	0	221	17	5	81	288	64	82	90	90	52	0	666	0	5	86	0	5	1,123
Jan-Mar	37	0	221	17	5	81	288	64	82	90	90	52	0	666	0	5	86	0	5	1,123

**Table 8. Vehicles no longer on the road**

Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
2008	605	602	472	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,679
Exported	3	8	0										11
Scrapped	182	183	180										545
Garaged	420	411	292										1,123

## Methodological Notes

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

<b>Agricultural</b>	Motor vehicle, normally a tractor, designed exclusively or primarily for agricultural purposes; licensed to use roads open to public traffic.
<b>Coach and private bus</b>	Passenger road motor vehicle designed to seat more than 18 persons (including the driver).
<b>Commercial vehicle</b>	Road vehicle designed, exclusively or primarily, to carry goods. This category includes also leased motor vehicles.
<b>G/Hire</b>	Chauffeur-driven car for hire.
<b>Minibus</b>	Passenger road motor vehicle designed to seat up to 18 persons (including the driver).
<b>Motorcycle</b>	Two-wheeled road motor vehicle with or without side-car, including motor scooter, or three-wheeled road motor vehicle.
<b>Private vehicle</b>	Road motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, intended for the carriage of passengers and designed to seat up to 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
<b>Electric car</b>	Electrically operated car, totally independent of fuel-driven engine.
<b>Electric motorcycle</b>	Electrically operated motorcycle, totally independent of fuel-driven engine.
<b>Route bus</b>	Bus licensed to operate on established bus routes.
<b>Self-drive cars</b>	Passenger road motor vehicle available for hire (without chauffeur).
<b>Self-drive motorcycle</b>	Same as motorcycle above, available for hire.
<b>Taxi</b>	Passenger road motor vehicle available for hire (with chauffeur).
<b>Semi-trailer</b>	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 total in the accompanying tables as these are not self-propelled.
<b>Garaged</b>	Vehicles no longer licensed for use on the road, but exclude vehicles which have been scrapped or exported.