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Motor Vehicles: Q4/2013

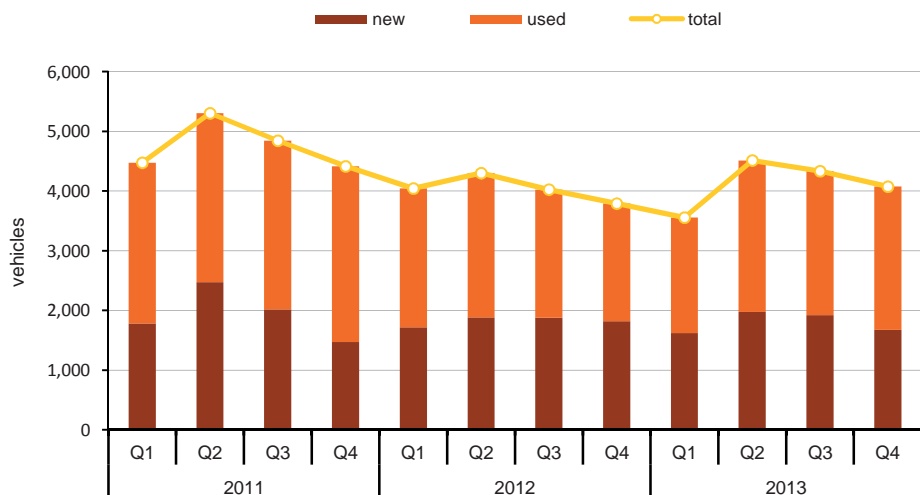
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At the end of last year, the stock of licensed motor vehicles stood at 322,960: 79.3 per cent were passenger cars, 14.4 per cent were commercial vehicles, 5.2 per cent were motorcycles, while buses and minibuses accounted for less than one per cent (Table 1).

New licences

New licences issued during the period under review amounted to 4,075. The majority were issued to passenger cars (3,248 or 79.7 per cent), followed by goods-carrying vehicles with 418. Newly-licensed 'new' motor vehicles amounted to 1,672, or 41.0 per cent, and newly licensed 'used' motor vehicles totalled 2,403 (Tables 2-4).

Chart 1. Newly-licensed motor vehicles



Exported, garaged and scrapped

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In the fourth quarter last year, 46 vehicles were exported. Garaged vehicles (see definition in methodological notes) amounted to 2,382, while scrapped vehicles totalled 1,788 (Table 5).

Engine type

As at the end of December, 196,425 vehicles, or 60.8 per cent, had petrol engines. Vehicles with diesel engines reached 125,822, or 39.0 per cent (Table 6) ■

Table 1. Stock of licensed motor vehicles

Year	Agricultural	Coach and private bus		Minibus		Route bus	Motorcycle			Passenger car				Commercial vehicle			Total				
		Garage hire	Other	Self-drive	Leased		Other	Self-drive	Leased	Taxi	Other	Garage hire	Self-drive	Leased	Goods carrying vehicle	Special purpose vehicle		Road tractor			
2011																					
Q1	1,591	217	311	755	568	71	147	14,895	831	4,256	2,039	248	234,435	41,198	3,024	1,185				305,771	
Q2	1,606	225	305	782	760	82	163	15,097	862	4,484	2,445	248	236,108	41,205	3,019	1,163				308,554	
Q3	1,622	307	299	793	374	83	179	15,328	869	4,431	2,563	279	237,795	41,246	3,087	1,154				310,409	
Q4	1,643	321	295	802	324	68	181	15,314	849	3,844	2,523	281	239,878	41,394	3,082	1,148				311,947	
2012																					
Q1	1,649	324	287	822	316	60	180	15,595	854	3,650	2,791	280	240,477	41,512	3,084	1,146				313,027	
Q2	1,663	332	281	832	316	65	192	15,465	878	3,785	3,045	282	241,444	41,575	3,019	1,125				314,299	
Q3	1,677	350	277	835	296	67	198	15,509	894	3,712	3,140	289	241,895	41,666	2,981	1,081				314,867	
Q4	1,693	345	270	837	288	62	185	15,568	879	3,029	3,264	291	242,149	41,642	2,950	1,058				314,510	
2013																					
Q1	1,715	341	266	845	293	57	179	15,745	875	2,879	3,530	292	242,996	41,655	3,145	1,062				315,875	
Q2	1,724	342	266	853	303	60	204	16,074	894	2,983	3,931	291	244,704	41,894	3,129	1,068				318,720	
Q3	1,738	347	265	857	307	53	232	16,393	907	2,982	4,069	292	246,622	42,148	3,131	1,082				321,425	
Q4	1,758	344	263	860	238	50	231	16,620	908	2,551	4,100	292	248,245	42,286	3,118	1,096				322,960	

Table 2. Newly-licensed motor vehicles (*)

Year	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Minibus	Route bus	Motorcycle	Passenger car	Goods carrying vehicle	Special purpose vehicle	Road tractor	Total
2011	56	37	87	269	1,145	15,875	1,460	85	27	19,041
Q1	11	6	14	-	194	3,926	288	32	5	4,476
Q2	13	9	22	217	352	4,291	372	20	8	5,304
Q3	12	16	30	45	353	3,998	367	16	8	4,845
Q4	20	6	21	7	246	3,660	433	17	6	4,416
2012	73	28	54	17	1,197	13,037	1,618	96	42	16,162
Q1	13	5	19	9	208	3,384	367	29	10	4,044
Q2	18	12	11	-	382	3,448	393	29	8	4,301
Q3	19	8	12	7	357	3,125	464	18	16	4,026
Q4	23	3	12	1	250	3,080	394	20	8	3,791
2013	65	15	36	8	1,438	13,092	1,667	101	58	16,480
Q1	19	8	9	-	229	2,846	414	21	11	3,557
Q2	13	3	15	8	435	3,561	448	22	9	4,514
Q3	15	3	4	-	451	3,437	387	22	15	4,334
Q4	18	1	8	0	323	3,248	418	36	23	4,075

(*) Figures include new and used licensed motor vehicles

Table 3. Newly-licensed 'new' motor vehicles

Year	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Minibus	Route bus	Motorcycle	Passenger car	Goods carrying vehicle	Special purpose vehicle	Road tractor	Total
2011	10	20	7	184	746	6,362	409	9	2	7,749
Q1	1	4	4	-	115	1,573	83	3	1	1,784
Q2	3	5	1	173	244	1,916	129	3	-	2,474
Q3	3	11	1	11	252	1,637	104	-	1	2,020
Q4	3	-	1	-	135	1,236	93	3	-	1,471
2012	6	9	10	0	812	5,884	552	12	8	7,293
Q1	2	-	1	-	124	1,467	114	5	4	1,717
Q2	1	3	5	-	268	1,480	118	6	-	1,881
Q3	2	5	4	-	256	1,399	206	1	3	1,876
Q4	1	1	-	-	164	1,538	114	-	1	1,819
2013	8	3	12	0	873	5,749	536	8	4	7,193
Q1	4	1	1	-	145	1,288	180	2	-	1,621
Q2	1	-	8	-	283	1,553	130	2	-	1,977
Q3	2	2	3	-	282	1,508	121	4	1	1,923
Q4	1	0	0	0	163	1,400	105	0	3	1,672

Table 4. Newly-licensed 'used' motor vehicles

Year	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Minibus	Route bus	Motorcycle	Passenger car	Goods carrying vehicle	Special purpose vehicle	Road tractor	Total
2011	46	17	80	85	399	9,513	1,051	76	25	11,292
Q1	10	2	10	-	79	2,353	205	29	4	2,692
Q2	10	4	21	44	108	2,375	243	17	8	2,830
Q3	9	5	29	34	101	2,361	263	16	7	2,825
Q4	17	6	20	7	111	2,424	340	14	6	2,945
2012	67	19	44	17	385	7,153	1,066	84	34	8,869
Q1	11	5	18	9	84	1,917	253	24	6	2,327
Q2	17	9	6	-	114	1,968	275	23	8	2,420
Q3	17	3	8	7	101	1,726	258	17	13	2,150
Q4	22	2	12	1	86	1,542	280	20	7	1,972
2013	57	12	24	8	565	7,343	1,131	93	54	9,287
Q1	15	7	8	-	84	1,558	234	19	11	1,936
Q2	12	3	7	8	152	2,008	318	20	9	2,537
Q3	13	1	1	-	169	1,929	266	18	14	2,411
Q4	17	1	8	0	160	1,848	313	36	20	2,403

Table 5. Vehicles by main active Out-of-Action restriction: 2013

Year	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Minibus	Route bus	Motorcycle	Passenger car	Goods carrying vehicle	Special purpose vehicle	Road tractor	Total
Exported	0	0	1	0	25	129	26	0	1	182
Q1	-	-	1	-	4	30	13	-	-	48
Q2	-	-	-	-	2	30	4	-	-	36
Q3	-	-	-	-	13	34	5	-	-	52
Q4	0	0	0	0	6	35	4	0	1	46
Garaged	103	20	29	77	1,032	4,850	1,080	172	46	7,409
Q1	39	10	9	1	190	1,125	210	36	5	1,625
Q2	32	4	8	-	321	1,180	263	50	9	1,867
Q3	22	1	6	-	300	956	210	28	12	1,535
Q4	10	5	6	76	221	1,589	397	58	20	2,382
Scrapped	3	32	17	0	118	4,751	574	65	19	5,579
Q1	-	1	4	-	17	1,144	132	20	8	1,326
Q2	1	2	8	-	28	1,092	111	11	1	1,254
Q3	-	15	-	-	41	1,039	107	9	-	1,211
Q4	2	14	5	0	32	1,476	224	25	10	1,788

Data provided as at end of reference period

Table 6. Stock* of licensed vehicles by fuel type and vehicle group: Q4/2013

Vehicle group	Petrol	Diesel	Electric	Hybrid ⁽¹⁾	LPG	Gas	Paraffin	Battery Operated	Combined ⁽²⁾	Unknown	Total
Total	196,425	125,822	130	322	13	10	68	23	139	8	322,960
Agricultural	22	1,733	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1,758
Coach and private bus	0	344	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	344
Minibus	13	1,110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,123
Route bus	0	232	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	238
Motorcycle	16,843	5	42	0	0	0	9	2	0	0	16,901
Passenger vehicle	178,144	77,379	54	316	1	2	59	5	135	1	256,096
Goods carrying vehicle	1,340	40,932	7	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	42,286
Special purpose vehicle	63	2,991	27	0	12	8	0	16	1	0	3,118
Road tractor	0	1,096	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,096

*As at end of reference period

For ⁽¹⁾ and ⁽²⁾ see methodological notes

Methodological Notes

1. This news release is based on data provided by Transport Malta.
2. The data in this news release are continuously subject to revision by the data provider. Therefore, the data shown are updated as per cut-off date indicated and are to be considered as provisional.
3. Data are being presented in alignment with international counterparts (Eurostat/ITF/UNECE) according to Transport Glossary 4th edition (<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/main/wp6/pdfdocs/glossen4.pdf>).
4. **Definitions:**

VEHICLE CATEGORIES AND CLASSIFICATIONS

Agricultural	Motor vehicle, normally a tractor, designed exclusively or primarily for agricultural purposes; licensed to use roads open to public traffic.
Passenger road vehicle	A road vehicle designed, exclusively or primarily, to carry one or more persons. Included are: motorcycles, mopeds, passenger cars, vans designed and used primarily for transport of passengers, taxis, hire cars, ambulances, buses, coaches and minibuses, motor homes.
Passenger car	Road motor vehicle, other than a moped or a motorcycle, intended for the carriage of passengers and designed to seat no more than 9 persons (including the driver). Included are: passenger cars, vans designed and used primarily for transport of passengers, taxis, hire cars, ambulances, motor homes (not caravans), hearses, microcars (needing no permit to be driven).
Moped	Two, three or four-wheeled road motor vehicle which is fitted with an engine having a cylinder capacity of less than 50cc (3.05 cu.in) and a maximum authorized design speed in accordance with national regulations.
Motorcycle	Two-, three- or four-wheeled road motor vehicle not exceeding 400 kg (900 lb) of unladen weight. All such vehicles with a cylinder capacity of 50 cc or over are included, as are those under 50 cc which do not meet the definition of moped.
Coach and private bus	Passenger road motor vehicle designed to carry more than 24 persons (including driver), and with provision to carry seated as well as standing passengers.
Minibus / mini-coach	Passenger road motor vehicle designed to carry 10-23 seated or standing persons (including the driver).
Route bus	Bus licensed to operate on established bus routes.
Goods road vehicle	Road vehicle designed , exclusively or primarily, to carry goods. Included are: (a) light goods vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of not more than 3,500kg, designed exclusively or primarily to carry goods, e.g. vans and pick-ups; (b) Heavy goods road vehicles with a gross vehicle weight above 3,500kg, designed exclusively and primarily, to carry goods; (c) road tractors; (d) agricultural tractors permitted to use roads open to public traffic.
Road tractor	Road motor vehicle designed, exclusively or primarily, to haul other road vehicles which are not power driven (mainly semi-trailers).
Special purpose vehicle	Road motor vehicle for purposes other than the carriage of passengers or goods. This category includes: fire brigade vehicles; mobile cranes; self-propelled rollers; bulldozers with metallic wheels or track; vehicles for recording film, radio and TV broadcasting; mobile library vehicles; mobile kiosks; towing vehicles for vehicles in need of repair; other special purpose road motor vehicles.
Garage Hire	Chauffeur-driven car for hire.
Self-drive car	Passenger road motor vehicle available for hire (without chauffeur).
Self-drive motorcycle	Same as motorcycle above, available for hire.
Taxi	Licensed passenger car for hire with driver without predetermined routes. The method of hire is normally: (i) Flagging down the street; (ii) Picking up at a designated taxi rank; (iii) Telephoning for collection.
Leased	A contract under which the owner of a motor vehicle grants to another person the exclusive possession of the motor vehicle for an agreed period, in return for a consideration, and under such conditions that the possessor of the motor vehicle will be obliged to pay the full amount of the consideration, or a penalty, to the owner of the motor vehicle, should the contract be terminated before the expiration of the agreed period. A QZ plate is assigned to all vehicles falling in the leased category.
Other	This category includes any other use (including private), of the corresponding vehicle, not mentioned in the table.

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

Restrictions	A restriction is a condition imposed on a vehicle's licence. Restrictions can be either temporary such as Garaged, Seized, Resale, etc., or permanent (i.e. vehicle is indefinitely removed from circulation on national territory) such as Exported, Scrapped or Destroyed. In this News Release only data of the main three restrictions (Exported, Scrapped, Garaged) are reported.
Garaged	Vehicles no longer licensed for use on the road, but exclude vehicles which have been scrapped or exported. A vehicle may be garaged for a particular period, then re-licensed after this period.
Exported	Vehicles licensed in Malta which have been exported.
Scrapped	Vehicles which have been scrapped/destroyed, thus, indefinitely removed from circulation.

ALTERNATIVE VEHICLE MOTORISATION TYPES

Electric/battery operated	Electrically operated vehicle, totally independent of fuel-driven engine.
Hybrid ⁽¹⁾	A hybrid vehicle is a vehicle that uses two or more distinct power sources to move the vehicle. The term most commonly refers to hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs), which combine an internal combustion engine and one or more electric motors.
Combined ⁽²⁾	A combined engine vehicle is a vehicle that uses two or more distinct power sources to move the vehicle which are not electrical. Combination types: Petrol/LPG, Diesel/LPG.