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## Motor Vehicles: Q3/2015

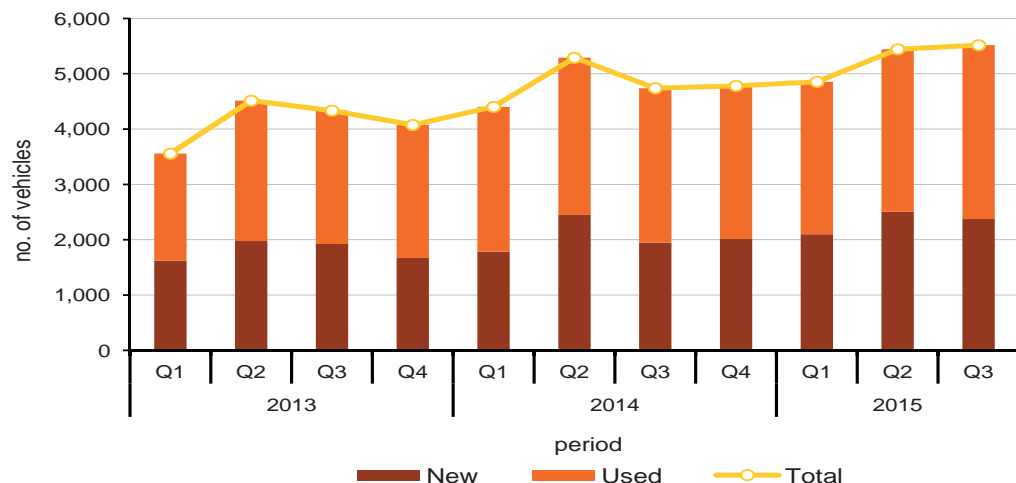
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At the end of September this year, the stock of licensed motor vehicles stood at 344,543. Of these, 79.2 per cent were passenger cars, 13.9 per cent were commercial vehicles, 5.7 per cent were motorcycles, while buses and minibuses accounted for less than one per cent (Table 1).

### New licences

New licences issued during the period under review amounted to 5,517. The majority of new licences (4,257 or 77.2 per cent of the total) were issued to passenger cars, followed by motorcycles with 573. Newly-licensed 'new' motor vehicles amounted to 2,374, or 43.0 per cent of the total, and newly licensed 'used' motor vehicles totalled 3,143 (Tables 2-4).

**Chart 1. Newly-licensed motor vehicles**



### Exported, garaged and scrapped

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In the third quarter this year, 142 vehicles were exported. Garaged vehicles amounted to 1,791, while scrapped vehicles totalled 1,547 (Table 5).

### Engine type

As at the end of September this year, 209,028 vehicles, or 60.7 per cent of the total, had petrol engines. Vehicles with diesel engines reached 134,144, or 38.9 per cent of the total (Table 6) ■

Table 1. Stock of licensed motor vehicles by vehicle group and period

Period	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Minibus		Route bus	Motorcycle			Passenger car					Commercial vehicle			Total
			Garage hire	Other		Self-drive	Leased	Other	Garage hire	Self-drive	Leased	Taxi	Other	Goods-carrying vehicle	Special purpose vehicle	Road tractor	
<b>2013</b>																	
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	<b>315,875</b>
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	<b>318,720</b>
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	<b>321,425</b>
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	<b>322,960</b>
<b>2014</b>																	
Q1	1,774	343	256	873	240	50	247	16,851	915	2,453	4,179	293	250,089	42,380	3,124	1,091	<b>325,158</b>
Q2	1,797	352	249	886	285	48	273	17,310	945	2,636	4,725	293	252,447	42,536	3,152	1,119	<b>329,053</b>
Q3	1,814	361	246	891	284	39	305	17,691	954	2,614	4,882	293	254,997	42,790	3,175	1,119	<b>332,455</b>
Q4	1,829	361	236	908	284	36	276	18,088	975	2,293	4,938	293	257,451	42,974	3,182	1,125	<b>335,249</b>
<b>2015</b>																	
Q1	1,837	364	231	920	311	36	301	18,400	981	2,241	5,257	292	258,905	43,117	3,188	1,125	<b>337,506</b>
Q2	1,864	367	229	935	309	28	367	18,952	1,011	2,327	5,614	293	261,018	43,366	3,193	1,108	<b>340,981</b>
Q3	1,874	372	222	943	420	28	399	19,354	1,044	2,300	5,780	292	263,552	43,658	3,202	1,103	<b>344,543</b>

Table 2. Newly-licensed motor vehicles by category and period

Period	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Minibus	Route bus	Motorcycle	Passenger car	Goods-carrying vehicle	Special purpose vehicle	Road tractor	Total
<b>2013</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,438</b>	<b>13,092</b>	<b>1,667</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>16,480</b>
<b>Q1</b>	19	8	9	-	229	2,846	414	21	11	3,557
<b>Q2</b>	13	3	15	8	435	3,561	448	22	9	4,514
<b>Q3</b>	15	3	4	-	451	3,437	387	22	15	4,334
<b>Q4</b>	18	1	8	-	323	3,248	418	36	23	4,075
<b>2014</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1,798</b>	<b>15,439</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>19,212</b>
<b>Q1</b>	20	5	7	-	312	3,615	410	24	8	4,401
<b>Q2</b>	24	13	13	45	565	4,152	416	29	32	5,289
<b>Q3</b>	16	9	8	-	472	3,814	385	24	12	4,740
<b>Q4</b>	16	9	13	-	449	3,858	399	23	15	4,782
<b>2015</b>										
<b>Q1</b>	11	9	15	32	403	3,936	413	26	10	4,855
<b>Q2</b>	19	6	24	-	672	4,224	457	24	17	5,443
<b>Q3</b>	11	1	14	142	573	4,257	479	27	13	5,517

Note: Figures include 'new' and 'used' licensed motor vehicles.

Table 3. Newly-licensed 'new' motor vehicles by category and period

Period	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Minibus	Route bus	Motorcycle	Passenger car	Goods-carrying vehicle	Special purpose vehicle	Road tractor	Total
<b>2013</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>5,749</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7,193</b>
<b>Q1</b>	4	1	1	-	145	1,288	180	2	-	1,621
<b>Q2</b>	1	-	8	-	283	1,553	130	2	-	1,977
<b>Q3</b>	2	2	3	-	282	1,508	121	4	1	1,923
<b>Q4</b>	1	-	-	-	163	1,400	105	-	3	1,672
<b>2014</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,148</b>	<b>6,451</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8,191</b>
<b>Q1</b>	6	-	1	-	194	1,439	137	5	1	1,783
<b>Q2</b>	-	2	1	-	367	1,919	143	2	13	2,447
<b>Q3</b>	3	-	1	-	306	1,506	126	2	2	1,946
<b>Q4</b>	-	-	5	-	281	1,587	138	4	-	2,015
<b>2015</b>										
<b>Q1</b>	2	2	4	-	258	1,687	142	1	4	2,100
<b>Q2</b>	2	-	20	-	445	1,868	162	4	4	2,505
<b>Q3</b>	1	-	4	142	348	1,723	152	4	-	2,374

Table 4. Newly-licensed 'used' motor vehicles by category and period

Period	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Minibus	Route bus	Motorcycle	Passenger car	Goods-carrying vehicle	Special purpose vehicle	Road tractor	Total
<b>2013</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>7,343</b>	<b>1,131</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>9,287</b>
<b>Q1</b>	15	7	8	-	84	1,558	234	19	11	<b>1,936</b>
<b>Q2</b>	12	3	7	8	152	2,008	318	20	9	<b>2,537</b>
<b>Q3</b>	13	1	1	-	169	1,929	266	18	14	<b>2,411</b>
<b>Q4</b>	17	1	8	-	160	1,848	313	36	20	<b>2,403</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>8,988</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>11,021</b>
<b>Q1</b>	14	5	6	-	118	2,176	273	19	7	<b>2,618</b>
<b>Q2</b>	24	11	12	45	198	2,233	273	27	19	<b>2,842</b>
<b>Q3</b>	13	9	7	-	166	2,308	259	22	10	<b>2,794</b>
<b>Q4</b>	16	9	8	-	168	2,271	261	19	15	<b>2,767</b>
<b>2015</b>										
<b>Q1</b>	9	7	11	32	145	2,249	271	25	6	<b>2,755</b>
<b>Q2</b>	17	6	4	-	227	2,356	295	20	13	<b>2,938</b>
<b>Q3</b>	10	1	10	-	225	2,534	327	23	13	<b>3,143</b>

Table 5. Vehicles by main active 'Out-of-Action' restriction by category and period: 2015

Period	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Minibus	Route bus	Motorcycle	Passenger car	Goods-carrying vehicle	Special purpose vehicle	Road tractor	Total
<b>Exported</b>										
<b>Q1</b>	1	-	-	-	2	33	8	-	-	<b>44</b>
<b>Q2</b>	-	1	-	-	9	67	15	-	22	<b>114</b>
<b>Q3</b>	-	1	-	32	10	60	31	1	7	<b>142</b>
<b>Garaged</b>										
<b>Q1</b>	27	5	8	-	233	1,584	277	39	14	<b>2,187</b>
<b>Q2</b>	21	4	7	-	256	1,336	263	48	16	<b>1,951</b>
<b>Q3</b>	1	6	15	-	306	1,205	202	41	15	<b>1,791</b>
<b>Scrapped</b>										
<b>Q1</b>	-	9	2	9	23	936	115	10	1	<b>1,105</b>
<b>Q2</b>	-	29	-	-	5	918	57	4	-	<b>1,013</b>
<b>Q3</b>	-	2	3	39	29	1,309	152	10	3	<b>1,547</b>

Note: Data as at end of reference period.

**Table 6. Stock of licensed vehicles by category and type of fuel used: Q3/2015**

<b>Vehicle group</b>	<b>Petrol</b>	<b>Diesel</b>	<b>Electric</b>	<b>Hybrid</b>	<b>LPG</b>	<b>Gas</b>	<b>Paraffin</b>	<b>Combined</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Total</b>
Agricultural	21	1,850	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	<b>1,874</b>
Coach and private bus	4	368	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>372</b>
Minibus	9	1,156	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1,165</b>
Route bus	-	414	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	<b>420</b>
Motorcycle	19,694	12	67	1	-	1	6	-	-	<b>19,781</b>
Passenger vehicle	187,956	83,847	105	391	2	1	10	656	-	<b>272,968</b>
Goods-carrying vehicle	1,286	42,336	14	-	-	-	-	18	4	<b>43,658</b>
Special purpose vehicle	57	3,062	48	-	18	13	-	4	-	<b>3,202</b>
Road tractor	1	1,099	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	<b>1,103</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>209,028</b>	<b>134,144</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>344,543</b>

Note: Data as at end of reference period.

## Methodological Notes

1. This news release is based on data provided by Transport Malta.
2. Data in this news release is subject to regular revisions by the data provider. For this reason, 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 the 4th edition of the Illustrated Glossary for Transport Statistics (<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/main/wp6/pdfdocs/glossen4.pdf>).

### 4. Definitions:

#### a. 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 and a maximum authorised design speed in accordance with national regulations.
- **Motorcycle:** two-, three- or four-wheeled road motor vehicle not exceeding 400kg of unladen weight. All such vehicles with a cylinder capacity of 50cc or over are included, as are those under 50cc 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 and 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 3,500 kg, designed exclusively or primarily to carry goods, e.g. vans and pick-ups; (b) heavy goods road vehicles with a gross vehicle weight above 3,500 kg, designed 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:** motorcycle 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 this category.
- **Other:** this category includes any other use (including private), of the corresponding vehicle, not mentioned in the table.

b. **Vehicle restrictions**

- **Restrictions:** 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:** vehicle no longer licensed for use on the road. This category excludes vehicles which have been scrapped or exported. A vehicle may be garaged for a particular period, then re-licensed after this period.
- **Exported:** vehicle licensed in Malta which has been exported.
- **Scrapped:** vehicle which has been scrapped/destroyed and therefore, indefinitely removed from circulation.

c. **Alternative vehicle motorisation types**

- **Electric/battery operated:** electrically operated vehicle, totally independent of a fuel-driven engine.
- **Hybrid:** is a vehicle that uses two or more distinct power sources to move the vehicle. This term most commonly refers to hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs), which combine an internal combustion engine and one or more electric motors.
- **Combined:** a combined engine vehicle is one that uses two or more distinct non-electric power sources. Combination types: Petrol/LPG, Diesel/LPG.

5. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

Statistical Concepts: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>