SMMT forecasts: UK new car and LCV registrations to 2012

Background

Forecasts are revised on a quarterly basis in January, April, July and October.

The latest forecast was compiled in July 2011.

2010 actual data

New car registrations: 2,030,846 units, up 1.8% on 2009.

Diesel penetration: 46.1%, up from 41.7% in 2009.

New light commercial vehicle (LCV, to 3.5 tonne) registrations: 222,915 units, up 19.6% on 2009.

New registrations were aided by the Scrappage incentive scheme in 2010, with reportedly 100,000 cars and almost 3,000 vans registered through the scheme during the year.

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| SMMT forecasts for 2011 and 2012  **2011**  New car registrations: 1.93 million units, down 5.0% on 2010.  Diesel penetration: 49.7%, up from 46.1% in 2010.  New LCV registrations: 257,300 units, up 15.4% on 2010.  **2012**  New car registrations: 2.006 million units, up 3.9% on the 2011 forecast.  Diesel penetration: 48.8%, down from 49.7% forecast for 2011.  New LCV registrations: 259,700 units, up 0.9% on the 2011 forecast. |

**Next revision**

The forecasts are next scheduled to be revised in October 2011.

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