



SMMT New Car Registrations

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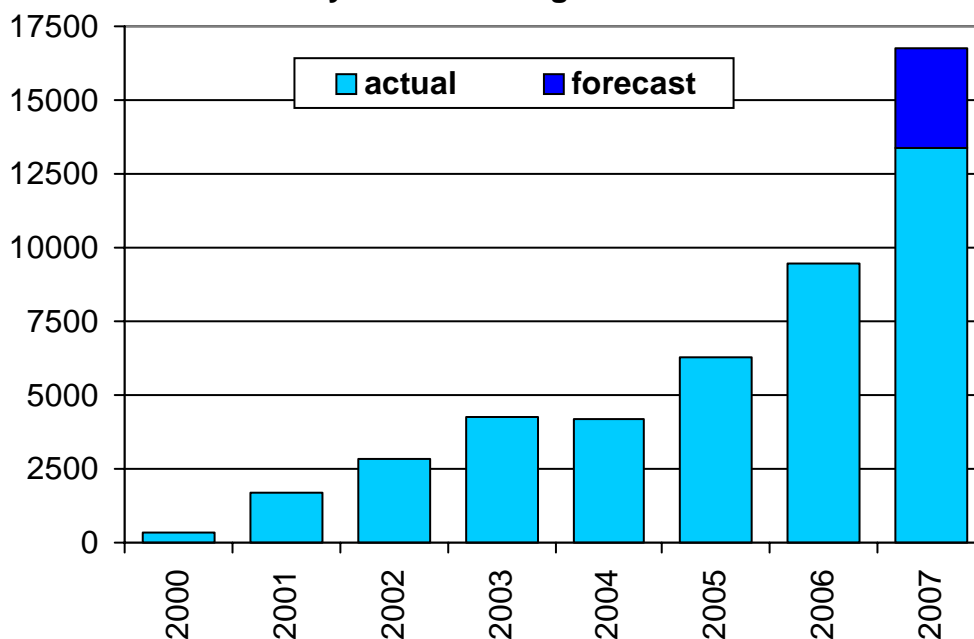
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September registrations increase fuelled by green car growth

- Key September market with new '57' plate, sees volumes rise 1.3 per cent
- Total year-to-date registrations up 2.0 per cent to 1,940,515 units
- September diesel registrations up 6.7 per cent to 167,031 units
- Alternatively fuelled vehicles year-to-date registrations jump 82.1 per cent

'September has traditionally been the strongest month for registrations after March – and this year it has exceeded expectations with 419,290 new cars motoring out of showrooms,' said Christopher Macgowan, SMMT chief executive. 'With climate change issues at the forefront of everyone's agenda, it is encouraging to note the rise in uptake of low-carbon vehicles. Motorists are increasingly playing their part in tackling environmental impact and SMMT's annual *Sustainability Report*, to be launched on 9 October, will highlight the progress the UK automotive manufacturing sector has made over the last eight years.'

Alternatively fuelled car registrations in the UK



Notes:

At €20 bn, the automotive sector is Europe's largest investor in R&D, driving industry forward and helping deliver more sustainable motoring for the 21st century. Technological innovation has helped car and CV manufacturers slash CO₂ and air quality emissions from vehicles. New diesel cars, for example, emit 95 per cent less soot from the tailpipe than those made 15 years ago and average new car CO₂ has been cut by 12 per cent since 1997.

Each vehicle made in Britain requires half the energy to produce than it did just five years ago, saving an estimated 700,000 tonnes of CO₂ a year. Waste to landfill per vehicle produced has also been cut by a factor of four, from 66.4 kg in 2001 to 14.5 kg in 2005. For more details, download SMMT's annual Sustainability Report from the SMMT web site www.smmt.co.uk/publications