



Press release

APRIL 2017: PRODUCTION OF THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY GROWN IN ITALY BY 2% FIRST FOUR MONTHS CLOSED AT +5.7%

Approximately 260,000 units manufactured in the first 4 months of 2017, in acceleration by 5% on the same period in 2016

Turin, 12th June 2017 - According to preliminary data issued by ANFIA, in April 2017 the **domestic car production** exceeded 57,000 units, in contraction by 8% on April 2016, after the 25% increase recorded in March this year. The decrease recorded in April was motivated by fewer working days in comparison with April 2016 (18 on 20, respectively) due to the Easter holidays (occurred in March last year). Actually, looking at the period March to April 2017, with around 127,000 cars manufactured, there was an increase by 8.4% on the same period in 2016.

In the first 4 months of the year, the car production nearly attained 260,000 units, in trend growth by 5%.

Internal market and foreign markets went on driving the domestic production. In the first five months 2017, the Italian car market posted a growth by 8% and registrations in the other sectors as well presented a positive sign in the first four months of the year (last data available): up by 4.8% as for light commercial vehicles, +33.3% as for trucks, +43.3% as for buses, +26.6% as for heavy trailers & semitrailers, +1.4% as for light trucks.

In the first three months this year **the value of car exports** from Italy was in acceleration by 22.6%. In March 2017, motor vehicle exports reached a value by €2.29 billion (+28.1%), representing 5.4% of all exports, while motor vehicle imports arrived at a value of €3.51 billion, namely +26.6%, that is 9.5% of all Italian motor vehicle imports from Italy. The United States went on representing, in value, the very first country of destination as for export, with a share by 17%, followed by Germany and France, as for share, by 13% and 12%, respectively.

According then with processing made by ANFIA¹ on ISTAT data, the sector of car components and parts (including engines, new and regenerated tires, inner tubes, accessories and parts for motor car bodyworks, electric components) recorded in January-February 2017 (last available data) sales on foreign markets for a value of €3.39 billion (+4.4%), and purchases for €2.58 billion (trend increase: +5.8%), with a positive balance of €806 million (-0.1% on January-February 2016).

¹ The item considered by ANFIA are those relating to Ateco 29.3 codes, the items Ateco relating to engines and some other Ateco items relating to rubber (tires, etc.)

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"The production of the Italian Automotive industry as a whole² reported a growth by 2% in April, further to +13.4% in March, +6.4% in February and +0.1% recorded in January - declared Gianmarco Giorda, Director of ANFIA. The closure of the first four months 2017 remained therefore positive, with a trend growth by 5.7%.

The index of the industrial production in the whole³ went up by just 1% in April, while it closed the first four months 2017 at up by 1.5%.

Also the Italian production of parts and accessories for motor vehicles⁴ closed the month of April by a positive trend (+7.1%) and the first four months at +6.4%. In March 2017, according the last available data, orders relating to this specific sector have grown by 14.8% (+20.2% as for internal orders and +7.7% as for the foreign orders), whereas in the first three months of the year, the variation in the trend was of +9.5% (+12.3% and +6%, as for internal and foreign component, respectively). The turnover of the components sector, finally, was in growth by 16.6% in the month of March, above all due to the internal element, risen by 23.4% (in acceleration the foreign element, up by 8.9%), while in the first four months the turnover index rose by 10.1%, in presence of +13.7% as for the internal element and +6% as for the foreign turnover)".

As for the automotive sector, orders⁵ showed, as a whole, a trend increase by 15.9% in March 2017, closing the quarter at +14%, mainly owing to the contribution coming from the foreign element, in growth by 22.1% (internal element: +8%), while total orders of the industry (excluding the building sector) presented a trend increase by 9.2% in March and by 8.5% in the quarter (internal element: +4.5% and +14.3% as for the foreign element).

Lastly, the turnover⁶ of the automotive sector grew by 21.8% in March and by 14.5% in the first quarter 2017 (foreign component: +18%; internal component: +11.8%), while as for the industry in the strict sense of the word recorded an acceleration by 10.6% in March and by 7% in the quarter (adding the internal turnover component: +7.7%; and that of the foreign turnover: +5.7%).

² Ateco Code 29: manufacture of motor vehicles, bodyworks for motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers, production of parts and accessories for motor vehicles and their engines (excluding tires).

³ Adjusted further to calendar effects: 18 working days on 20 in April 2016.

⁴ Codice Ateco 29.3, does not include tires.

⁵ Raw data: April updating will be published by Istat on 23rd June 2017.

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Born in March 1912, over these one hundred years, ANFIA mission has always been to represent the interests of its associate members and ensure effective communication between the Italian motor vehicle industries on the one hand, and the Public Administration and Italian political bodies on the other, with regard to all technical, economic, fiscal, legal, statistical and quality-related issues referred to the automotive sector.

The Association is structured in **three product-based Groups**, each one chaired by a President.

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