

Press release

**2-DIGIT RISE IN MAY FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY
IN ITALY (+11.4%),
CLOSING THE FIRST 5 MONTHS OF 2017 AT +6.9%**

**Car production quite close to 340,000 units in January-May 2017,
up by 8% on the same period in 2016**

Turin, 11th July 2017 - According to preliminary data issued by ANFIA, in May 2017 the **domestic car production** almost attained 80,000 units, posting a 17% increase on May 2016 (with the same number of working days: 22).

In the first five months of the year, the car production nearly touched 340,000 units, recording a growth in trend by 8%.

The **internal demand and also the foreign one have continued driving the domestic production up to this date**. In the first half of the current year, the Italian car market has grown by 9% and new registrations recorded by FCA Group have risen by 29.5% (in the EU-EFTA, in the first five months of 2017 the Group has recorded a growth by 11%, with a market share by 7.3%). Also new registrations recorded in the other sectors have marked a positive sign, in Italy, in the first six months 2017 (last available result): +6.5% as for light commercial vehicles, +21.5% as for trucks, +49.6% as for buses, +22.5% as for heavy trailers and semitrailers and +3.7% as for light trucks.

In the first four months of the year, **the value of motor vehicle exports** from Italy has been in acceleration by 17.7%. In April 2017, motor vehicle exports attained a value of €1.83 billion (+4.3%), representing 5.4% of all exports, whereas motor vehicle imports accounted for €2.55 billion (-8.7%), namely 8.4% of all Italian imports. As for value, the United States continued representing the very first country of destination for the Italian motor vehicle export, with a share by 16%, followed by France and Germany, with the following shares: 14% and 13%, respectively.

“The production of the Italian Automotive Industry as a whole¹ gathered a growth by 11.4% in May, as a follow-up to the April percentage (+2%), +13.4% in March, +6.4% in February and +0.1% recorded in January - declared Gianmarco Giorda, Director of ANFIA. Consequently, the closure of the first five months of 2017 remained positive, in growth by 6.9% in terms of trend. As a whole, the industrial production index went up² by 2.8% in May, whereas it closed the progressive total since the beginning of the year at +1.7%.

¹ 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).

² Adjusted further to calendar effects: 22 working days in May 2017 and May 2016.

Also the Italian production of parts and accessories for motor vehicles and their engines³ closed the month of May recording a positive trend (+5.8%) and its cumulative total since the beginning of the year was at +6.3 %. In April 2017, according to the very last available data, total orders of this specific sector resulted in decrease by 1.1% (up by 1.2% internal orders and down by 4.3% as for foreign orders), while in the first four months of the year, the trend variation has been up by 6.9% (+9.6% and +3.6% as for the relating internal and external components).

At last, the components turnover was in contraction by 3.6% in the month of April due to one of the internal components in decline by 1.1% and also to one of the foreign components, in deceleration by 6.3%, whereas in the first five months of the year the index of the turnover maintained its growth at 6.6%, with one internal component in acceleration by 9.9% (foreign turnover: up by 2.8%)”.

As for the automotive sector, as a whole, **orders⁴** went up by 1.7% as for trend in April 2017 (in particular, thanks to the foreign component element, in growth by 2.3%, face to the internal one at +1.3%), closing the first four months at +11%, being this latter the result of a growth by 6.4% for the internal market and 17.1% for the foreign market; meanwhile, total orders of the industry (excluding the Building sector) presented a contraction by 2.2% in the month and closed at 6% the whole 4- month period (+3.1% as internal component and +9.9% as foreign component). Finally, the **turnover⁵** of the automotive sector declined by 1.9% in April, whereas it closed the first four months of the year posting a double-digit percentage (+10.3%, owing to a foreign component in growth by 14.3%, while the internal one rose by 7,2%). As for the industry, in the strict sense of the word, the turnover decreased by 2.5% in April, recording then a rise by 4.6% in the first four months 2017 (with the internal turnover component at +4.9% and the foreign one at +3.9%).

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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.

Components: motor vehicle parts and components manufacturers; **Car Coachbuilders and Designers:** companies working in the sector of design, engineering and style of motor vehicles and/or parts and components for the automotive sector; **Motor vehicles:** motor vehicles manufacturers in general, including trucks, trailers, camper vans, special means of transport and/or intended for special use, such as fitting and specific equipment mounted on motor vehicles.

³ ATECO Code 29.3 does not include tires.

⁴ Raw data: May updating will be published by ISTAT on 25th July 2017.

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