



Press release

AFTER THE 2-DIGIT INCREASE RECORDED IN MAY AND JUNE, ALSO IN JULY THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY PRODUCTION WENT ON GROWING: +7.6%

Car production varying around 480,000 units in the first seven months in 2017, namely rising 9% on the same period in 2016

Turin, 11th September 2017 - According to preliminary data issued by ANFIA, in July 2017 the **domestic car production** exceeded 66,500 units, in acceleration by 3% on July 2016 (with the same number of working days, 21).

In the first 7 months of the current year, car production recorded a trend growth by 9%.

The **internal demand and the foreign one have driven the domestic production just to this date**. In January-July 2017, the Italian car market grew by 9% (+6% in the month of July) and FCA Group registrations went up by 9% with a market share by 29.3%. Also new registrations relating to the other sectors presented a positive sign, in Italy, in the first 7 months in 2017: +3% for light commercial vehicles, +20.5% as for trucks, +44.8% as for buses, +18.7% as for heavy trailers and semi-trailers, +4.2% as for light trailers.

In the first half of the current year, the **value of motor vehicle export** from Italy was in growth by 20%. In June 2017, motor vehicle exports reached a value of €2.15 billion (+19%), representing 5.4% of all exports, whereas motor vehicle imports accounted for €2.92 billion (+6.1%), namely 8.3% of all Italian imports. The United States continued representing the first country of destination, in terms of value, as for export of motor vehicles from Italy, with a market share by 18%, followed by Germany and France, accompanied both of them by a 13 percent share.

“The Italian production of the automotive industry, as a whole¹ produced a growth by 7.6% in July, further to up by 15.4% recorded in June, to up by 11.4% in May, to up by 2% in April, to up by 13.4% in March, to up by 6.4% in February and 0.1% recorded in January - declared Gianmarco Giorda, Director of ANFIA. The first 7 months of 2017 closed again in positive sign, growing by 8.2% as for trend. The index of the industrial production grew by 4.4% as a whole² in July, while the progressive amount since the beginning of the year was at up by 2.6%.

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 Amended as per calendar effects: 21 working days in July 2017, the same as in July 2016.

Also the Italian production of parts and accessories for motor vehicles and their engines³ recorded an acceleration by 8.5% in July, closing positively the trend recorded in the first 7 months 2017 (+7.3%)”.

In May 2017, according to the last available data, the number of orders recorded in this specific sector, after a slight deceleration in April, recorded an increase by 14.7% (+16% as for the internal market and up by 12.9% as for the foreign market), while in the cumulative amount relating the current year, the trend variation was of: +8,5%, +10.9% and +5.4%, respectively, on the relating internal and external component elements. The turnover produced by the component industry, at last, closed the market of May at up by 12.7% after the contraction recorded in April (down by 3.6%), above all due to an internal component element, this latter in acceleration by 16.5% (+8.1% as for foreign component). In the first five months of 2017, the index of turnover maintained its growth at 7.9%, with an internal component element in rise by 11.4% (up by 3.9% as for the foreign component element).

As for the automotive sector as a whole, car orders⁴ showed a trend increase by 20.3% in May 2017, as a whole (thanks to a 20.6% growth generated by the foreign component and by 20.1% as for the internal one), whereas in the cumulative amount since the beginning of the year the trend growth was of 12.9% (up by 9.2% in the internal market and up by 17.9% in the foreign market. Total orders of the industry (excluding the Building sector), on the contrary, presented an increase by 13.7% in the month and closed the period January-May 2017 at up by 7.5% (up by 4.9% as for the internal component element and up by 11.1% as for the foreign component one).

Lastly, with reference to the automotive sector, the turnover⁵ presented a growth by 17% in May and by 11.8% in the progressive since the beginning of the year, maintaining a 2-digit percentage, as it already happened in closing the four-month period (+10.3%), thanks to a foreign turnover in growth by 16.1%, whereas the internal one increased by 8.4%. As for the industry, in the very strict sense of the word, resulted in growth by 7.5% in May, while the growth remained at 5.2% in the very first months of the year (with a internal turnover component at +5.3% and the foreign turnover' at +5.1%).

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³ Ateco 29.3 code does not include tires.

⁴ Raw data: updated data (June-July) will be issued by ISTAT on the 27th September 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.

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.