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Table 1.--New passenger automobiles: U.S. retail sales of domestic production, production, inventory, days' supply, and employment, by specified periods, February 1988-January 1990

(In thousands of units; thousands of employees)

Item	1989-90			1988-89	
	Dec. 1989	Jan. 1990	Feb. 1989- Jan. 1990	Jan. 1989	Feb. 1988- Jan. 1989
Retail sales of domestic production:					
Subcompact.....	69	76	1,295	88	1,405
Compact.....	109	137	1,951	115	1,863
Intermediate.....	155	183	2,638	192	3,086
Standard.....	77	95	1,138	67	1,031
Luxury.....	46	54	683	47	672
Total.....	456	545	7,704	509	8,057
Production:					
Subcompact.....	61	66	1,136	111	1,309
Compact.....	109	94	1,814	157	1,916
Intermediate.....	157	115	2,201	246	2,992
Standard.....	51	37	824	53	775
Luxury.....	53	45	739	71	789
Total.....	430	357	6,713	638	7,781
Inventory:					
Subcompact.....	283	248	1/	293	1/
Compact.....	310	272	1/	319	1/
Intermediate.....	732	642	1/	753	1/
Standard.....	205	180	1/	212	1/
Luxury.....	139	122	1/	145	1/
Total.....	1,669	1,464	1/	1,724	1/
Days' supply: 2/					
Subcompact.....	103	85	1/	87	1/
Compact.....	71	52	1/	72	1/
Intermediate.....	118	91	1/	102	1/
Standard.....	67	49	1/	82	1/
Luxury.....	76	59	1/	80	1/
Average.....	92	92	1/	88	1/
Employment: 3/					
Total employees....	4/ 833	5/ 837	1/	6/ 872	1/
Production workers..	4/ 640	5/ 643	1/	6/ 683	1/

1/ Not applicable.

2/ Days' supply is an average for each class size which is determined by the previous month's retail sales.

3/ Employment data are for SIC 371 (motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment).

4/ Data are for November 1989, revised.

5/ Data are for December 1989.

6/ Data are for December 1988.

Source: Retail sales and production, Data Resources, Inc. Auto Information Bank; days' supply and inventory, Automotive News; and employment, U.S. Department of Labor.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Table 2.--New passenger automobiles: U.S. imports, by principal sources and by specified periods, January 1988-December 1989 1/

Source	1989		Jan. 1989- Dec. 1989	1988	
	Nov. 1989	Dec. 1989		Dec. 1988	Jan. 1988- Dec. 1988
	Quantity (units)				
Japan	171,384	184,837	2,051,525	216,717	2,123,051
Canada	116,014	94,007	1,151,122	88,887	1,191,357
West Germany...	21,548	19,222	216,881	34,125	264,249
Korea	19,550	21,217	270,609	44,434	455,741
Sweden	7,634	9,546	101,571	10,469	108,006
Mexico	7,766	4,640	133,049	12,069	148,065
Yugoslavia	1	8	2,341	0	28,431
United Kingdom..	4,078	2,664	29,378	2,854	31,636
Italy	777	408	9,319	638	6,053
France	3	9	4,885	616	15,990
Brazil	5,061	4,611	46,147	2,922	59,401
All other	2,001	2,673	25,901	1,940	18,233
Total	355,817	343,842	4,042,728	415,671	4,450,213
	Value (1 000 dollars)				
Japan	1,660,566	1,876,748	20,152,288	2,045,165	19,877,699
Canada	1,315,321	1,053,604	12,872,651	997,530	13,255,226
West Germany...	475,552	410,371	5,020,555	790,566	6,441,720
Korea	108,686	113,456	1,592,436	266,930	2,486,510
Sweden	126,978	154,992	1,649,382	167,046	1,698,197
Mexico	75,246	46,797	1,174,784	103,630	1,270,947
Yugoslavia	3	29	6,975	0	75,794
United Kingdom..	122,262	88,534	937,014	97,104	941,406
Italy	24,467	18,150	262,709	19,713	152,152
France	29	253	58,765	7,250	171,178
Brazil	31,375	28,501	282,399	17,034	341,274
All other	33,179	44,539	406,657	32,165	292,592
Total	3,973,665	3,835,974	44,416,615	4,544,134	47,004,697

1/ Data include imports into Puerto Rico and TSUSA items 692.1005-692.1008; data do not include automobiles assembled in U.S. foreign trade zones.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Table 3.--Lightweight automobile trucks 1/ and bodies and cab/chassis for
lightweight automobile trucks: U.S. imports, by principal sources and by
specified periods, January 1988-December 1989 2/

Source	1989		Jan. 1989- Dec. 1989	1988	
	Nov. 1989	Dec. 1989		Dec. 1988	Jan. 1988- Dec. 1988
	Quantity (units) 3/				
Japan	28,666	28,699	422,851	46,381	548,356
Canada	44,233	40,256	452,646	33,589	299,351
Mexico	2,100	1,721	9,782	0	29
All other	126	80	836	6	2,536
Total	75,125	70,756	886,115	79,796	850,272
	Value (1,000 dollars)				
Japan	165,974	168,210	2,584,397	302,095	3,241,138
Canada	560,716	512,892	5,210,250	402,264.	3,400,302
Mexico	26,004	21,112	121,647	617	9,428
All other	4.970	3.116	53.931	2.557	143,291
Total	757,664	705,330	7,970,225	707,533	6,794,160

1/ Defined as not over 10,000 pounds gvw.

2/ Partially estimated, all data include imports into Puerto Rico.

3/ Quantity data include complete trucks and cab/chassis, but exclude bodies.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce, except as noted.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Table 4.--New passenger automobiles: U.S. exports of domestic merchandise, by principal markets and by specified periods, January 1988-December 1989

Market	1989		Jan. 1989- Dec. 1989	1988	
	Nov. 1989	Dec. 1989		Dec. 1988	Jan. 1988- Dec. 1988
Quantity (units)					
Canada	25,469	19,275	306,782	40,493	616,910
Japan	2,241	1,684	15,733	2,440	21,720
All other	16.911	16.197	143.413	16.555	140.343
Total	44.621	37.156	465.928	59.488	778.973
Value (1.000 dollars)					
Canada	301,516	272,717	3,816,015	432,393	6,259,139
Japan	42,239	30,231	260,541	30,600	271,412
All other	236.991	238.397	1.904.642	201.813	1.781.216
Total	580,746	541,345	5,981,198	664,806	8,311,767

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Table 5.--Lightweight automobile trucks 1/ and bodies and cab/chassis for lightweight automobile trucks: U.S. exports of domestic merchandise, by principal markets and by specified periods, January 1988-December 1989 2/

Market	1989		Jan. 1989- Dec. 1989	1988	
	Nov. 1989	Dec. 1989		Dec. 1988	Jan. 1988- Dec. 1988
	Quantity (units) 3/				
Canada	10,056	9,971	143,643	10,200	152,686
All other	627	1,310	13,956	3,098	31,914
Total	10,683	11,281	157,599	13,298	184,600
	Value (1,000 dollars)				
Canada	129,128	125,858	1,699,431	108,586	1,543,344
All other	8.921	20.567	188.239	33.409	39.296
Total	138,049	146,425	1,877,670	141,993.	1,936,310

1/ Defined as not over 10,000 pounds gw.

2/ Partially estimated.

3/ Quantity data include complete trucks and cab/chassis, but exclude bodies.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce, except as noted.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Table 6.--New passenger automobiles: Sales of domestic and imported passenger automobiles and sales of imported passenger automobiles as a percent of total U.S. sales, by specified periods, 1989 and 1990

Period	Sales of-		Imported		Total U.S.		Ratio of	
	Domestic automobiles 1/		automobiles 2/		sales 1/ 2/		import sales.	
	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989
	Quantity (units)						--Percent--	
January....	544,605	509,760	208,694	208,856	753,299	718,616	27.7	29.1

1/ Domestic automobile sales include U.S.-, Canadian and Mexican-built automobiles sold in the United States.

2/ Does not include automobiles imported from Canada and Mexico.

Source: Automotive News.

Table 7.--New passenger automobiles: Price indexes, by specified periods, 1988 and 1989 1/

Item	1989		Percent change	1988 and 1989		Percent change
	Nov. 1989	Dec. 1989		Dec. 1988	Dec. 1989	
Consumer Price Index:						
Unadjusted...	120.5	121.8	+1.1	119.1	121.8	+2.3
Seasonally adjusted...	119.6	120.8	+1.0	118.2	120.8	+2.2
Producer Price Index:						
Unadjusted...	119.4	119.0	-0.3	116.3	119.0	+2.3
Seasonally adjusted...	116.1	117.4	+1.1	114.1	117.4	+2.9

1/ Consumer price index, 1982-1984 = 100. Producer price index, 1982 = 100.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor.

Table 8.--New passenger automobiles: Retail price changes in the
U.S. market during January 1990 1/

Country source/make	Retail price changes January 1990 (+ or -)
U.S. producers:	
General Motors	No change.
Ford	No change.
Chrysler	No change.
Japanese producers:	
Toyota Motors	No change.
Mazda	No change.
American Honda	No change.
Acura Division	No change.
Subaru	No change.
European producers:	
Volkswagen	No change.
BMW	No change.
Audi	No change.
Porsche	No change.
Mercedes-Benz	No change.
Korean producer:	
Hyundai	No change.

1/ Average retail price change for all models.

Source: Automotive News, January 1990.

