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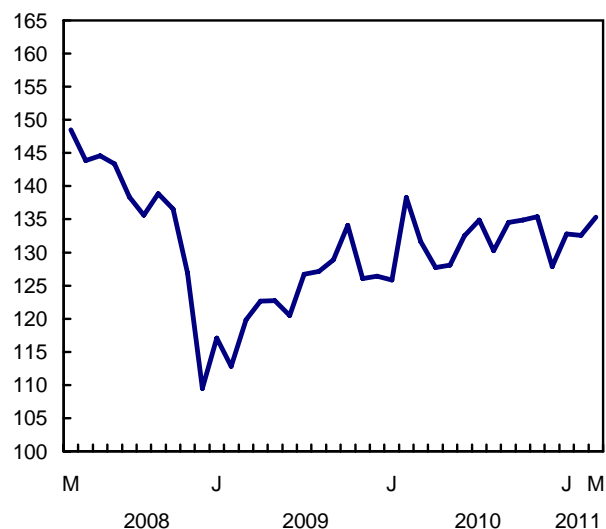
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New motor vehicle sales up in March

thousands of units



Preliminary industry data indicate that the number of new motor vehicles sold in April decreased by 1%.

Overseas-built passenger car sales at their lowest point in six years

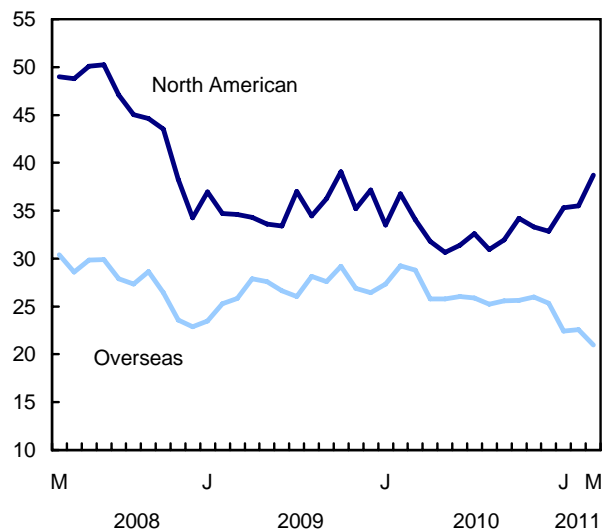
Passenger car sales rose 2.7% in March, a second consecutive month of gains. Sales of North American-built passenger cars accounted for the increase, rising 8.9%. North American-built passenger car sales have been rising since the middle of 2010.

Overseas-built passenger car sales declined 7.0%, reaching their lowest point in six years. Sales of overseas-built passenger cars have been declining since late 2010.

Sales of trucks (which include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses) increased 1.4% to 75,583 units in March, more than offsetting the losses reported in February.

North American-built passenger car sales on the rise

thousands of units



Sales up in most provinces

The number of new motor vehicles sold increased in eight provinces in March, led by Alberta and Ontario.

Sales of new motor vehicles increased in Alberta and Ontario for the third consecutive month in March, rising by 4.2% and 1.4% respectively.

New Brunswick (+13.5%) reported the largest percentage sales increase in March, which more than erased losses reported in February.

Sales edged down in the region formed by British Columbia and the Territories (-0.2%), as well as in Newfoundland and Labrador (-0.3%).

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The March 2011 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007-X, free) will be available soon.

Data on new motor vehicle sales for April will be released on June 14.

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concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact John De Luca (613-951-8719), Distributive Trades Division.

New motor vehicle sales

	March 2010	February 2011 ^f	March 2011 ^p	March 2010 to March 2011	February to March 2011
Seasonally adjusted					
	number of vehicles			% change	
New motor vehicles	131,646	132,595	135,261	2.7	2.0
Passenger cars	62,852	58,083	59,678	-5.0	2.7
North American ¹	34,065	35,523	38,701	13.6	8.9
Overseas	28,787	22,560	20,977	-27.1	-7.0
Trucks, vans and buses	68,794	74,512	75,583	9.9	1.4
New motor vehicles					
Newfoundland and Labrador	2,699	2,671	2,664	-1.3	-0.3
Prince Edward Island	502	471	518	3.2	10.0
Nova Scotia	3,980	3,916	3,962	-0.5	1.2
New Brunswick	3,196	3,007	3,414	6.8	13.5
Quebec	36,282	34,053	34,361	-5.3	0.9
Ontario	48,492	49,743	50,463	4.1	1.4
Manitoba	3,581	3,992	4,236	18.3	6.1
Saskatchewan	3,760	4,065	4,270	13.6	5.0
Alberta	16,446	17,318	18,041	9.7	4.2
British Columbia ²	12,708	13,359	13,332	4.9	-0.2
	March 2010	February 2011 ^f	March 2011 ^p	March 2010 to March 2011	
Unadjusted					
	number of vehicles			% change	
New motor vehicles	148,052	98,145	156,446	5.7	
Passenger cars	70,252	39,577	69,249	-1.4	
North American ¹	38,427	23,454	45,824	19.2	
Overseas	31,825	16,123	23,425	-26.4	
Trucks, vans and buses	77,800	58,568	87,197	12.1	
New motor vehicles					
Newfoundland and Labrador	2,822	1,684	2,897	2.7	
Prince Edward Island	529	292	570	7.8	
Nova Scotia	4,404	2,796	4,530	2.9	
New Brunswick	3,553	2,135	4,017	13.1	
Quebec	44,715	24,047	43,249	-3.3	
Ontario	53,788	36,817	58,106	8.0	
Manitoba	3,770	2,894	4,693	24.5	
Saskatchewan	3,899	2,840	4,600	18.0	
Alberta	17,476	13,784	19,666	12.5	
British Columbia ²	13,096	10,856	14,118	7.8	

^r revised

^p preliminary

1. Manufactured or assembled in Canada, the United States or Mexico.

2. Includes Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Note: Figures may not add up to totals as a result of rounding.

Domestic sales of refined petroleum products

March 2011 (preliminary)

Sales of refined petroleum products totalled 9 132.6 thousand cubic metres in March, up 843.4 thousand cubic metres (+10.2%) from March 2010. (One cubic metre equals a thousand litres.)

The increase was led by diesel fuel sales, up 460.2 thousand cubic metres (+22.0%) from March 2010, and motor gasoline sales, up 264.4 thousand cubic metres (+7.6%). Overall, two of the seven major petroleum product groups posted a decline in March compared with the same month in 2010.

In March, sales of refined petroleum products increased by 1 116.0 thousand cubic metres (+13.9%) from February. The increase was led by motor gasoline sales, up 521.6 cubic metres (+16.2%) from February to March.

Note: Preliminary domestic sales of refined petroleum products data are not available on CANSIM.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2150.

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Sales of refined petroleum products

	March 2010 ^r	February 2011 ^r	March 2011 ^p	February to March 2011	March 2010 to March 2011
	thousands of cubic metres			% change	
Total, all products	8 289.2	8 016.6	9 132.6	13.9	10.2
Motor gasoline	3 481.2	3 224.0	3 745.6	16.2	7.6
Diesel fuel oil	2 093.3	2 259.6	2 553.5	13.0	22.0
Light fuel oil	316.0	411.2	372.8	-9.3	18.0
Heavy fuel oil	550.4	422.0	458.4	8.6	-16.7
Aviation turbo fuels	518.7	450.3	491.6	9.2	-5.2
Petrochemical feedstocks ¹	374.6	364.1	471.4	29.5	25.8
All other refined products	955.1	885.5	1 039.4	17.4	8.8

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^p preliminary

1. Materials produced by refineries that are used by the petrochemical industry to produce chemicals, synthetic rubber and a variety of plastics.

Note: Data may not add up to totals as a result of rounding.

Steel pipe and tubing

March 2011

Data on the production and shipments of steel pipe and tubing are now available for March. Revised data are also available for February.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0046.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2105.

The March 2011 issue of *Steel, Tubular Products and Steel Wire* (41-019-X, free) will soon be available.

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