

Press Release

**IN THE ITALIAN AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY PRODUCTION GREW AGAIN IN JUNE: UP 4.6%  
AFTER A SLIGHT DECLINE IN MAY (DOWN 0.8%)**

**Car production maintained a downward trend with a 1% drop in the month, and closed the half-year at -6%, while the total number of cars produced in January-June was 3% less than in the first half of 2017**

*Turin, 3rd August 2018* - According to preliminary ANFIA data, in June 2018 **domestic car production** stood at around 73,500 units and was down by 1% compared to June 2017.

In the first half of this year car production exceeded 385,000 units and was 6% lower than in the first half of 2017.

Looking at the total number of cars produced between January and June 2018, there were more than 590,000 units representing a downward trend of 3%. During this same period, car exports accounted for 55% of total production, a figure that reaches almost 65% if all vehicles are considered.

During January to July, the Italian car market fell slightly by 0.7% (4% up in July). The FCA Group's registrations in July recorded a market share of 28%, with volumes up by 3.4% (and down by 8% during the year in 2018). In the other segments, light commercial vehicles (-0.4%, while in the month they fell by 3.5%) and light trailers (-4%, while in July they closed at -13%) showed negative signs in the first seven months of the year. On the other hand, the period from January to July closed with a positive result for trucks (+12%, with a decrease of 0.1% in July), buses (+24% and a growth of 77% in the month) and heavy trailers and semi-trailers (+4%, despite a decrease of 9.5% in July). Since the beginning of 2018 there has been a slowdown in the market for light and towed vehicles.

In May 2018 **exports of motor vehicles** from Italy totalled 2.11 billion euros representing 5.2% of total Italian exports, down 10%. Car imports on the other hand were worth 3.17 billion euros (-2.8%) equivalent to 8.5% of total imports into Italy. The United States continues to represent, in value terms, the leading destination country for the export of motor vehicles from Italy with a share of 19.5%, followed by France and Germany (14.5% and 12% respectively).

In Italy the index of industrial production as a whole<sup>1</sup> grew by 1.7% in June, while in the first six months of 2018 it closed at +2.6%.

***“Production by the Italian automotive industry as a whole<sup>2</sup>, in June 2018 recorded a year-on-year increase of 4.6%, following a fall of 0.8% in May, an increase of 3.1% in***

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<sup>1</sup> Corrected for calendar changes: 21 working days as in June 2017 (excluding Construction). From 2018 onwards, industrial production indices are published by ISTAT in their new reference database 2015=100 (until last month the database was 2010=100).

<sup>2</sup> Ateco Code 29: manufacturing of motor vehicles, bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers, and components and accessories for motor vehicles and their engines (excluding tyres).

*April, a fall of 1.8% in March, an increase of 1.8% in February and an increase of 2.3% in January - stated Gianmarco Giorda, Director of ANFIA.*

***Italian production of components and accessories for motor vehicles and their engines<sup>3</sup> again showed positive signs both in the month, with an increase of 5%, and in the year as a whole (+2.1%)".***

In May 2018, according to the latest available statistics, orders in this sector were down by 5.1%, due to a double-digit fall in domestic orders (-10.2%), while foreign orders increased by 1.1%. In the first five months of the year orders were flat and showed no trend variation (-4.6% and +4.8% respectively for domestic and foreign components). Finally, component sales decreased by 4% in the month, again as a result of a fall of 9.1% in domestic sales, while foreign sales closed at +2.4%. In the period from January to May 2018 there was no change in the turnover index which remained in line with the levels of a year ago, with a reduction in domestic components of 5.2% (+5.9% in foreign turnover).

**Orders<sup>4</sup>** for the automotive sector as a whole grew by 5.6% in May (the result of domestic orders being in line with the levels of May 2017 and foreign orders increasing by 14.7%). In the first five months of 2018 orders increased by 2.4% (-1.5% in the domestic market and +7.9% in foreign markets). Total industrial orders, on the other hand, rose by 4.9% in May (+2.8% for domestic orders and +8.1% for foreign orders) and by 5.2% in the year since the beginning of 2018 (+4.4% for domestic orders and +6.3% for foreign orders).

**Turnover<sup>5</sup>** of the automotive sector, finally showed a decrease of 5% in May. In the first five months of 2018 turnover fell by 1% (-1.4% for domestic turnover and -0.5% for foreign turnover). For the industry in the stricter sense (excluding the Construction sector), turnover increased by 5.1% in May and by 4.5% in the period from January to May 2018 (+5.4% on foreign markets and +4% on the domestic market).

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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.

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<sup>3</sup> Ateco Code 29.3, does not include tyres.

<sup>4</sup> Raw data. Data updated in June and July will be published by Istat on 18 September 2018.

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