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2001 WORLD MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCTION REACHED 56,3 MILLION UNITS

Further to the provisional world motor vehicle production figures for 2001, published in March 2002, OICA (International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers) has now released the final production figures for 2001, which show a more positive situation than originally expected.

The worldwide production figures for 2001 reach 56,3 million units (compared to 55,8 million originally foreseen), representing a 3,5% decrease compared to the record year of 2000.

As already noted, wide variations can be observed depending on the region, the European Union experienced a modest growth of 1%, while the NAFTA region declined by 10% (US : - 11% . Canada : - 14% ; Mexico : - 4%).

In Asia, Japan and South Korea declined by 4% and 5% respectively, but China and Thailand experienced a strong growth of 13% and 12 % respectively.

These data show that emerging countries have played a key role in partially counterbalancing the decrease encountered in the developed countries.
