

2001 WORLD MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCTION DOWN BY ALMOST 4%

OICA, the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers, has released the provisional world motor vehicle production figures for 2001.

The provisional figures indicate a decrease, compared to the record year of 2000, of about 3,9%, resulting in a total production of 55.8 million units (58.1 million units in 2000).

Wide variations can be observed depending on the region. The European Union and South America 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.
