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AUSTRIA DRIVES TOWARDS CO₂ REDUCTIONS

- **All top ten brand sales reducing average range CO₂ outputs**
- **Moves towards smaller cars driven by government incentives**
- **Volkswagen is country's most popular brand**

Analysis Investigations by JATO Dynamics, the world's leading provider of automotive data and intelligence, show how Austria's most popular car brands are performing, not just in sales terms, but also in their volume-weighted CO₂ emissions.

Every volume manufacturer has reduced average CO₂ output of their brand, but some of the lowest CO₂ brands are not the country's best sellers.

The best performing brand is Fiat, with an average CO₂ output across its 2008 range of 140.1 g/km, which compares to 143.4 g/km for 2007. However, the country's sales leader, Volkswagen, ranks 8th in JATO's low-CO₂ table, with average output of 157.1 g/km in 2008 (2007: 160.1 g/km).

Further investigation shows the increased popularity in small, B-segment cars, matched to a decline in larger vehicles. B segment share of the Austrian market rose 2.1% between 2007 and 2008, while D-segment and mini MPV segment declined 0.67% and 1.53% respectively.

This would suggest government incentives are slowly directing new car buying decisions towards small – and generally, more efficient – cars. Since July 2008, all Austrian customers have been incentivised towards more efficient cars, with a EUR 200 bonus on any car producing less than 120g/ km. A similar 'malus' (penalty) of EUR 25 per g/ km CO₂ is added to the cost of any car producing more than 180g/ km.

"Volume-weighted, average CO₂ is the mix of vehicles sold under each brand; some brands are more focused on smaller, low-CO₂ cars than others, but all are reducing", explains Mr. Fabio Donnalioia, Country

Manager for Austria, JATO Dynamics. "This is evidence of government incentives working, persuading people to buy more efficient cars, but it also shows how brand preference and other considerations still rule over CO₂ performance for Austrian customers."

"For 2009, it will be interesting to see the impact of the scrappage scheme, and how this drives new car purchases compared to other EU countries where the incentives are higher" he concludes.

Top Ten Sales by Brand

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VOLKSWAGEN	50,736	49,379	160.1	157.1
OPEL	23,572	20,958	155.6	152.3
FORD	19,108	20,235	154.0	153.7
AUDI	15,785	16,529	175.9	166.2
RENAULT	15,627	16,359	157.8	153.9
SKODA	15,710	15,066	148.4	148.9
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Total Market	298,184	293,698	162.7	157.9

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Editorial note: JATO Dynamics background

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