

Russia's foreign car market in January-April 2008

Foreign car sales in Russia in the period January through April totaled 655.5 thousand units, up almost 50% compared to the same period last year.

Traditionally, Chevrolet led the sales with Chevrolet Lacetti being the most popular model (28.5 thousand units, sales surged 240%). Sales of Ford Focus, occupying the second place (27.5 thousand units) fell 8%, nearing their low point in a long time. Renault Logan is in the third position (26.4 thousand units, sales grew 35%).

Top 10 foreign cars sold in January-April 2008

	Sales (thousand unit)	Sales growth, %
Chevrolet	82.2	53%
Huundai	65.4	2 times
Ford	59.7	9%
Nissan	49.5	68%
Renault	35.3	26%
Opel	33.8	2.2 times
Daewoo	33.1	33%
Mitsubishi	32.8	58%
Kia	32	61%
Mazda	23.5	72%

Hyundai will likely witness high growth rates in connection with the automaker's plan to produce the renewed Getz and TaGAZ's intent to make the Getz in the previous body variety. Launching of an auto part plant by the Don-Invest company will enable TaGAZ to boost production capacity and reduce shortage of the cars thus driving up sales of the Korean carmaker's models.

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