

ANNEX

This annex gives additional data in relation to release of the Car price report.

Methodology

The methodology used is the same as that employed in previous reports: a total of 17 European and 8 Japanese manufacturers supplied the Commission with their recommended retail prices, as of 1 November 2005, for 87 among the best-selling models.

The reference price for the calculation of differentials for any model is that of the cheapest country within the euro zone. Prices are adjusted for differences in standard equipment, and are given in euro and, where applicable, local currency¹, both before and after tax. Prices for major options and for right-hand drive specification are also supplied, together with other information. For some models, further options and variations in standard equipment may exist on certain national markets. It should also be noted that actual retail prices may differ from recommended list prices, as dealers must be free to propose lower prices and to offer additional financial benefits to customers, depending on the market.

Prices are stable in the EU

According to Eurostat figures on inflation, the convergence as shown by the Report takes place in a context of relative price stability in the EU as a whole and in most of each Member State:

Year-on-year change in price index (Dec 2005 compared with Dec 2004)

Euro zone	Cars	headline inflation	EU-25	Cars	Headline inflation
Belgium	1.4	2.8	Czech Republic	-0.3	1.9
Germany	1.8	2.1	Denmark	1.5	2.2
Greece	-0.8	3.5	Estonia	-5.0	3.6
Spain	2.2	3.7	Cyprus	-0.7	1.4
France	-0.4	1.8	Latvia	1.6	7.1
Ireland	1.2	1.9	Lithuania	-7.2	3.0
Italy	2.4	2.1	Hungary	-4.3	3.3
Luxembourg	1.0	3.4	Malta	n.a.	3.4
Netherlands	2.5	2.1	Poland	-10.8	0.8
Austria	1.2	1.6	Slovenia	-6.5	2.4
Portugal	2.6	2.5	Slovakia	-6.9	3.9
Finland	-2.8	1.1	Sweden	-0.1	1.3
Euro zone	1.3	2.3	United Kingdom	-0.5	2.0
Source: Eurostat			EU	0.6	2.1

¹ The euro rates used for conversion are those published in the Official Journal C273 of 3 November 2005, p.3.

Some highlights within the euro zone

Price differences for a selection of best-selling cars (expressed as percentages of prices in euro before tax, comparing the most expensive with the cheapest euro zone market) on 1 November 2005 were as follows:

Small segments A and B:	1/11/2005	1/5/2005	1/11/2004
Opel Corsa	16.1%	10.9%	17.3%
Ford Fiesta	25.3%	25.2%	22.1%
Renault Clio	14.2%	25.2%	22.7%
Peugeot 206	17.0%	16.2%	15.0%
Fiat Punto	32.2%	29.6%	23.5%

Medium segment C:	1/11/2005	1/5/2005	1/11/2004
VW Golf	26.7%	23.4%	28.3%
Opel Astra	16.7%	11.9%	15.9%
Ford Focus	22.7%	22.7%	20.8%
Renault Mégane	21.5%	19.6%	22.0%
Peugeot 307	18.1%	17.8%	17.1%

Large car segments D, E and F:	1/11/2005	1/5/2005	1/11/2004
BMW 320D	5.6%	5.2%	12.5%
Audi A 4	13.2%	11.8%	10.3%
Ford Mondeo	22.5%	19.2%	18.1%
Mercedes C180	3.9%	3.9%	3.7%
VW Passat	20.3%	20.3%	30.8%