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## From the 1.4 Million Cars Brazil Made This Year, 366,000 Were Exported

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The Brazilian market for vehicles grew 5.8% in the month of June when compared to the previous month. In June a total of 256,000 new cars were registered, as against 242,000 in May. In comparison with June last year, when 198,000 units were sold, the growth was 28.8%.

In the accumulated result for the year, the total reached 1,407,211 cars, 30% more than in the same period last year. The figures were disclosed on Friday, July 4, by the National Association of Vehicle Manufacturers (Anfavea). According to the organization, this is the best semester in the historic series in terms of sales.

The Anfavea monthly balance sheet shows that vehicle production also broke records, having risen from 289,000 units in May to 303,000 units in June (4.8%).

With regard to June last year, when 246,000 units were produced, the increase was 23%. In the accumulated result for the first six months of the year, production totaled 1,680,976 units, against 1,385,488 (21.3%) last year.

Exports reached 66,000 units in June, expansion of 20.3% over May. When compared with June last year, the increase was 3.7%. In the accumulated result for the year, exports reached 366,000 units.

According to Anfavea president, Jackson Schneider, the sector growth should continue in the second half, although at slower rates, due to the level of production and consumption that the domestic market has reached.

"We have now reached production and consumption over 200,000 units, which shows that growth should remain, but at a lower rhythm than what has been taking place in recent years."

Schneider stated that this accommodation is extremely positive as it allows for more structured planning and long-term growth without leaps and bounds. "It is a natural accommodation of the productive chain, which is complex and broad, so it is better to grow in the long run at a slower rhythm than in the short run and with great leaps," he said.

### Renault Growth

Renault Brazil announced that it sold 58,616 vehicles to the Brazilian public in the first half of this year, growth of 92%

over the same period last year. It is the best six-month result since the company began manufacturing automobiles in Brazil, 10 years ago.

The result achieved by Renault was three times greater than that of the national auto industry, which grew 30% in the first half. The company, according to its press office, has a 4.4% share of the Brazilian auto market, which means that it occupies the 5th position in the country's sales volume ranking.

To the president at the Brazilian branch of the company, Jérôme Stoll, the result surpasses annual sales in previous years and indicates that the brand is going to sell 120,000 units in 2008.

Contributing factors to the performance include the launch of new models, such as Sandero and Logan. According to the company, the Sandero is currently the 14th most sold automobile in the country, and the Logan is the 18th.

In June alone, the company sold 10,665 vehicles, growth of 132% in comparison with the same month of last year. A total of 10,161 passenger cars and 504 utilitarian vehicles were sold.

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