

Vehicles

Vehicle registration

The Home Office, by way of the Spanish Traffic Authority, prepares these statistics. It reports on road vehicles registered on a specific date and authorised to use roads open to public traffic (except motorcycles below 50 c.c.). It also shows energy consumption used in starting motorcar engines.

Unregistering vehicles

Via these statistics, the Spanish Traffic Authority reports on vehicles taken off the road and the characteristics thereof.

Change of ownership

Statistics on Vehicle Transfer show the changes in ownership of vehicles by type. It is carried out by the Spanish Traffic Authority (Home Office).

National vehicle fleet

The objective of these Spanish Traffic Authority statistics is to perform an in-depth analysis of the number of vehicles on the road, their composition and their technical features. This section contains vehicles, which, at 31 December each year, have valid administrative authorisation regarding being on the road.

All motor vehicles requiring administrative authorisation or registration and with number plates with the characters assigned to them are included.

FEATURES AND DEFINITIONS

The establishment of a list of those vehicles which may be categorised by each type, pursuant to the annex II of Royal Decree 2822/1998, of 23 December, whereby the General Vehicle Regulations are approved is deemed to be of interest.

Type of vehicle

- **Motorcar:** motor vehicle intended for transporting persons, with a capacity of up to nine seats including that of the driver.
- **Bus:** motor vehicle intended for transporting passengers, with more than nine seats including that of the driver.
- **Lorry:** motor vehicle intended for transporting goods, and for which a distinction is made between a light vehicle, with a maximum authorised weight

not exceeding six tons, and a heavy vehicle with a maximum weight exceeding six tons.

- **Motorcycle:** two-wheeled, on-road motor vehicle, with or without a sidecar, including scooters, or any three-wheeler car, whose unladen weight does not exceed 400 Kg. and with a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50 c.c. This comprises motorcycles (not including mopeds, three-wheeler and invalid cars).
- **Tractor:** Rigid on-road motor vehicle designed for towing other non-motorised, on-road vehicles (articulated lorries are on-road goods transport vehicles with no forward axle, designed in such a way that part of the vehicle and part of the load rest on the tractor) and which does not include agricultural tractors, which are motor vehicles designed exclusively or primarily for agricultural use, regardless of whether they are authorised to drive on roads open to traffic.
- **Trailer:** On-road goods transport vehicle designed for being towed by an on-road motor vehicle (not including agricultural vehicles which are designed for agricultural use, and regardless of whether they are authorised to drive on roads open to traffic).
- **Other vehicles:** The section "other vehicles" comprises those with a number plate and not included in the types described above, such as cranes, public works machinery, agricultural vehicles, cleaners and other on-road motor vehicles for special purposes other than transporting passengers or goods.

Type of fuel

- **Gas-oil:** Fuel extracted from the last fraction of atmospheric refining of crude oil.
- **Petrol:** Light hydrocarbons which are refined at between 35°C and 215°C in order to achieve a high octane index, and which are used as fuel in internal combustion engines, with the exception of aircraft.