

Production of leisure vehicles in Germany at previous year's level

Production and export of leisure vehicles inconsistent in first half of 2006

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While increasing once again the production of motor caravans by 5.9 percent in the first half of 2006, the German caravanning industry manufactured 3.5 percent less caravans. A total of 57,927 leisure vehicles left German factories, and with that, the total production at mid-year is nearly at the previous year's level (-0.3 %). In regard to export as well, the two vehicle types are moving in opposite directions. The export of motor caravans increased by 11.4 percent in the first half of 2006; in contrast, the export of caravans dropped 6.9 percent.

In the first six months of 2006, the German caravanning industry produced a total of 21,102 motor caravans (+5.9 % in comparison to the same period last year) and 36,825 caravans (-3.5 % in comparison to the same period last year). Of these, 10,672 motor caravans (+11.4 % in comparison to the same period last year) and 23,763 caravans (-6.9 % in comparison to the same period last year) went abroad. The export quota of 50.6 percent for motor caravans and 64.5 percent for caravans illustrates that the market position of German leisure vehicles is still strong, particularly in the European market.

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