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CAR EMISSIONS DROPPING IN TOP EUROPEAN MARKETS

- **0.3g/km improvement in average CO₂ emissions over previous year**
- **Medium sized MPVs make the greatest improvements**
- **Large SUV's still need to make progress**

JATO Dynamics, the world's leading provider of automotive data and intelligence, reports today a marginal yet progressive reduction in harmful CO₂ emissions from new cars sold within the five largest European markets.

Analysis reveals that in the period until July 2007, Europe's 'big five' markets - France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the UK – have posted an overall drop of 0.3g/km compared to the same period in 2006. JATO analyses emissions from every single new car sold in the markets, and the volume-weighted average demonstrates an ongoing reduction in CO₂ figures over the past year. The average CO₂ figure in the 'big five' markets, stands at 160.5g/km.

"Clearly, this is an encouraging picture," says Nasir Shah, Global Business Development Director at JATO. "The industry continues to work hard on reducing CO₂ and we anticipate an even greater decrease over the next year as manufacturers bring new technologies to the marketplace. However, there is still a lot of work to do before the industry can meet the tough EU objectives."

Unsurprisingly, the City car (A-) segment records the lowest average CO₂ emissions, averaging 125.5g/km YtD, while the Small (B-) segment averages 136.9g/km and the lower-medium (C1-) segment at 149.8g/km. The most improved segment within the YtD data is the Medium MPV segment, which has posted a notable drop of 12.2g/km to an average of 186.2g/km.

At the other end of the scale, the large SUV segment is recording the highest average CO₂ emissions of the industry at 306.5g/km, followed by Luxury SUVs at

269.7g/km and Luxury cars at 255.2g/km. Untypical for the industry, large SUVs have actually posted an 8.5g/km rise in emissions. "It's disappointing to see that many consumers still favour the worst polluting large SUVs on the market. This really highlights the challenge that manufacturers face in attempting to change buying habits, but viewed with perspective, these vehicles only occupy a small 0.03% share of the overall market," says Shah.

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Editorial note: JATO Dynamics background

JATO was founded in 1984 and provides the world's most timely, accurate and up-to-date information on vehicle specifications and pricing, sales and registrations, news and incentives. The company has representation in over 40 countries, providing unique local market expertise. The JATO client base includes all of the world's volume vehicle manufacturers, giving them the ability to react to short-term market movements, plan for long-term developments and ultimately to meet consumers' needs. JATO's data has also been adapted for consumer use in motoring web portals where customers can see the advantages and disadvantages of a specified model against any other while major leasing companies use JATO data to drive the vehicle quotation process. Visit JATO at www.jato.com

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