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VW GOLF CONTINUES TO HOLD POLE POSITION FOR THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 2008

- **VW Golf's sales strongest in the first five months of 2008**
- **Golf sales buoyed by impressive performance in UK and German markets**
- **Peugeot 207 retains second place with a healthy 4.5% rise in sales YtD**
- **YtD figures down 0.9%**

JATO Dynamics, the world's leading supplier of automotive data and intelligence, today reports that the VW Golf has retained its position as Europe's leading model in the European new car market sales chart for May.

During May, the VW Golf sold 39,912 units and recorded an encouraging 5.4% increase in sales compared to the same period in 2007. Second was the Peugeot 207 with 38,635 units. Next came the Ford Focus (35,826 units), then the Opel/Vauxhall Corsa (34,324 units) – an increase of 4% from this time last year – and the Renault Clio (30,367 units).

Year-to-date, the VW Golf recorded sales of 208,800 units, and Peugeot 207 (204,379). Both models are demonstrating impressive volume increases YtD, the VW Golf up 18.7% and the Peugeot 207 up 4.5%. The Ford Focus, Opel/Vauxhall Corsa and Renault Clio continue to perform well and complete the top five YtD positions.

"The European market has experienced a significant dip in sales from May 2007" said Nasir Shah, Global Business Development Director at JATO. "This led to a total volume decrease of 7.2% in May. However, strong sales earlier in the year have meant that YtD figures are virtually unchanged on last year (down 0.9%)."

JATO also remarks that sales in France rose as consumers took advantage of government rebates on low-CO2 cars, and notes that Opel Corsa made the French top ten – the only non-French manufactured branded model to do so.

Europe Top 10 May 2008			
Make & Model	May_08	May_07	% Change May
VOLKSWAGEN GOLF	39,912	37,880	+5.4%
PEUGEOT 207	38,635	41,697	-7.3%
FORD FOCUS	35,826	40,339	-11.2%
OPEL/VAUXHALL CORSA	34,324	33,004	+4.0%
RENAULT CLIO	30,367	31,601	-3.9%
OPEL/VAUXHALL ASTRA	29,167	34,126	-14.5%
FIAT PUNTO	27,392	36,250	-24.4%
FORD FIESTA	25,863	33,249	-22.2%
VOLKSWAGEN POLO	25,592	26,356	-2.9%
BMW SERIES 3	23,258	31,843	-27.0%

Europe Top 10 January to May 2008			
Make & Model	May YtD_08	May YtD_07	% Change YtD
VOLKSWAGEN GOLF	208,800	175,858	+18.7%
PEUGEOT 207	204,379	195,530	+4.5%
FORD FOCUS	176,698	192,489	-8.2%
OPEL/VAUXHALL CORSA	174,667	181,855	-4.0%
RENAULT CLIO	162,816	176,849	-7.9%
OPEL/VAUXHALL ASTRA	161,166	173,867	-7.3%
FORD FIESTA	151,050	167,657	-9.9%
FIAT PUNTO	147,803	187,076	-21.0%
VOLKSWAGEN POLO	125,427	123,187	+1.8%
BMW SERIES 3	114,203	130,765	-12.7%

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