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GOLF STILL UNSTOPPABLE IN EUROPE

- Golf remains Europe's top seller up 32.8% over last year
- Peugeot 308 a new chart entry in 2009

JATO Dynamics, the world's leading provider of automotive data and intelligence, has released its monthly European new car market analysis for June and the 'H1' period of 2009. Unsurprisingly, the Volkswagen Golf continues to dominate the sales charts with sales up 32.8% on the same month last year as the Volkswagen brand continues to be the European number one in 2009.

The Golf has dominated in five of the six months during the H1 period of 2009, with only the second placed Ford Fiesta having borrowed its crown for a single month. The top four places have not changed in June with Peugeot 207 and Opel/Vauxhall Corsa holding their positions. The lower half of the chart has seen an amount of re-shuffling, with the Peugeot 308 a new entry in 10th spot.

"It's easy to take the Golf's dominance for granted, but its success in the face of newer opposition should not be overlooked", says David Di Girolamo, Head of JATO Consult. "It's hard to imagine it being overtaken by any other model in the final half of 2009, particularly if its home market in Germany continues to remain so strong."

Top 10 Models

Make & Model	Jun_09	Jun_08	% Change Jun	Jun YtD_09	Jun YtD_08	% Change YtD
VOLKSWAGEN GOLF	59,628	44,912	+32.8%	286,243	254,023	+12.7%
FORD FIESTA	43,338	30,394	+42.6%	243,340	181,285	+34.2%
PEUGEOT 207	37,361	39,584	-5.6%	193,778	244,078	-20.6%
OPEL/VAUXHALL CORSA	34,540	36,442	-5.2%	181,751	211,578	-14.1%
RENAULT CLIO	32,314	37,571	-14.0%	144,512	200,768	-28.0%
FIAT PUNTO	32,269	26,502	+21.8%	170,641	174,612	-2.3%
FORD FOCUS	31,744	35,082	-9.5%	160,800	212,144	-24.2%
FIAT PANDA	30,346	21,178	+43.3%	159,976	122,563	+30.5%
OPEL/VAUXHALL ASTRA	28,903	32,700	-11.6%	137,832	193,666	-28.8%
PEUGEOT 308	23,786	23,927	-0.6%	118,654	124,052	-4.4%

The above data is provided by JATO Consult, the company's bespoke consulting service which offers customers access to its unique data and provides solutions and advice to meet a wide range of automotive business challenges. For more information visit www.jato.com, or email consult@jato.com.

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