

Registrations grew 9.6% to 1.34 million in April across the EU and EFTA markets, according to data released last week by industry association ACEA.



- Volkswagen Group sales rose 13%, led by a 25% jump of Seat. The group's core brand, VW, was up 19% percent, while Porsche rose 13% and Skoda 10%.

Audi registrations slipped 1%.

- Renault Group sales rose 10%, boosted by a 24% gain of Dacia and a 4% rise at the Renault brand.

- DS Automobiles led gains at PSA Group with a 44% jump, while Peugeot brand rose 15% and Citroen was up 7%. Registrations at Opel/Vauxhall were up 1.8%.

- Ford's monthly volume rose 14%.

- Hyundai and Kia gained 15% and 4%, respectively.- Nissan sales rose 5%, while

Among the losers last month,

- Fiat slipped 4.5%

- BMW brand was down 3%

- Mercedes-Benz's volume was flat.

Sales Europe's five largest markets were up last month.

- Spanish registrations jumped 12%

- UK rose 10% in the UK and a 9 percent increase in

- France rose 9%

- Germany rose 8% percent while sales in

- Italy rose 6.5%

In the last four months, EU and EFTA registrations were up 2.6% to 5.63 million.