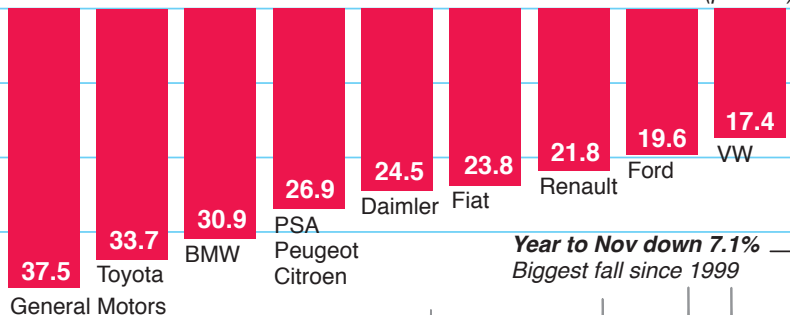


European car sales plummet

European car sales fell 25.8% in November as the economic crisis bit harder, with only Finland, Poland and the Czech Republic bucking the trend. Despite being in better condition than their U.S. counterparts, calls are growing from European carmakers for EU financial support

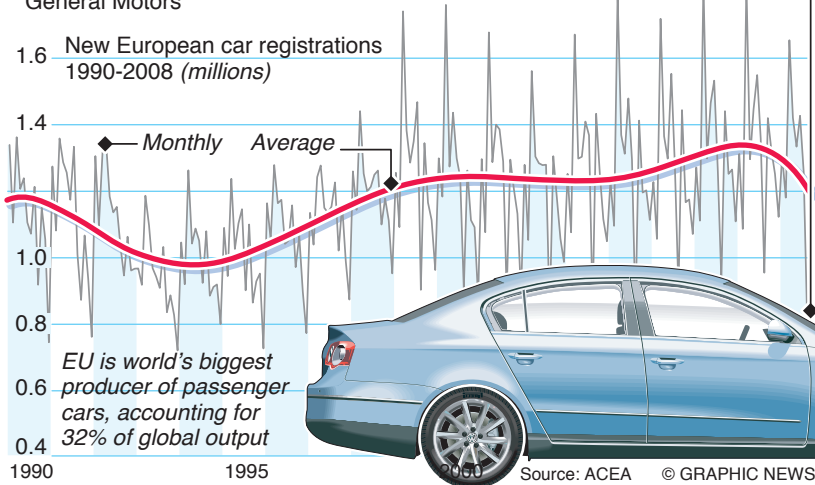
FALL IN SALES ON NOVEMBER 2007

(percent)



Year to Nov down 7.1%
Biggest fall since 1999

New European car registrations
1990-2008 (millions)



EU is world's biggest
producer of passenger
cars, accounting for
32% of global output