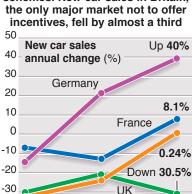
Decline in car sales eases The steep decline in car sales in

western Europe slowed to an average 7.2% in March, helped by government car-scrapping schemes. New-car sales in Britain. the only major market not to offer incentives, fell by almost a third 50 New car sales Up 40% 40 annual change (%) 30 Germany



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Spain

38.7%

Mar

Italy

-40

-50

Jan