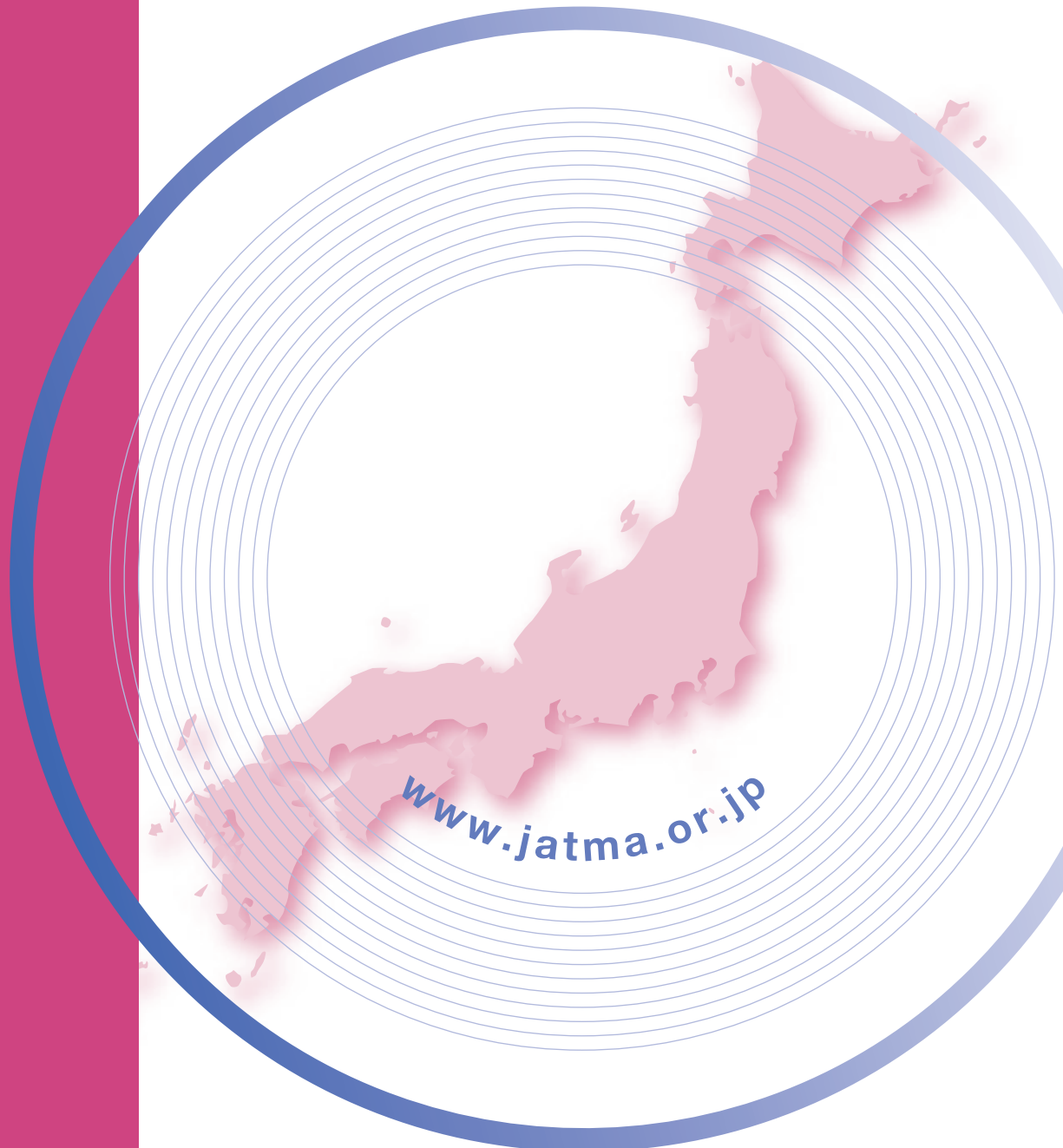


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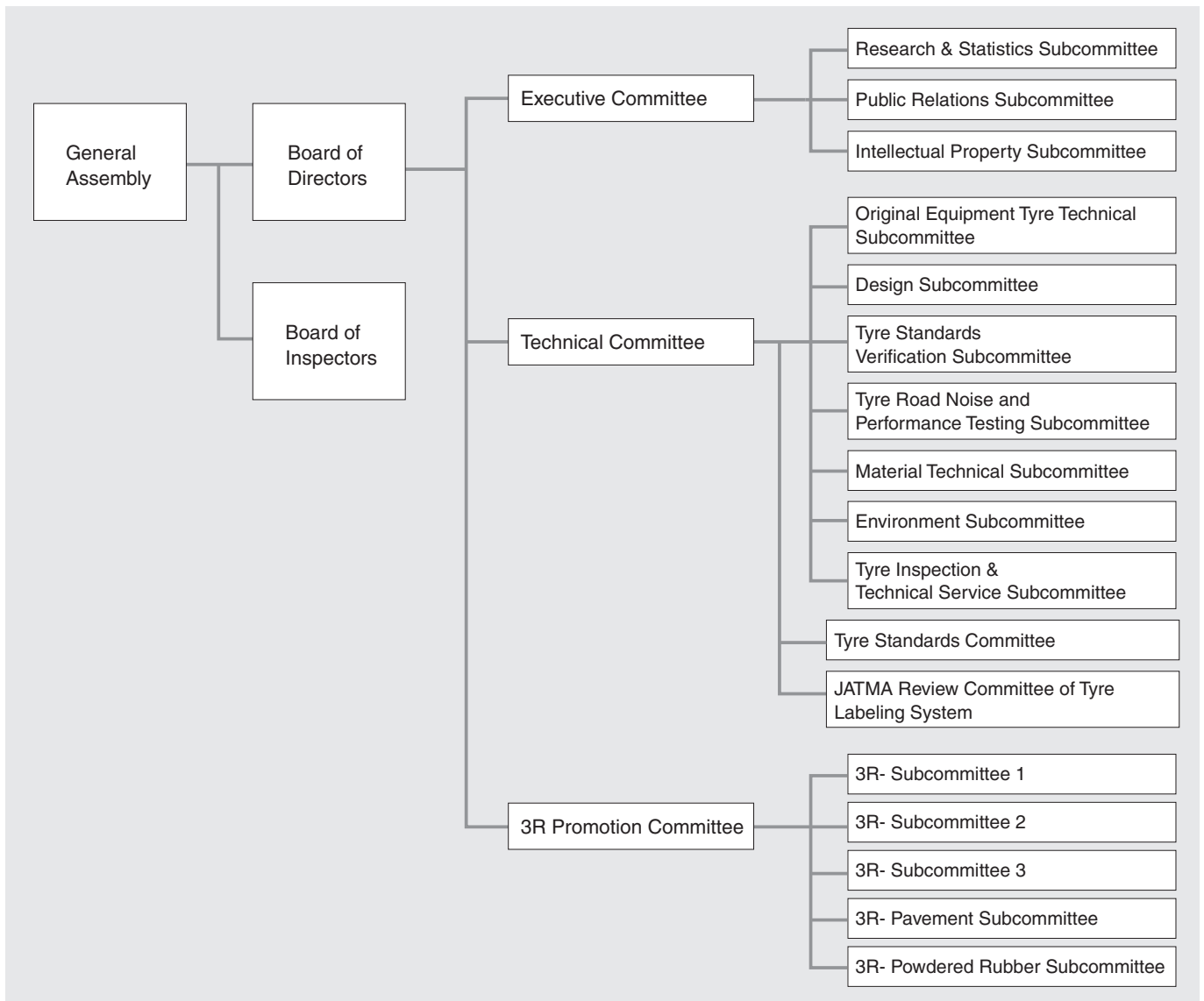
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Chairman: Kenji Nakakura, President, Toyo Tire & Rubber Co., Ltd.
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 The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd.
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 Nihon Michelin Tire Co., Ltd.

Organization

Under General Assembly and Board of Directors, three committees are established; Executive, Technical, and 3R Promotion. The committees have relevant subcommittees which promoting their activities such as surveys and studies.



JATMA Member Firms

Bridgestone Corporation

President Shoshi Arakawa
Established: March 1, 1931
Capital: ¥126,354 million
(as of the end of December 2010)
Annual sales: ¥2,861,615 million
(consolidated) (as of the end of December 2010)
Employees: 139,822
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Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd.

President Ikuji Ikeda
Established: March 6, 1917
Capital: ¥42,658 million
(as of the end of December 2010)
Annual sales: ¥604,548 million
(consolidated) (as of the end of December 2010)
Employees: 22,242
(consolidated) (as of the end of December 2010)
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The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd.

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Established: October 13, 1917
Capital: ¥38,909 million
(as of the end of March 2011)
Annual sales: ¥519,742 million
(consolidated) (as of the end of March 2011)
Employees: 18,473
(consolidated) (as of the end of March 2011)
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President Kenji Nakakura
Established: August 1, 1945
Capital: ¥30,484 million
(as of the end of March 2011)
Annual sales: ¥294,092 million
(consolidated) (as of the end of March 2011)
Employees: 8,536
(consolidated) (as of the end of March 2011)
Head office: 17-18, Edobori 1-chome,
Nishi-ku, Osaka,
Osaka Prefecture 550-8661
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Nihon Michelin Tire Co., Ltd.

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Established: June 10, 1975
Capital: ¥100 million
(as of the end of December 2010)
Employees: 737
(as of the end of December 2010)
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Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-8176
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History of the Japanese Tyre Industry

1. Brief History of the Japanese Tyre Industry

The production scale of the automobile tyre industry of Japan steadily increased from the second half of 1990s to 2000, supported by generally firm demand in the domestic market and active export. Demand slowed for a period in 2001 due to the decline in export mainly for U.S., but afterward the production increased steadily as a whole before going into a decline in 2008. In 2010 the domestic demand and the export also turned toward a recovery from decline of the previous year, then rubber production increased after three years to 1.17 million tons, and tyre production quantity to 164.36 million tyres and 1,037.1 billion yens and the rubber consumption accounted for 80% or more of the total rubber consumption in Japan. Looking the previous route that have extended in this manner, it trades the following processes roughly classified.

(1) 1940s-1950s

The industry restructured after World War II, following the destruction of facilities and equipment. In the early 1950s, after the long-term government regulation and during the Korean War, the industry enjoyed special procurement and improved tyre demand. However, after the Korean War, deflationary pressures affected the Japanese economy. Demand for tyres decreased sharply, and the tyre market experienced considerable difficulty.

(2) 1960s

Around 1960, full-fledged motorization, including increased automobiles on the road and the advent of expressways, spurred the industry toward a technological revolution, including expansion and automation of equipment, as well as changes in the raw materials for tyres, and enjoyed a high-growth phase.

(3) 1970s

From 1970, the industry suffered demand downturns temporarily as a result of the first oil crisis. However, exports led the growing Japanese economy. Tyre production expanded, as a result of an increase in the number of vehicles produced and registered, and product diversification spurred demand.

(4) 1980s

Low economic growth under the worldwide recession following the second oil crisis (1979) combined with the progress of radial tyres, which caused demand downturns, forcing the Japanese tyre industry into a period of extreme difficulty. In 1983, however, a turnaround was seen owing to economic recovery in Japan and in principal nations worldwide. In September 1985, however, tyre demand dropped, influenced by the strong yen. Then in December 1986, the Japanese economy started to grow steadily, backed by solid consumer spending and capital investment. As a result, the volume of rubber consumption reached the 1-million-ton mark in 1989.

(5) 1990s

With the collapse of Japan's "bubble economy," the stock market crashed, corporate profits declined, the job environment became uncertain, consumer spending and capital investment slowed, and the yen appreciated causing further deepening of economic stagnation. Signs of recovery were seen in 1995, but in 1997 Japan entered a recession. In 1998 and 1999, large-scale restructuring in the financial sector and the introduction of foreign capital into the automotive industry arose as serious concerns. On the other hand, the global economy in general remained steady despite economic difficulties in Southeast Asia, supported by the robust U.S. economy. In this environment, the Japanese tyre industry grew overall, although rubber consumption fell below the 1-million-ton mark in 1993. Supported by brisk exports, Japanese tyre production volume increased to 1.13 million tons in 1999, a record high.

(6) 2000s

The Japanese economy was on a trend of gentle recovering, and although it was still suffering from such problems as continuing high prices of raw materials, it continued the biggest economic growth after the Second World War owing to improved corporate earnings and increased capital investments. Global economy continued strong as a whole until 2007 owing to supports by the robust economy of the United States, Europe, Middle East and BRICs countries, and tyre rubber production volume marked a record high every year from 2002 and it reached 1.36 million tons in 2007. However, tyre production volume took a downward turn in 2008 after seven years due to the serious worldwide economic crisis from September 2008 and decreased by three hundred seventy thousand tons, then declined to nine hundred seventy thousand tons under one million tons after fifteen years.

(7) 2010

Japanese economy have continued a recovery trend on support of the government actions for economy and upbeat of overseas economies centered around developing countries, but the vigor was gradually lost by the termination of economic policies and abrupt rising yen from the second half of the year. Global economy is recovering from the effect of financial crisis as a while, and it kept the economy humming especially in China, India and so on. Meanwhile, it remained at gradual recovery in the advanced countries of the United States hovering continuously at a high unemployment rate and the Europe burdened with financial uneasiness and so on. In such a demand environment, tyre production amount in Japan in 2010 was 1.17 million tons in rubber consumption and exceeded the previous year after three years.

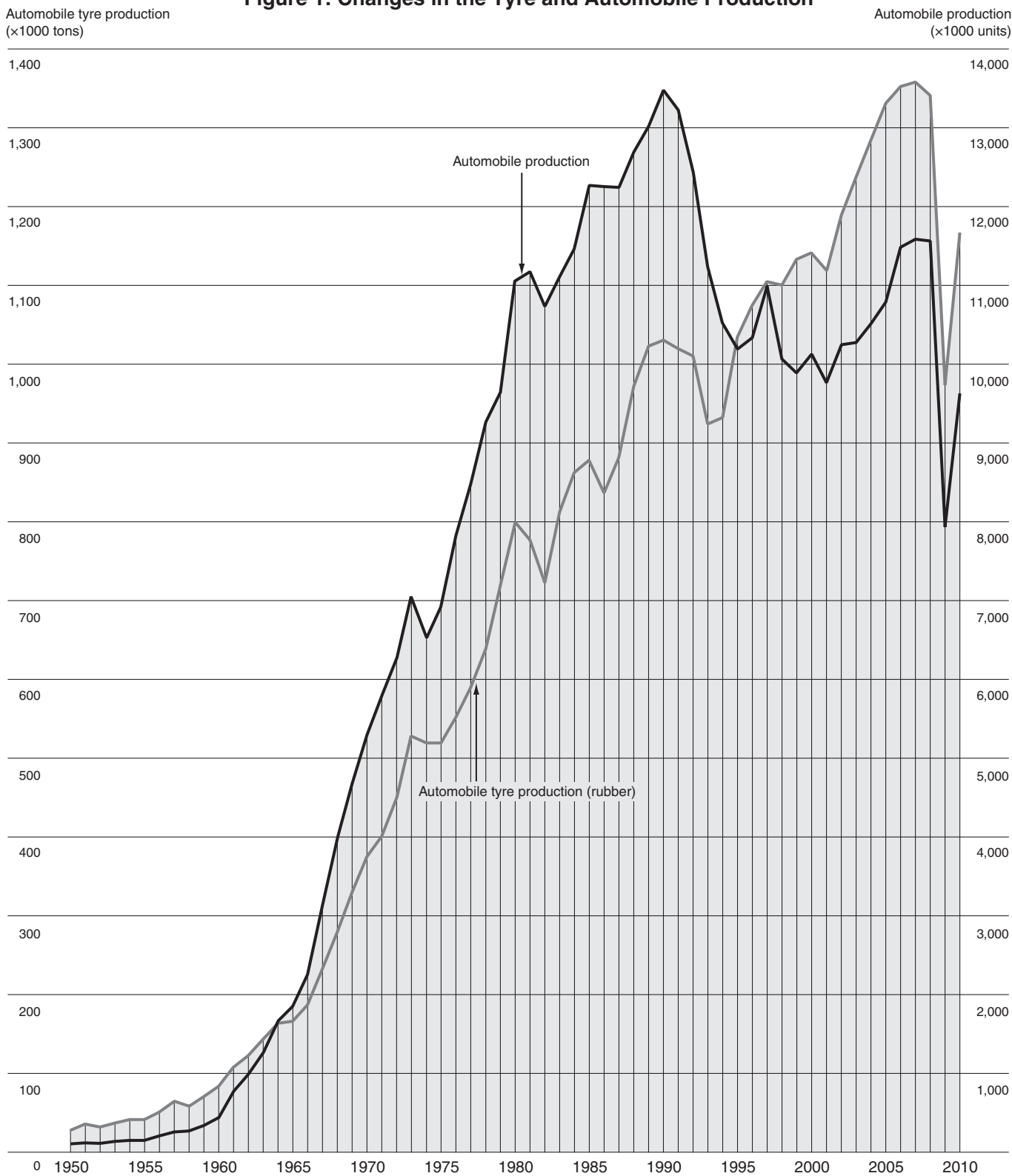
2. Changes in the Tyre and Automobile Production

Table 1: Changes in the Tyre and Automobile Production

	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Automobile Tyre Production (1000 tons of rubber)	14	83	369	784	1,031	1,153	1,119	1,190	1,240	1,285	1,331	1,352	1,358	1,341	973	1,167
Automobile Production (1000 units)	32	482	5,289	11,043	13,487	10,141	9,777	10,257	10,286	10,512	10,800	11,484	11,596	11,576	7,934	9,629

Source: JATMA

Figure 1: Changes in the Tyre and Automobile Production



1. Overview

The production volume of automobile tyres in 2010 increased in domestic demand and exports also and exceeded the previous year after three years.

The production proportion of tyre industry in rubber product industry (figure 2 and 3) decreased by 0.3% to 81.2% in rubber consumption and increased by 0.5% to 50.8% from the previous year in production value, thereby both rubber consumption and production value remained unchanged from the previous year. (Source: Ministry of Economy, Trade Industry dynamic statistics)

The production ratio of the tyre industry, within the rubber product industry in 2010

(excluding cart tyres, tubes and flaps)

Figure 2: Rubber consumption

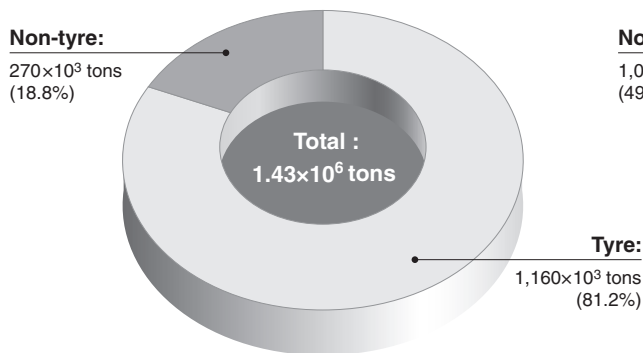
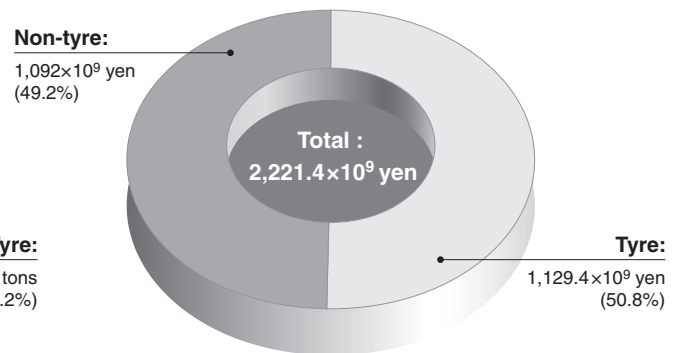
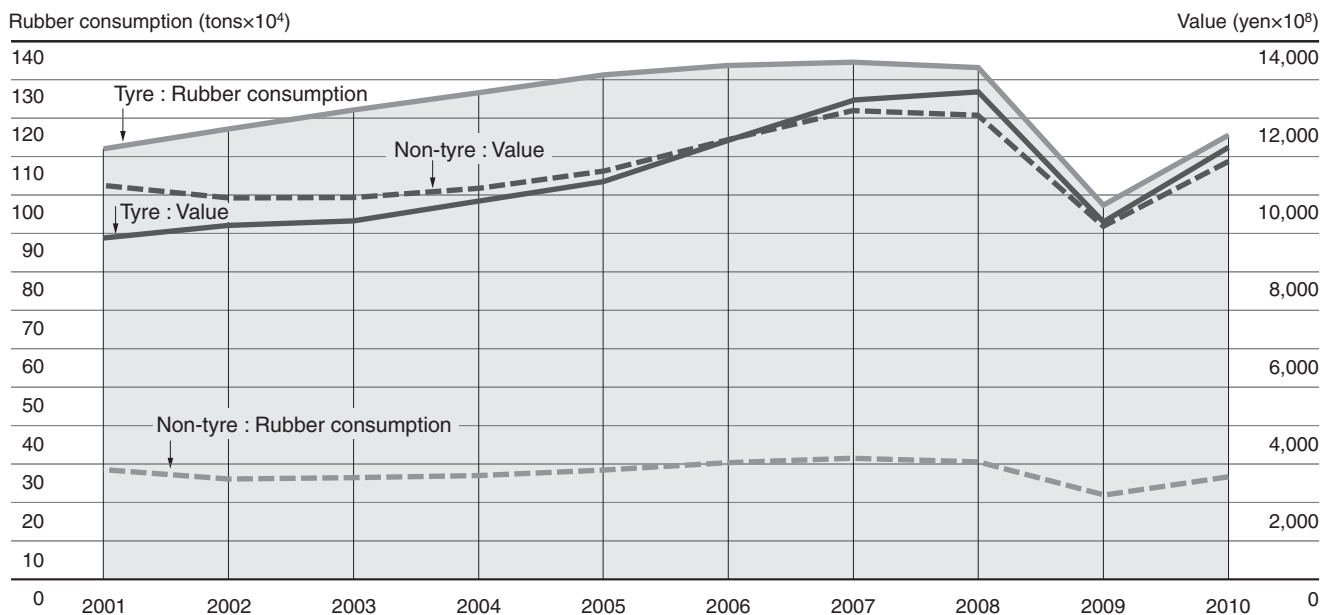


Figure 3: Production value



Source: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry dynamic statistics

Figure 4: Changes in production of Japan's rubber products - rubber consumption and value



Source: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry dynamic statistics

2. Production Trends by Tyre Category

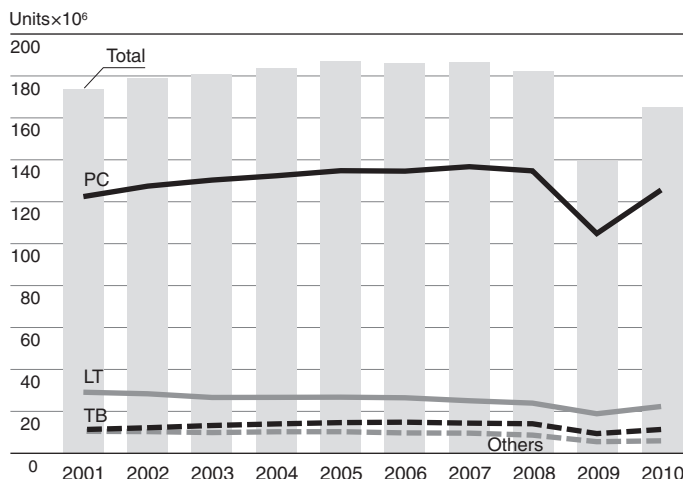
The production volume of automobile tyres in 2010 increased by 18.8% to 164.63 million tyres from the previous year and it exceeded the previous year after three years. Due to the effect of recovering demand in Japan and overseas, the production volume increased by 19.6% for passenger car tyres, by 17.2% for light truck tyres and by 18.6% truck & bus tyres increased, each category increased from the previous year, however, it did not reach the level year before last.

Table 2: Automobile tyre production in 2010

	Production	
	Units($\times 10^3$)	2010/2009(%)
Passenger car tyres	125,457	119.6
Light truck tyres	22,176	117.2
Truck and bus tyres	11,208	118.6
Special vehicle tyres	1,520	114.8
Motorcycle tyres	4,273	105.8
Total	164,634	118.8

N.B.: 1. Special vehicle tyres include off-the-road, industrial, agricultural, and cart tyres. Source: JATMA
2. The figures above are the total of only JATMA members.

Figure 5: Trends in automobile tyre production



3. Trends in Sales of Original Equipment Tyres

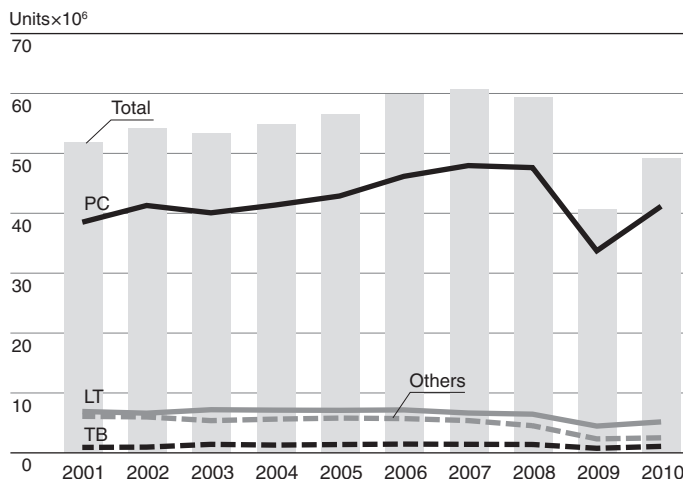
The sales volume of original equipment tyres in 2010 increased by 21.3% to 49.21 million tyres from the previous year and exceeded the previous year after three years. The domestic sales amount of passenger car increased by tax credits and subsidies for eco-friendly car in the second half and the sales amount of export vehicle also increased by recovery trend of global economy, and the sales volume of original equipment tyres increased by 22.2% for passenger car tyres, by 16.3% for light truck tyres and by 54.6% for truck & bus that decreased by half the previous year from the previous year by the reaction.

Table 3: Sales of original equipment tyres in 2010

	Sales	
	Units($\times 10^3$)	2010/2009(%)
Passenger car tyres	40,989	122.2
Light truck tyres	4,990	116.3
Truck and bus tyres	900	154.6
Special vehicle tyres	1,086	116.9
Motorcycle tyres	1,243	101.7
Total	49,208	121.3

N.B.: 1. Special vehicle tyres include off-the-road, industrial, agricultural, and cart tyres. Source: JATMA
2. The figures above include other domestic manufacturers than JATMA members.
3. Imported tyres made by Japanese manufacturers are included.

Figure 6: Trends in sales of original equipment tyres



4. Trends in Sales of Replacement Tyres

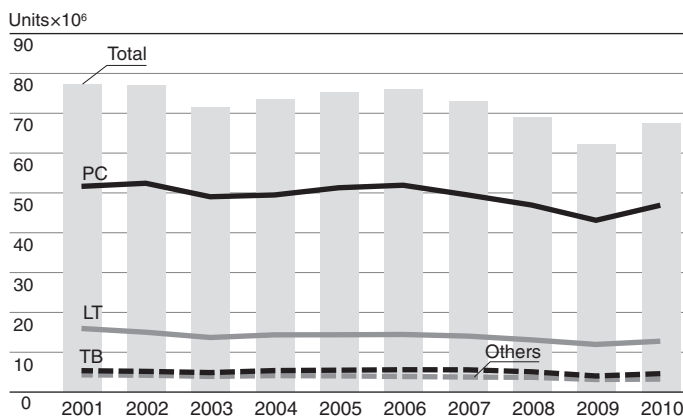
The sales volume of replacement tyres in 2010 increased by 8.5% to 67.55 million tyres from the previous year and exceeded the previous year after four years.

Table 4: Sales of replacement tyres in 2010

	Sales	
	Units($\times 10^3$)	2010/2009(%)
Passenger car tyres	46,908	108.8
Light truck tyres	12,769	106.8
Truck and bus tyres	4,620	114.3
Special vehicle tyres	823	109.7
Motorcycle tyres	2,434	101.0
Total	67,554	108.5

N.B.: 1. Special vehicle tyres include off-the-road, industrial, agricultural, and cart tyres. Source: JATMA
 2. The figures above include other domestic manufacturers than JATMA members.
 3. Imported tyres made by Japanese manufacturers are included.

Figure 7: Trends in sales of replacement tyres



Trends in sales of summer tyres and winter tyres for replacement (for four-wheeled vehicles)

The sales amount of summer tyres in 2010 (summer tyre is normal tyre except snow tyre) increased 7.5% to 45.89 million tyres from the previous year and it increased after three years. The sales amount of summer tyres increased by 7.8% for passenger car tyres, by 5.0% for light truck tyres and by 13.0% for truck & bus tyres from the previous year due to the reaction from the reduction by hesitant buying in the previous year by the economic recovery.

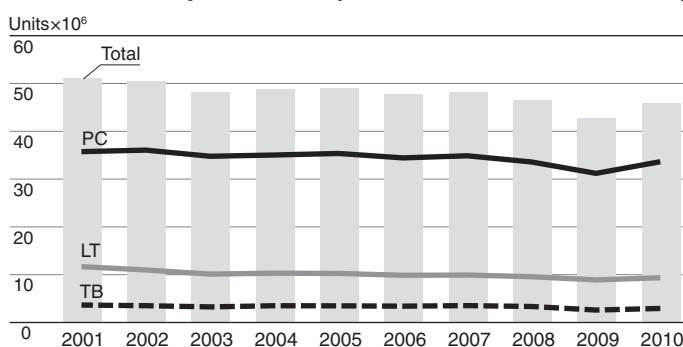
Table 5-1: Sales of summer tyres for replacement in 2010

(for four-wheeled vehicles)

	Summer tyres		
	Units($\times 10^3$)	2010/2009(%)	Share of summer tyres in total(%)
Passenger car tyres	33,620	107.8	71.7
Light truck tyres	9,344	105.0	73.2
Truck and bus tyres	2,923	113.0	63.3
Total	45,887	107.5	71.4

N.B.: 1. The share of summer tyres indicates the percentage in total number of replacement sales. Source: JATMA
 2. Imported tyres made by Japanese manufacturers are included.
 3. All-season tyres are included in this category.

Figure 8-1: Trends in sales of summer tyres for replacement (for four-wheeled vehicles)



The sales amount of winter tyres in 2010 increased by 11.9% to 18.41million tyres from the previous year and it increased after four years.

The sales amount of winter tyres increased by 11.3% for passenger car tyres, by 12.0% for light truck tyres and by 16.6% for truck & bus tyres, ended in double digit increase each tyre category, from the previous year by the increase in domestic sales amount of automobiles due to tax credits and subsidies for eco-friendly car and by the effect of snowfall.

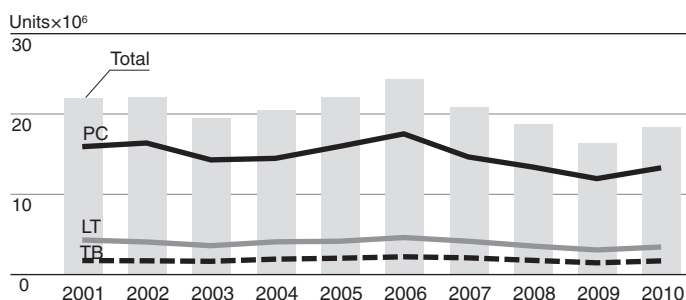
Table 5-2: Sales of winter tyres for replacement in 2010
(for four-wheeled vehicles)

	Winter tyres		
	Units($\times 10^3$)	2010/2009(%)	Share of winter tyres in total(%)
Passenger car tyres	13,288	111.3	28.3
Light truck tyres	3,425	112.0	26.8
Truck and bus tyres	1,697	116.6	36.7
Total	18,410	111.9	28.6

N.B.: 1. The share of winter tyres indicates the percentage in total number of replacement sales. Source: JATMA

2. Imported tyres made by Japanese manufacturers are included.

Figure 8-2: Trends in sales of winter tyres for replacement (for four-wheeled vehicles)



5. Trends in Sales of Export Tyres

The export volume of automobile tyres in 2010 increased by 17.1% to 68.47 million tyres from the previous year and exceeded the previous year after three years.

It increased by 18.8% for passenger car tyres, 10.5% by for light truck tyres and by 13.7% for truck & bus tyres from the previous year and each category exceeded the previous year due to global economic recovery trend.

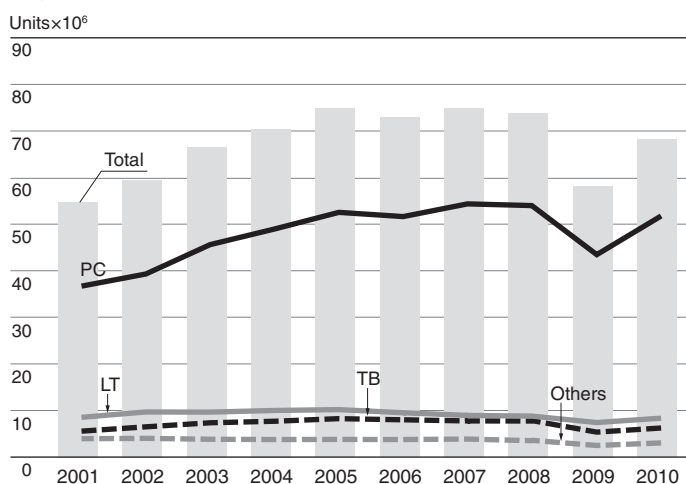
Table 6: Sales of export tyres in 2010

	Sales	
	Units($\times 10^3$)	2010/2009(%)
Passenger car tyres	51,527	118.8
Light truck tyres	8,122	110.5
Truck and bus tyres	6,011	113.7
Special vehicle tyres	710	147.6
Motorcycle tyres	2,098	108.1
Total	68,468	117.1

N.B.: 1. Special vehicle tyres include off-the-road, industrial, agricultural, and cart tyres. Source: JATMA

2. The figures above are the total of only JATMA members.

Figure 9: Trends in sales of export tyres



6. Exports by Region of Destination

The export volume of automobile tyres in 2010 (customs clearance basis of Ministry of Finance) increased by 20.4% to 73.45 million tyres in quantity basis and increased by 18.4% to 599.9 billion yens in value basis and the product weight increased by 19.4% to 1.46 million tons from the previous year.

By region (quantity basis) the export volume for each region all increased after three years. Especially the export for Europe and the United States pulled the increase.

Table 7: Exports by region of destination in 2010

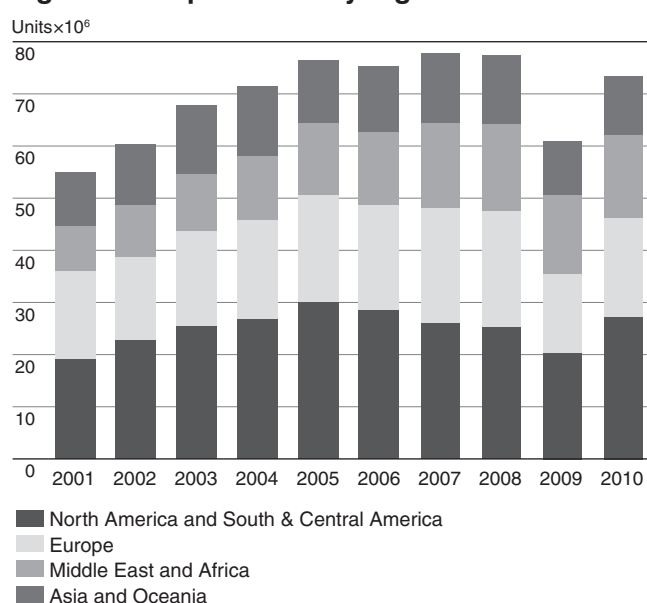
	Tyre Units($\times 10^3$)				2010/ 2009 (%)	Value (FOB) (yen $\times 10^6$)	2010/ 2009 (%)
	PC	TB<	Others	Total			
North America	20,610	1,669	737	23,016	132.6	163,527	128.5
South & Central America	3,196	1,044	125	4,365	141.4	50,198	131.1
Europe	15,734	1,473	1,701	18,908	125.5	130,722	120.7
Middle East	9,692	3,849	86	13,627	101.6	103,191	100.0
Africa	1,027	1,173	74	2,274	128.4	29,676	116.2
Asia	5,911	1,143	506	7,560	108.0	70,842	112.6
Oceania	2,813	691	193	3,697	111.0	51,746	125.7
Total	58,983	11,042	3,422	73,447	120.4	599,902	118.4
Weight(tons)	695,145	468,174	292,168	1,455,487	119.4		

N.B.: 1. Exchange rates are averages of spot rates for Tokyo interbank trade.

2009: 1dollar = 94yen
2010: 1dollar = 88yen

Source: Ministry of Finance customs records

Figure 10: Export trend by region



7. Imports by Region of Origin

The import volume in 2010 (customs clearance basis of Ministry of Finance) increased by 0.7% to 25.11 million tyres in quantity basis and increased by 9.3% to 79.1 billion yens in value basis and the product weight increased by 6.5% to two hundred thousand tons from the previous year.

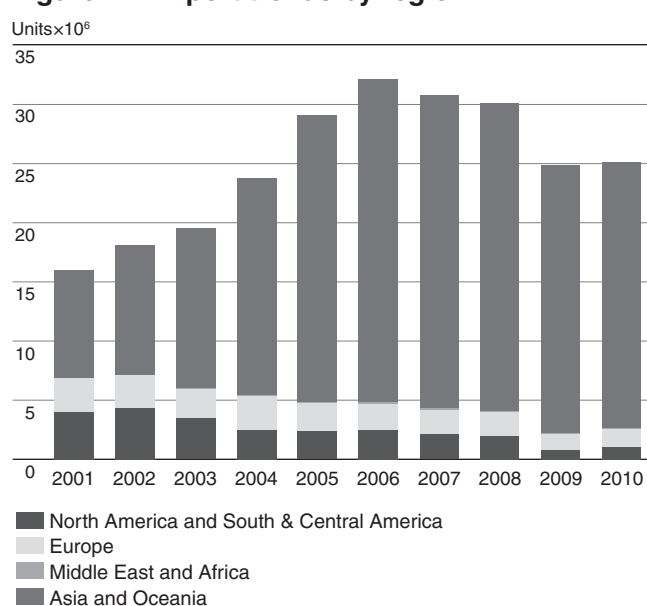
By region (quantity basis) the import from Asia decreased, but from Europe and the United States and so on increased, then it remained unchanged from the previous year.

Table 8: Imports by region of origin in 2010

	Tyre Units($\times 10^3$)				2010/ 2009 (%)	Value (CIF) (yen $\times 10^6$)	2010/ 2009 (%)
	PC	TB<	Others	Total			
North America	853	4	36	893	129.6	4,500	122.9
South & Central America	79	0	79	158	148.8	878	112.3
Europe	1,145	131	258	1,534	112.1	13,808	135.3
Middle East	53	0	4	57	113.0	318	87.6
Africa	3	0	0	3	47.3	21	43.3
Asia	17,213	2,482	2,774	22,469	98.9	59,601	104.0
Oceania	0	0	0	0	1.5	3	10.5
Total	19,346	2,617	3,151	25,114	100.7	79,129	109.3
Weight(tons)	138,035	28,484	30,873	197,392	106.5		

Source: Ministry of Finance customs records

Figure 11: Import trends by region





Measures for Tyre Safety

1. Safety Standards for Automobile Tyres

Various standards have been specified regarding tyres from the viewpoint of automobile safety because tyres are automobile's important parts.

Each individual state has its own legislation specifying the standards and the tyres are requested to satisfy the standards of the state where the tyres are to be used. In Japan we have the Safety Regulations for Road Vehicles and their detailed items, enacted by The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport.

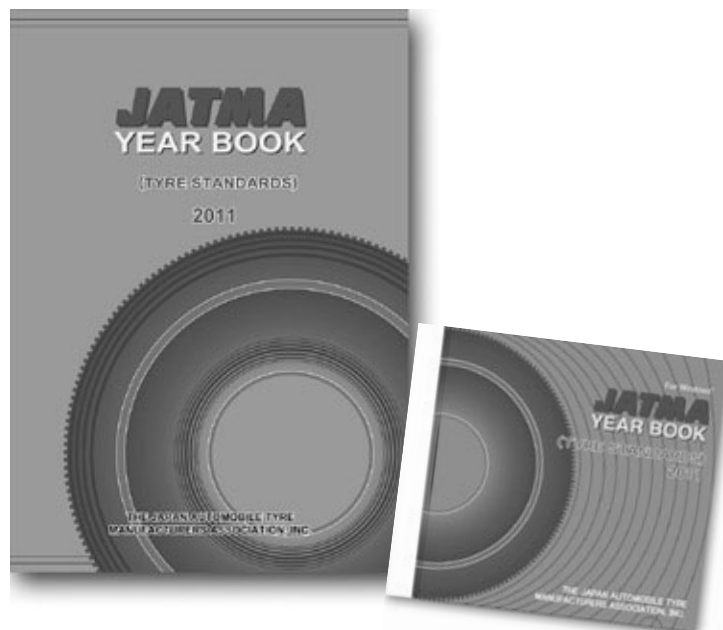
In addition to these regulations, JATMA specifies guideline items for usage and maintenance in "Standards for Selection, Usage and Maintenance" in an effort to enlighten those involved for securing safety.

2. Tyre Standards

In addition to safety standards, JATMA publishes a definitive set of tyre standards in the annual JATMA Year Book. Setting these standards is the responsibility of the Tyre Standards Committee, mainly comprised of representatives of tyre makers, automakers, and related ministries and agencies in the Japanese government.

The standards cover tyres, rims and valves in seven categories: passenger cars, light trucks, trucks and buses, off-road vehicles, agricultural equipment, industrial vehicles and motorcycles.

The Japanese Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport has incorporated JATMA's Tyre Standards in its vehicle inspection procedures since 1982. Internationally, the standards rank as authoritative guidelines together with the ETRTO standards of Europe and TRA standards of the United States. The JATMA standards are also mentioned in the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and are mutually recognized standards for tyres exported from Japan to Canada and Australia.



3. Legal Limits on Tread Wear

Balding tyres are a threat to traffic safety, especially on wet roads. The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport prescribes skidproof requirements in terms of minimum groove depth in its Safety Regulations for Road Vehicles. These requirements, which include wear limits for high-speed and ordinary driving (see table 9,10), proscribe the use of tyres with a groove depth shallower than that specified. Inspection often catch tyres with improper air pressures, uneven wear or insufficient grooves (see figure 13).

4. Product Inspection

In 1954, JATMA started its tyre inspection activity at its branch offices.

Defective or damaged tyres are now observed and checked at seven offices according to the requests from their consumers to find causes of the damages and to provide advice to them regarding correct usage of tyres.

Table 9: Wear limit for automobile tyres

Tyre type	Groove depth limit
Passenger car tyres	1.6 mm
Light truck tyres	1.6 mm
Truck and bus tyres	1.6 mm
Motorcycle tyres	0.8 mm

Table 10: Wear limit for automobile tyres in high-speed driving

Tyre type	Groove depth limit
Passenger car tyres	1.6 mm
Light truck tyres	2.4 mm
Truck and bus tyres	3.2 mm

Figure 12: Tyre groove depth and braking distance

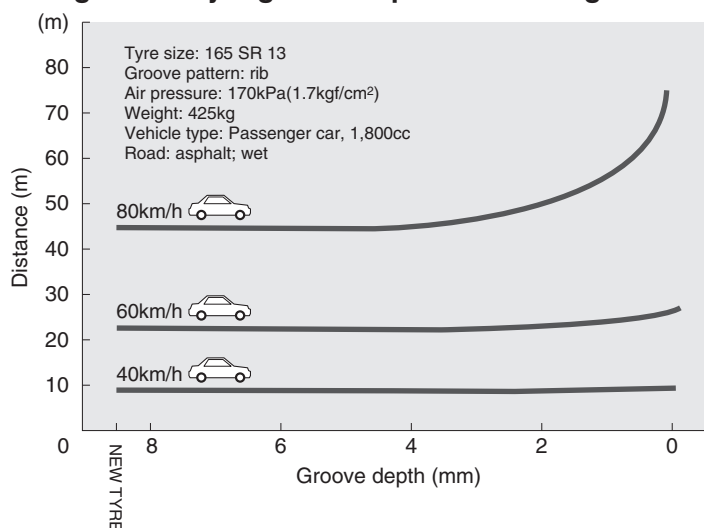


Figure 13: Breakdown of tyre defects

Defect Type	Count	Defect Rate (%)
Insufficient tyre grooves	55	(2.9)
Uneven wear	75	(3.9)
External cuts (reaching the cord)	8	(0.4)
Pins or alien matter	12	(0.6)
Improper air pressure	451	(23.7)
Others	148	(7.8)

Notes:

- Multiple tyre defects per vehicle are possible, thus the number of tyre defects does not correspond to the number of vehicles with tyre defects.
- The defect rate is the number of defects divided by the number of vehicles inspected.
- Tyre inspections were carried out a total of 33 times (20 times on expressways and 13 times on ordinary roads) in 2010.
- In the breakdown of tyre defects, the item "improper air pressure" includes insufficient pressure and excessive pressure.

1. Approach to “Reduce”

A new concept of “Reduce Index (Re Index)” focused on longer (wear) life and weight saving has been adopted. The industry is making efforts aiming at an effect of 10% (expecting 3-5% of actual reduction).

Table 11: Monitoring of Re Achievement Rates

Category	Monitored Size	Classification	Re Achievement Rate				
			2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Passenger car tyres	155/65R13	Summer tyres	104	108	100	110	115
		Studless tyres	100	110	112	99	–
Passenger car tyres	175/65R14	Summer tyres	99	108	110	103	114
		Studless tyres	101	110	115	94	–
Passenger car tyres	195/65R15	Summer tyres	111	102	109	107	113
		Studless tyres	103	110	108	96	–
Passenger car tyres	215/45R17	Summer tyres	109	120	114	110	109
		Studless tyres	95	105	111	96	–
Light truck tyres	145R12	Summer tyres	122	–	–	102	107
		Studless tyres	110	121	–	–	–
Light truck tyres	185R14	Summer tyres	122	–	–	107	103
		Studless tyres	105	123	–	–	–
Light truck tyres	205/70R16	Summer tyres	–	110	103	–	–
		Studless tyres	–	–	105	–	–
Truck and bus tyres	225/80R17.5	Summer tyres	100	97	–	115	105
		Studless tyres	87	112	112	103	–
Truck and bus tyres	245/70R19.5	Summer tyres	–	105	103	115	104
		Studless tyres	–	–	107	98	–
Truck and bus tyres	11R22.5	Summer tyres	100	108	106	119	107
		Studless tyres	100	–	110	105	–

N.B.: 1. Re Index = L÷M

Re Achievement Rate = Re Index × 100

where L=Wear Life Index (life index for the present model based on the previous model assumed as 100)

M=Weight Index (Weight index for the present model based on the previous model assumed as 100)

2. Tyres surveyed : Representative sizes selected in advance from replacement tyres for the domestic market.

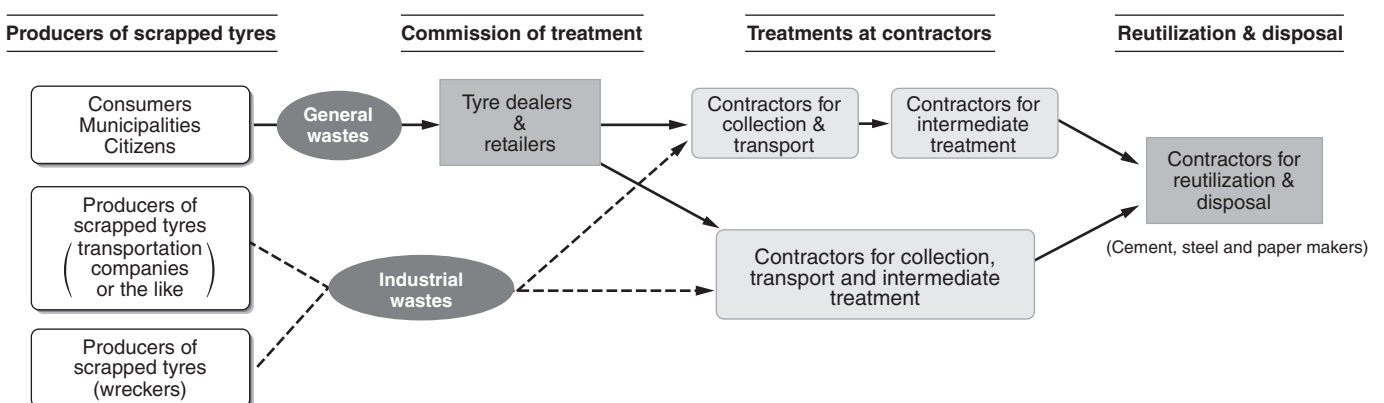
3. Monitoring of 245/70R19.5 (truck and bus tyres) began instead of former 7.50R16 (light truck tyres) for 2007 and the future.

Source: JATMA

2. Flow of Scrapped Tyres, from Generation to Treatment and Recycling

The tyre industry have disposed appropriately scraped tyres by charging a disposal fee based on the system not to be requested a license specified by Wastes of Disposal and Public Cleaning ACT since 1995. The Industrial Waste Wide Area Recycling Designating System was abolished on Apr. 1, 2011. According, it is fundamental that the producers of scrapped tyres of transportation companies etc. dispose appropriately existing designated industrial waste on one’s own responsibility from now on.

Figure 14: Flow of scrapped tyres, from generation to treatment and recycling



3. Recycling Situation in Scrapped Tyres

The volume of newly scrapped tyres “On purchase of new tyres” in 2010 increased by 4 million tyres to 76 million tyres in quantity basis and by 54 thousand tons to 835 thousand tons in weight basis by increased sales amount of brand new tyres from the previous year.

Meanwhile, the volume of newly scrapped tyres “On scrapped automobiles” is 18 million tyres the same as the previous year in quantity basis, but decreased by 7 thousand tons to 162 thousand tons. The reason is seemed that the scrapped vehicles of passenger car and lightweight truck increased by subsidies for eco-friendly car, but that the number of scrapped heavy vehicles decreased by the decline of number of vehicles registered and lengthening the age of service etc. due to the downturn of financial condition in truck market. The total of the volume of newly scrapped tyres “On purchase of new tyres” and “On scrapped automobiles” was 94 million tyres and 997 thousand tons, increased by 4 million tyres and 47 thousand tons respectively.

Regarding the situation in scrapped tyre recycling, the demand for scrapped tyres as an alternative fuel has recently continued to be high due to rise in prices of crude oil and coal, the same situation continued in 2010 also, and the total of recycled volume was 904 thousand tons and the recycling rate was 91% the same as the previous year. The feature of recent recycling situation is as follows.

The utilization of scrapped tyres by paper manufacturing companies increases year by year, it increased by 111% to 388 thousand tons in 2010 from the previous year and paper manufacturing companies used 40% of all scrapped tyres.

Figure 15: Recycling of used tyres in 2010

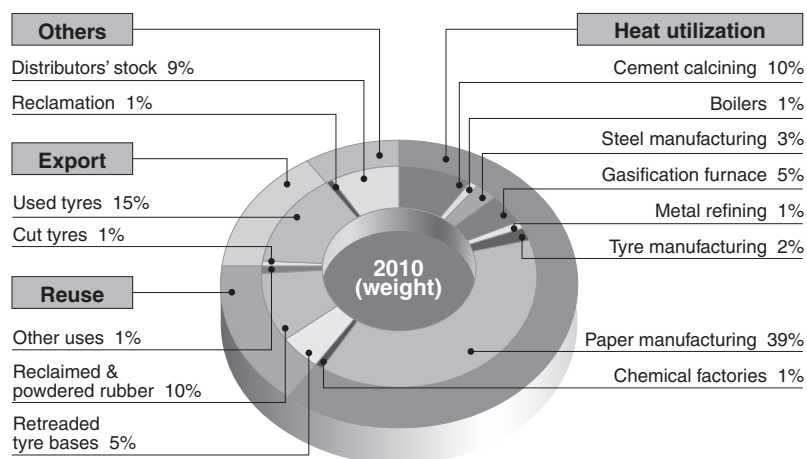


Table 12: Newly scrapped tyres

(Tyres: millions; Tons: thousands)

		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010		
						units and tons	distribution(%)	2010/2009(%)
On purchase of new tyres	Tyres	84	81	78	72	76	81	106
	Tons	875	901	860	781	835	84	107
On scrapped automobiles	Tyres	19	18	18	18	18	19	100
	Tons	181	163	196	169	162	16	96
Total	Tyres	103	99	96	90	94	100	104
	Tons	1,056	1,064	1,056	950	997	100	105

Source: JATMA

Table 13: Recycled tyres

(Tons: thousands)

			2006	2007	2008	2009	2010				
			tons	tons	tons	tons	tons	distribution(%)	2010/2009(%)		
Kind of recycling	Domestic	Reuse	Retreaded tyre bases	36	37	38	46	48	5	104	
			Reclaimed & powdered rubber	107	111	106	83	97	10	117	
			Other uses	20	17	10	7	1	1	14	
			Subtotal (A)	163	165	154	136	146	15	107	
	Domestic	Biomass power generation and the like	Paper manufacturing	274	328	339	349	388	39	111	
			Chemical factories	9	12	24	11	9	1	82	
			Subtotal (B)	283	340	363	360	397	40	110	
			Domestic	Heat utilization	For cement, steel and the like	Cement calcining	168	148	141	112	95
	Steel manufacturing	49				40	39	28	30	3	107
	Gasification furnace	34				42	48	48	49	5	102
	Tyre manufacturing	22				18	19	18	23	2	128
	Boilers	11				11	12	9	8	1	89
	Metal refining	8				8	2	1	1	1	100
	Subtotal (C)	292				267	261	216	206	21	95
	Subtotal (B+C)		575	607	624	576	603	60	105		
	Export	Used tyres		132	148	146	142	147	15	104	
		Cut tyres		64	32	11	6	8	1	133	
Subtotal (D)		196	180	157	148	155	16	105			
Total recycling (A+B+C+D)			934	952	935	860	904	91	105		
Others	Reclamation		11	11	8	3	4	1	133		
	Distributors' stock		111	101	113	87	89	9	102		
	Subtotal (E)		122	112	121	90	93	9	103		
Total used tyres (A+B+C+D+E)			1,056	1,064	1,056	950	997	100	105		

N.B.: There can be some cases that distribution's subtotals and the sums of their constituent items don't match due to the handling of decimals.

Source: JATMA

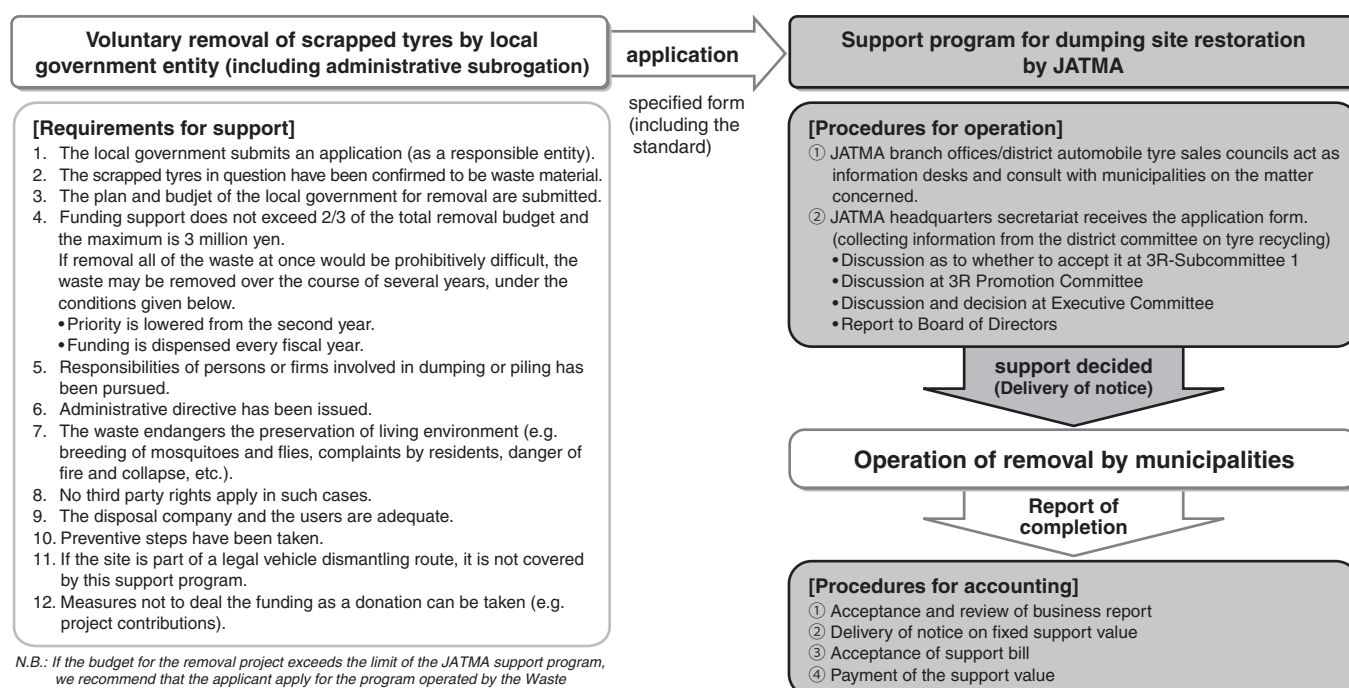
4. Situation in Illegal Piling & Dumping of Scrapped Tyres

As of February 2011 the number of cases of illegal piling & dumping of scrapped tyres was 124, and the total weight of scrapped tyres was 40,689 tons, which decreased by 6 cases and 1,410 tons from last February.

The demand for fuel is still high and illegal piling & dumping is decreasing.

The number of cases of removal operation carried out by municipalities and performers during the last year was total 17 cases (illegal piling 12 cases, illegal dumping 5 cases) and there was not a case by the operation of JATMA Support Program for Dumping Site Restoration in 2010.

<Reference> Support program scheme for dumping site restoration



5. Tyre Labeling System

The need for further improvement of energy efficiency in the transport field is globally discussed as IEA (International Energy Agency) made a proposal at G8 Summit. In the circumstances, the Japanese government established “the Fuel-Efficient Tyre Promotion Council” in order to study promotion of fuel-efficient tyres etc. JATMA took part in it and the discussions focused on concrete measures had been made over and over from January 2009. And eventually, in January 2010, JATMA launched their voluntary standard “Tyre Labeling System” by displaying performance levels of fuel efficient tyres on the labels plainly for consumers, for the purpose of further promotion of fuel efficient tyres.

Principal contents of the system

- **Scope** : Summer tyre for passenger car that is purchased as a replacement by a consumer at a tyre shop

- **Grading System** :

Rolling Resistance Coefficient (RRC)A range of five grades (Grade AAA to C)

Wet Grip PerformanceA range of four grades (Grade a to d)

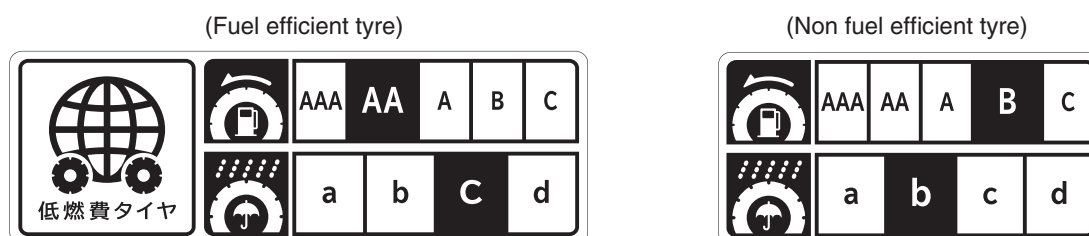
Unit (N/kN)		Unit (%)	
RRC	Grade	Wet Grip Performance (G)	Grade
$RRC \leq 6.5$	AAA	$155 \leq G$	a
$6.6 \leq RRC \leq 7.7$	AA	$140 \leq G \leq 154$	b
$7.8 \leq RRC \leq 9.0$	A	$125 \leq G \leq 139$	c
$9.1 \leq RRC \leq 10.5$	B	$110 \leq G \leq 124$	d
$10.6 \leq RRC \leq 12.0$	C		

- **Performance requirements for fuel efficient tyres**

Rolling Resistance Coefficient9.0 and below (Grade AAA to A)

Wet Grip Performance 110 and above (Grade a to d)

- **Labeling method (Display)**



: Uniform mark of fuel efficient tyres



: Rolling Resistance Performance



: Wet Grip Performance

- **Date of application** :

The application shall begin from January 2010 in voluntary stages and it targets to cover all the applicable tyres before the end of December 2011.

Completion shall be by the end of 2010 for fuel efficient tyres.

1. Automobiles and Tyres

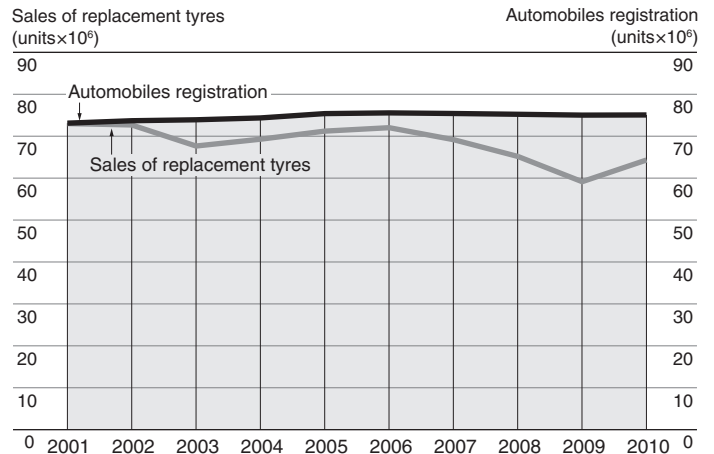
① The number of automobiles registered as of the end of December 2010 increased by 0.1% to 75.04 million from the previous year and replacement tyres (total four-wheeled vehicles) that increased by 8.7% to 64.3 million tyres from the previous year were supplied as replacement.

Table 14: Automobile registrations and sales of replacement tyres in 2010

Automobile	Registrations($\times 10^3$)	2010/2009(%)
Passenger cars	58,347	100.6
Trucks and buses	16,692	98.3
Total	75,039	100.1
Replacement tyres	Sales($\times 10^3$)	2010/2009(%)
Passenger car tyres	46,908	108.8
Commercial vehicle tyres	17,389	108.7
Total	64,297	108.7

Source: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, JATMA

Figure 16: Trends in automobile registrations sales of replacement tyres



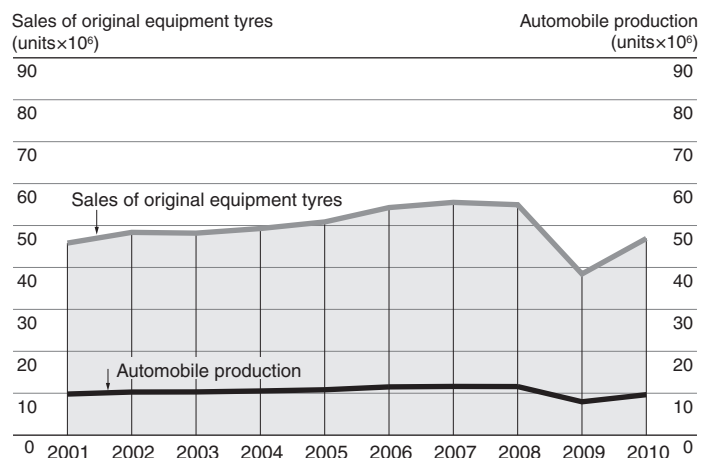
② The domestic production volume of automobiles in 2010 increased both for domestic and for overseas shipment, and increased by 21.4% to 9.63 million from the previous year. Because of this, the sales volume of original equipment tyres (total four-wheeled vehicles) increased in a similar way and increased by 22.0% to 46.88 million tyres from the previous year.

Table 15: Automobile production and sales of original equipment tyres in 2010

Automobile	Productions($\times 10^3$)	2010/2009(%)
Passenger cars	8,310	121.1
Trucks and buses	1,319	123.0
Total	9,629	121.4
Original equipment tyres	Sales($\times 10^3$)	2010/2009(%)
Passenger car tyres	40,989	122.2
Commercial vehicle tyres	5,890	120.9
Total	46,879	122.0

Source: Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association, JATMA

Figure 17: Trends in automobile production and sales of original equipment tyres



2. Distribution Channels

The distribution of automobile tyres is divided into three channels: original equipment, replacement and exports. The channel for replacement is particularly wide-ranging with distributors as key stations as shown in Figure 18. The routes for the channel are roughly divided into two types: direct sales and indirect sales. Direct sales are those under which distributors sell tyres directly to some large users, such as transport, bus and taxi companies, and government and municipal users. Indirect sales are those under which dealers supply tyres to endusers. About 200 distributors and about 145 thousand dealers supply replacement tyres. In addition, the component ratio (quantity) of sales each channel in 2010 is 26.6% for original equipments, 36.5% for replacements and 36.9% for exports.

The ratio for original equipments recovered a little and the one for replacements declined.

Figure 18: Distribution channels

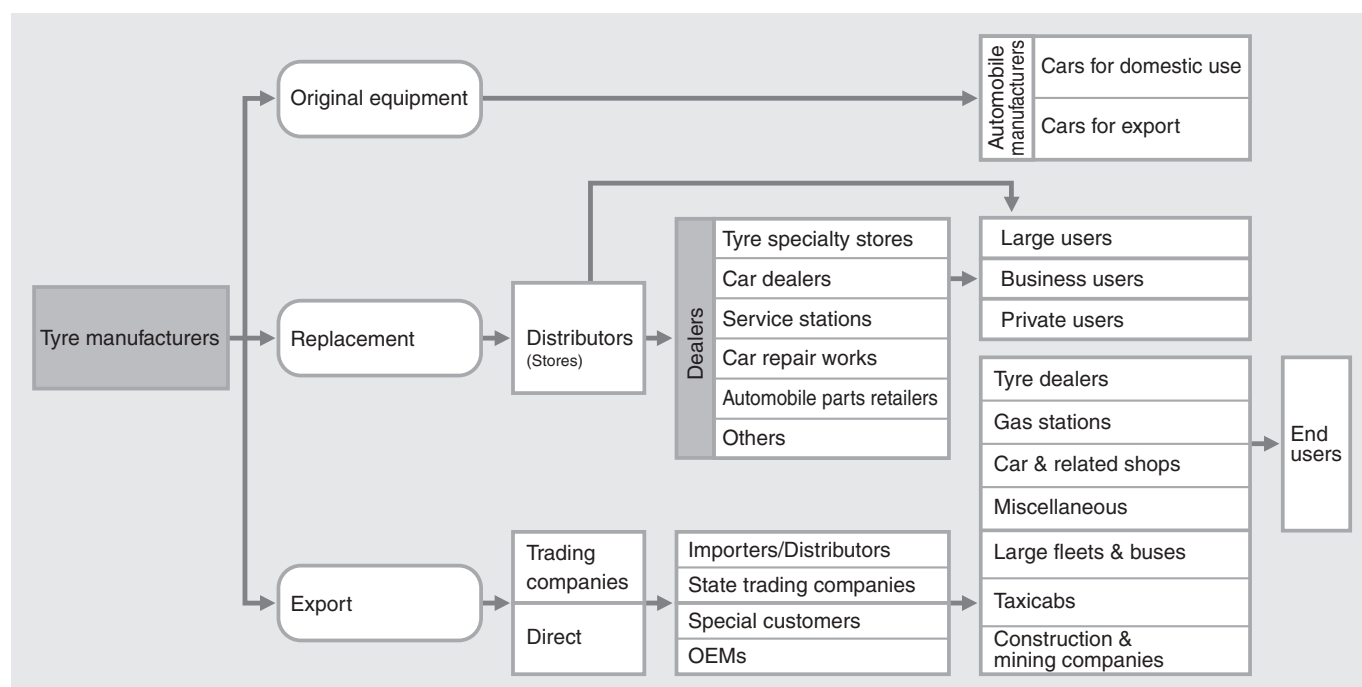
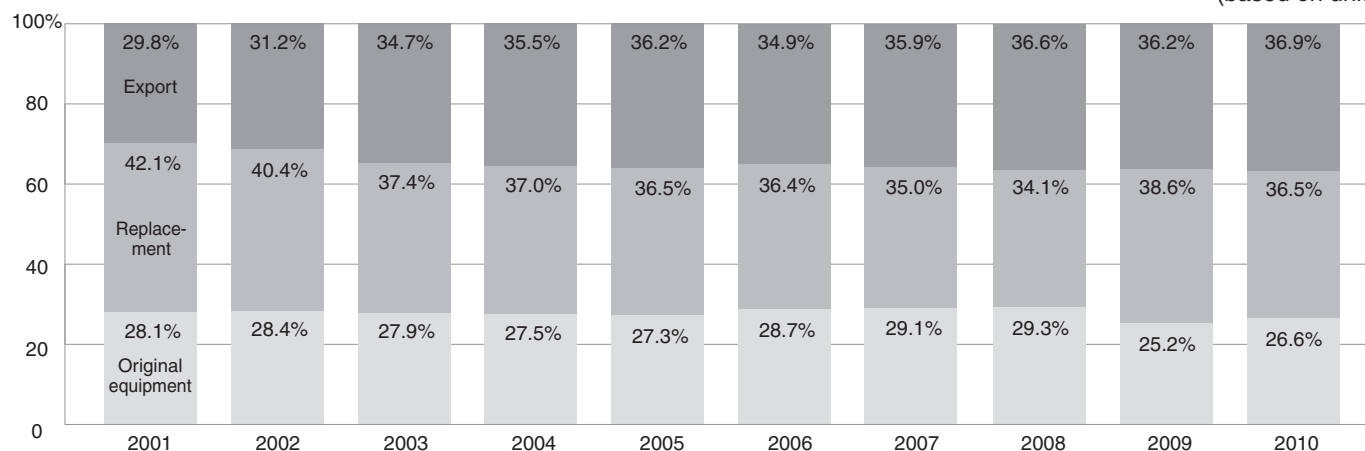


Figure 19: Trends in sales share of automobile tyres

(based on unit)



3. Raw Materials

More than 100 raw materials are used in the production of automobile tyres, including raw rubber, tyre cord, carbon black, bead wire and compounding ingredients. Approximately half of these materials are chemical products based on petroleum, principally naphtha. As a result, the tyre industry is dependent on petroleum.

The percent distribution of raw materials used in tyres in 2010 was approximately the same as the previous year, rubber constituting about half of a tyre (natural rubber 28% and synthetic rubber 22%), next comes reinforcing agent 26%, and then tyre cord 13%.

Table 16: Basic composition

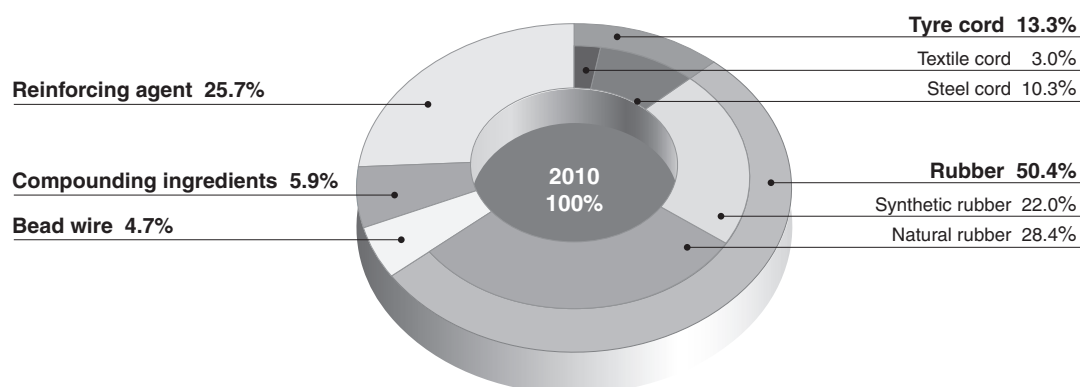
Composition	Examples
Rubber	Natural rubber, Synthetic rubber
Compounding ingredients	Vulcanizing agent, Vulcanizing accelerator, Vulcanizing accelerator aid, Antioxidant, Filler, Softener
Reinforcing agent	Carbon black, Silica
Tyre cord	Steel cord, Textile cord

Table 17: Consumption of main raw materials used in automobile tyres in 2010

Raw Materials	Consumption (tons)	2010/2009(%)	
Tyre cord	Steel	238,566	119.5
	Nylon	20,385	132.3
	Polyester	45,836	123.2
	Rayon	3,603	129.7
	Others	958	139.0
	Total	309,348	121.0
Rubber	Natural rubber	655,578	119.3
	Synthetic rubber	507,153	124.9
	Total	1,162,731	121.7
Reinforcing agent	594,058	121.4	

Source: JATMA

Figure 20: Tyre raw material weight composition



4. Tyre Production Worldwide

The production volume of automobile tyres (for four-wheeled vehicle) in the world in 2009 was estimated 1.27 billion tyres, decreased by 8% from the previous year due to global economic downturn.

Looking at each country, the first was China (production share 18% of the world), the second was the United States (12%), the third was Japan (11%), followed by South Korea and Germany. The top three countries account for about 40% of the total production worldwide.

Table 18: Share of world tyre production by geographic region in 2009

(units×10⁶)

	2009			Share			2009/2008(%)		
	PC	CV	Total	PC	CV	Total	PC	CV	Total
North America	141	34	175	16	10	14	84	82	84
South & Central America	43	29	72	5	8	6	88	88	88
Europe	256	69	325	28	19	26	85	80	84
Middle East and Africa	31	14	45	3	4	3	83	83	83
Asia and Oceania	440	213	653	48	59	51	101	99	100
Total	910	359	1,270	100	100	100	92	92	92

N.B.: 1. PC : Passenger car tyres.

2. CV : Commercial vehicle tyres including truck, bus and light truck tyres.

3. Totals were calculated in thousands and indicated in millions.

4. Including some estimates.

Source: JATMA

Table 19: Tyre production by leading manufacturing countries

(units×10⁶)

	2009			Share			2009/2008(%)		
	PC	CV	Total	PC	CV	Total	PC	CV	Total
China	168	62	230	19	17	18	114	108	112
U. S. A.	119	30	149	13	8	12	86	83	85
Japan	105	28	133	12	8	11	78	74	77
Korea	58	17	75	6	5	6	88	93	89
Germany	55	7	62	6	2	5	89	59	84

N.B.: 1. PC : Passenger car tyres.

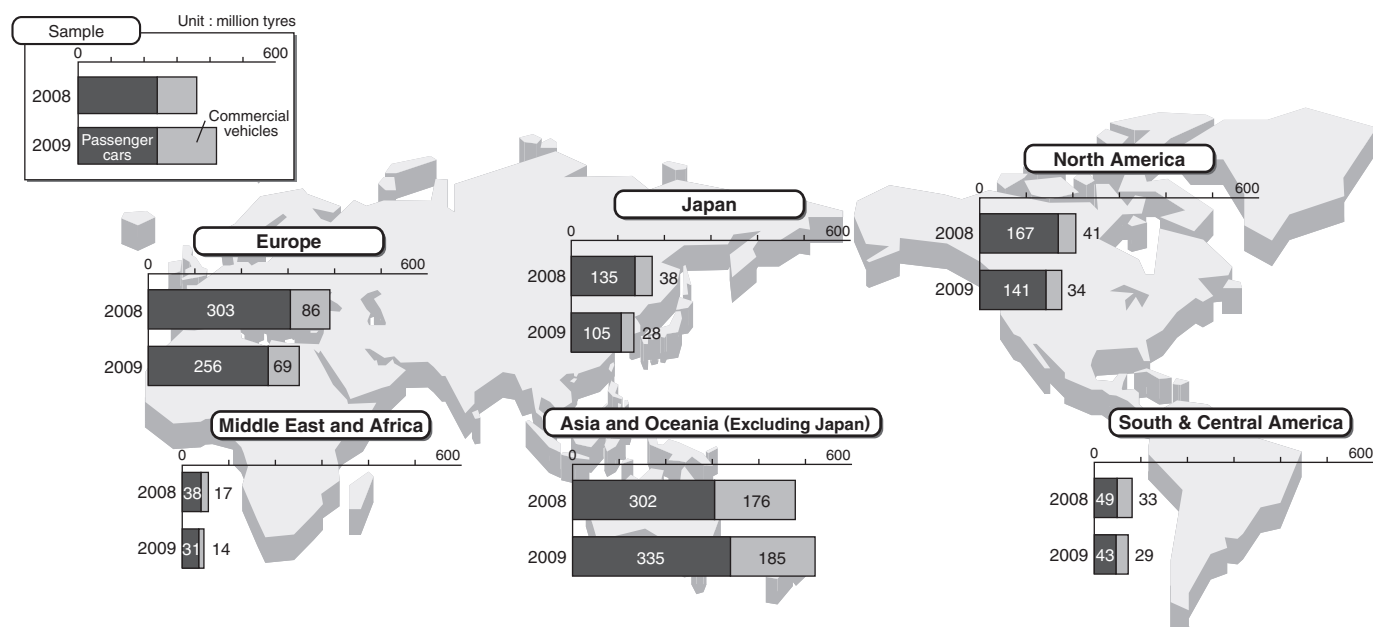
2. CV : Commercial vehicle tyres including truck, bus and light truck tyres.

3. Totals were calculated in thousands and indicated in millions. 2009/2008 percentages were calculated in thousands.

4. The figure for China is estimate.

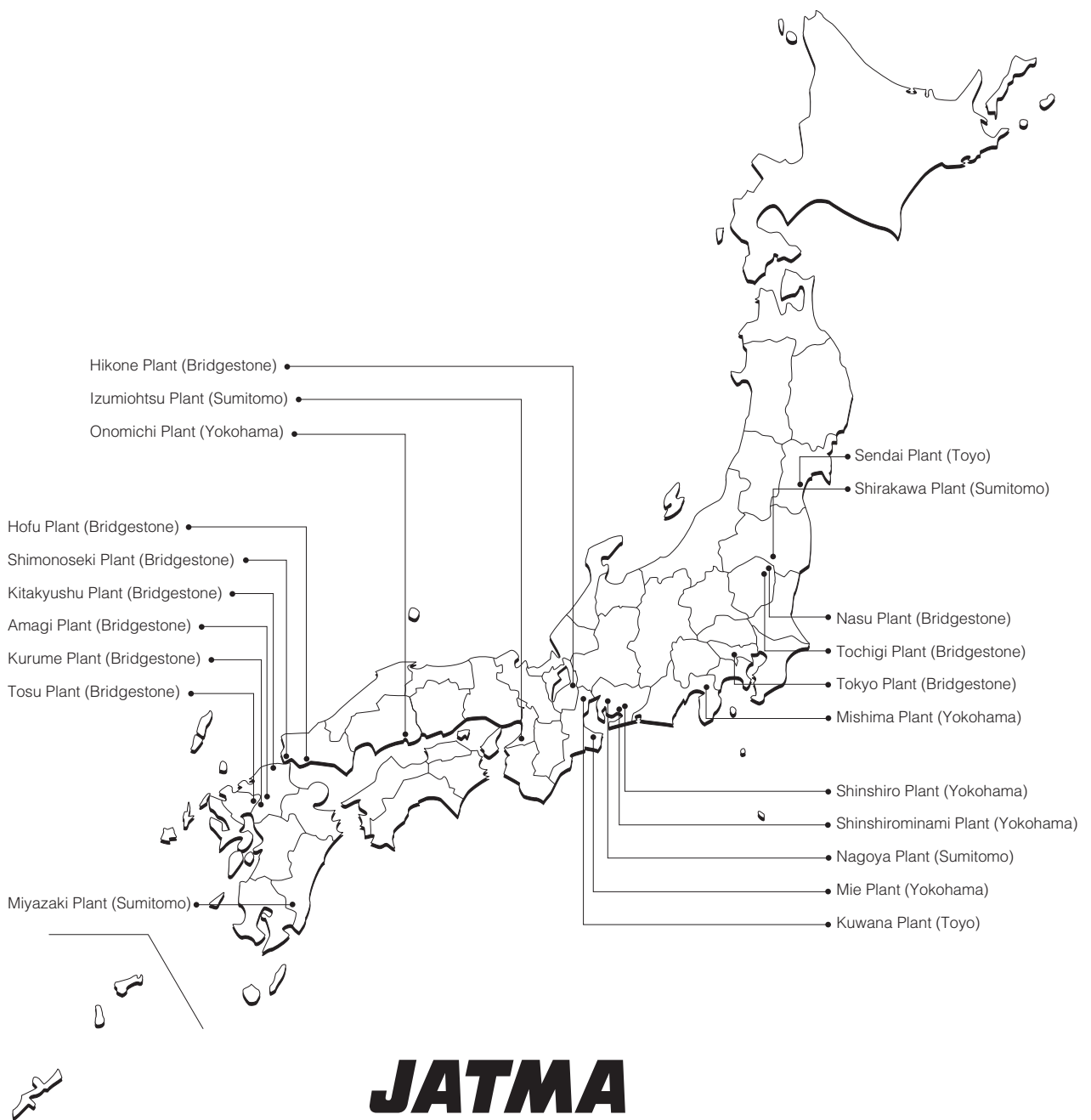
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Figure 21: Tyre Production Worldwide



Distribution of Member Firms' Automobile Tyre Plants

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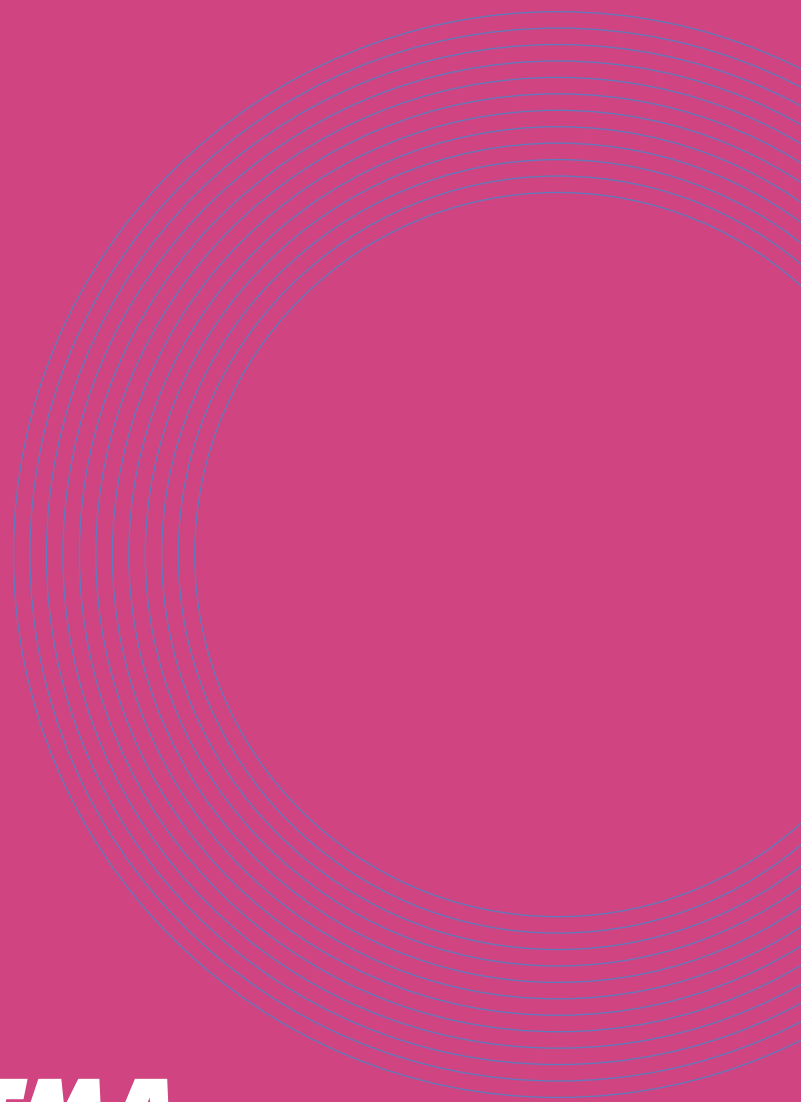
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Production of automobile tyres and tubes

t tyres : $\times 10^3$, rubber : tons, () : year to year comparison %

		2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Truck and bus tyres	Tyres	11,324 (96.0)	12,184 (107.6)	13,256 (108.8)	14,020 (105.8)	14,639 (104.4)	14,837 (101.4)	14,394 (97.0)	14,140 (98.2)	9,450 (66.8)	11,208 (118.6)
	Rubber	286,237 (93.3)	310,704 (108.5)	341,463 (109.9)	358,109 (104.9)	371,681 (103.8)	380,344 (102.3)	370,286 (97.4)	363,618 (98.2)	240,743 (66.2)	281,604 (117.0)
Light truck tyres	Tyres	29,130 (94.3)	28,386 (97.4)	26,628 (93.8)	26,681 (100.2)	26,771 (100.3)	26,485 (98.9)	25,082 (94.7)	23,986 (95.6)	18,915 (78.9)	22,176 (117.2)
	Rubber	175,918 (93.0)	178,442 (101.4)	171,628 (96.2)	176,267 (102.7)	178,709 (101.4)	176,636 (98.8)	164,489 (93.1)	159,078 (96.7)	122,208 (76.8)	141,588 (115.9)
Passenger car tyres	Tyres	122,449 (100.6)	127,441 (104.1)	130,328 (102.3)	132,386 (101.6)	134,806 (101.8)	134,594 (99.8)	136,731 (101.6)	134,787 (98.6)	104,885 (77.8)	125,457 (119.6)
	Rubber	511,242 (101.3)	550,647 (107.7)	572,596 (104.0)	592,779 (103.5)	617,709 (104.2)	625,274 (101.2)	642,881 (102.8)	626,504 (97.5)	472,117 (75.4)	570,528 (120.8)
Off-the-road tyres	Tyres	509 (99.2)	495 (97.2)	497 (100.4)	512 (103.0)	519 (101.4)	554 (106.7)	588 (106.1)	588 (100.0)	293 (49.8)	438 (149.5)
	Rubber	107,354 (95.7)	111,489 (103.9)	115,655 (103.7)	118,107 (102.1)	122,949 (104.1)	130,611 (106.2)	142,492 (109.1)	157,097 (110.3)	117,670 (74.9)	152,870 (129.9)
Industrial tyres	Tyres	1,040 (95.1)	972 (93.5)	982 (101.0)	936 (95.3)	827 (88.4)	721 (87.2)	748 (103.7)	763 (102.0)	429 (56.2)	449 (104.7)
	Rubber	10,583 (94.2)	10,113 (95.6)	10,209 (100.9)	9,864 (96.6)	9,395 (95.2)	8,721 (92.8)	9,144 (104.9)	9,108 (99.6)	4,696 (51.6)	5,451 (116.1)
Agricultural tyres	Tyres	605 (87.4)	549 (90.7)	582 (106.0)	608 (104.5)	630 (103.6)	614 (97.5)	625 (101.8)	621 (99.4)	411 (66.2)	333 (81.0)
	Rubber	4,323 (85.9)	4,344 (100.5)	4,615 (106.2)	5,153 (111.7)	5,486 (106.5)	5,503 (100.3)	5,552 (100.9)	6,068 (109.3)	3,525 (58.1)	2,816 (79.9)
Motorcycle tyres	Tyres	6,697 (101.2)	6,376 (95.2)	6,158 (96.6)	6,120 (99.4)	6,334 (103.5)	6,405 (101.1)	6,645 (103.7)	6,074 (91.4)	4,040 (66.5)	4,273 (105.8)
	Rubber	15,230 (102.7)	14,311 (94.0)	14,187 (99.1)	14,328 (101.0)	15,147 (105.7)	15,649 (103.3)	16,190 (103.5)	14,784 (91.3)	9,744 (65.9)	10,060 (103.2)
Cart tyres	Tyres	1,637 (102.7)	1,954 (119.4)	1,670 (85.5)	2,096 (125.5)	1,989 (94.9)	1,422 (71.5)	1,016 (71.4)	676 (66.5)	191 (28.3)	300 (157.1)
	Rubber	4,925 (102.8)	5,877 (119.3)	5,155 (87.7)	6,713 (130.2)	6,380 (95.0)	4,615 (72.3)	3,231 (70.0)	2,330 (72.1)	647 (27.8)	1,039 (160.6)
Flaps and rim-bands	Rubber	3,632 (88.4)	3,883 (106.9)	4,100 (105.6)	3,846 (93.8)	3,948 (102.7)	4,420 (112.0)	3,863 (87.4)	2,436 (63.1)	1,356 (55.7)	1,208 (89.1)
Total	Tyres	173,391 (99.1)	178,357 (102.9)	180,101 (101.0)	183,359 (101.8)	186,515 (101.7)	185,632 (99.5)	185,829 (100.1)	181,635 (97.7)	138,614 (76.3)	164,634 (118.8)
	Rubber	1,119,444 (97.1)	1,189,810 (106.3)	1,239,608 (104.2)	1,285,166 (103.7)	1,331,404 (103.6)	1,351,773 (101.5)	1,358,128 (100.5)	1,341,023 (98.7)	972,706 (72.5)	1,167,164 (120.0)

N.B.: 1. Source : JATMA (Total of members only)

N.B.: 2. 2001 and following years had a category shift between truck and bus tyres and light truck tyres.

Domestics shipment of automobile tyres and tubes

tyres : $\times 10^3$, rubber : tons, () : year to year comparison %

		2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Truck and bus tyres	Tyres	5,763 (114.1)	5,735 (99.5)	5,884 (102.6)	6,317 (107.4)	6,441 (102.0)	6,687 (103.8)	6,681 (99.9)	6,300 (94.3)	4,319 (68.6)	5,166 (119.6)
	Rubber	130,391 (105.5)	128,834 (98.8)	131,007 (101.7)	139,788 (106.7)	141,192 (101.0)	147,320 (104.3)	147,205 (99.9)	138,982 (94.4)	94,056 (67.7)	111,821 (118.9)
Light truck tyres	Tyres	20,593 (89.6)	18,839 (91.5)	17,446 (92.6)	17,288 (99.1)	16,934 (98.0)	17,070 (100.8)	16,563 (97.0)	15,227 (91.9)	11,863 (77.9)	14,130 (119.1)
	Rubber	109,093 (85.7)	100,336 (92.0)	94,121 (93.8)	96,668 (102.7)	93,992 (97.2)	94,671 (100.7)	92,450 (97.7)	86,314 (93.4)	64,126 (74.3)	74,287 (115.8)
Passenger car tyres	Tyres	85,618 (101.6)	87,860 (102.6)	84,587 (96.3)	84,140 (99.5)	81,326 (96.7)	83,538 (102.7)	82,986 (99.3)	80,637 (97.2)	62,649 (77.7)	74,139 (118.3)
	Rubber	343,109 (103.4)	360,881 (105.2)	348,198 (96.5)	349,752 (100.4)	342,992 (98.1)	360,177 (105.0)	363,277 (100.9)	345,910 (95.2)	253,185 (73.2)	302,168 (119.3)
Off-the-road tyres	Tyres	183 (99.5)	165 (90.2)	168 (101.8)	192 (114.3)	207 (107.8)	215 (103.9)	217 (100.9)	192 (88.5)	102 (53.1)	140 (137.3)
	Rubber	11,323 (95.9)	10,732 (94.8)	12,696 (118.3)	15,573 (122.7)	17,208 (110.5)	16,758 (97.4)	18,594 (111.0)	18,487 (99.4)	7,514 (40.6)	12,757 (169.8)
Industrial tyres	Tyres	818 (93.9)	778 (95.1)	789 (101.4)	855 (108.4)	785 (91.8)	726 (92.5)	733 (101.0)	762 (104.0)	470 (61.7)	556 (118.3)
	Rubber	7,333 (94.9)	7,048 (96.1)	7,715 (109.5)	8,437 (109.4)	8,267 (98.0)	8,079 (97.7)	8,413 (104.1)	8,686 (103.2)	5,184 (59.7)	6,230 (120.2)
Agricultural tyres	Tyres	575 (86.7)	534 (92.9)	550 (103.0)	553 (100.5)	602 (108.9)	592 (98.3)	577 (97.5)	640 (110.9)	486 (75.9)	491 (101.0)
	Rubber	3,989 (84.1)	4,014 (100.6)	4,202 (104.7)	4,693 (111.7)	5,027 (107.1)	5,124 (101.9)	5,102 (99.6)	6,137 (120.3)	4,320 (70.4)	4,277 (99.0)
Motorcycle tyres	Tyres	3,563 (99.7)	3,373 (94.7)	2,744 (81.4)	2,733 (99.6)	2,904 (106.3)	2,934 (101.0)	2,798 (95.4)	2,368 (84.6)	1,440 (60.8)	1,456 (101.1)
	Rubber	7,440 (98.6)	6,941 (93.3)	6,158 (88.7)	6,299 (102.3)	6,866 (109.0)	7,101 (103.4)	6,694 (94.3)	5,728 (85.6)	3,418 (59.7)	3,447 (100.8)
Cart tyres	Tyres	1,379 (103.8)	1,577 (114.4)	1,313 (83.3)	1,710 (130.2)	1,469 (85.9)	959 (65.3)	703 (73.3)	403 (57.3)	117 (29.0)	93 (79.5)
	Rubber	4,191 (103.4)	4,714 (112.5)	3,944 (83.7)	5,314 (134.7)	4,546 (85.5)	2,919 (64.2)	2,104 (72.1)	1,298 (61.7)	361 (27.8)	257 (71.2)
Flaps and rim-bands	Rubber	1,245 (88.6)	1,265 (101.6)	1,117 (88.3)	1,088 (97.4)	1,058 (97.2)	1,125 (106.3)	1,221 (108.5)	1,310 (107.3)	600 (45.8)	835 (139.2)
Total	Tyres	118,492 (99.7)	118,861 (100.3)	113,481 (95.5)	113,788 (100.3)	110,668 (97.3)	112,721 (101.9)	111,258 (98.7)	106,529 (95.7)	81,446 (76.5)	96,171 (118.1)
	Rubber	618,114 (99.7)	624,765 (101.1)	609,158 (97.5)	627,612 (103.0)	621,148 (99.0)	643,274 (103.6)	645,060 (100.3)	612,852 (95.0)	432,764 (70.6)	516,079 (119.3)

N.B.: 1. Source : JATMA (Total of members only)

N.B.: 2. 2001 and following years had a category shift between truck and bus tyres and light truck tyres.

Export shipment of automobile tyres and tubes

tyres : ×10³, rubber : tons, () : year to year comparison %

		2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Truck and bus tyres	Tyres	5,569 (83.1)	6,491 (116.6)	7,364 (113.4)	7,693 (104.5)	8,252 (107.3)	8,002 (97.0)	7,760 (97.0)	7,743 (99.8)	5,288 (68.3)	6,011 (113.7)
	Rubber	155,823 (85.2)	182,398 (117.1)	210,140 (115.2)	217,848 (103.7)	232,049 (106.5)	229,625 (99.0)	224,257 (97.7)	224,628 (100.2)	152,284 (67.8)	171,056 (112.3)
Light truck tyres	Tyres	8,540 (105.8)	9,684 (113.4)	9,654 (99.7)	10,008 (103.7)	10,192 (101.8)	9,516 (93.4)	8,939 (93.9)	8,800 (98.4)	7,347 (83.5)	8,122 (110.5)
	Rubber	67,302 (105.4)	79,073 (117.5)	80,387 (101.7)	83,921 (104.4)	86,924 (103.6)	82,301 (94.7)	75,470 (91.7)	73,511 (97.4)	61,294 (83.4)	68,985 (112.5)
Passenger car tyres	Tyres	36,697 (98.6)	39,303 (107.1)	45,611 (116.0)	48,961 (107.3)	52,531 (107.3)	51,627 (98.3)	54,352 (105.3)	53,989 (99.3)	43,389 (80.4)	51,527 (118.8)
	Rubber	167,554 (98.5)	187,375 (111.8)	223,786 (119.4)	245,576 (109.7)	267,417 (108.9)	266,372 (99.6)	282,515 (106.1)	279,444 (98.9)	225,166 (80.6)	269,567 (119.7)
Off-the-road tyres	Tyres	329 (98.5)	335 (101.8)	339 (101.2)	332 (97.9)	327 (98.5)	359 (109.8)	388 (108.1)	401 (103.4)	241 (60.1)	350 (145.2)
	Rubber	96,772 (96.8)	100,271 (103.6)	103,091 (102.8)	102,809 (99.7)	105,961 (103.1)	113,909 (107.5)	122,943 (107.9)	137,891 (112.2)	112,522 (81.6)	140,328 (124.7)
Industrial tyres	Tyres	200 (88.9)	206 (103.0)	189 (91.7)	177 (93.7)	151 (85.3)	141 (93.4)	146 (103.5)	118 (80.8)	108 (91.5)	109 (100.9)
	Rubber	3,176 (87.8)	3,171 (99.8)	2,699 (85.1)	2,284 (84.6)	2,078 (91.0)	2,225 (107.1)	2,304 (103.6)	2,064 (89.6)	1,692 (82.0)	2,044 (120.8)
Agricultural tyres	Tyres	66 (76.7)	69 (104.5)	61 (88.4)	70 (114.8)	51 (72.9)	46 (90.2)	47 (102.2)	33 (70.2)	34 (103.0)	29 (85.3)
	Rubber	470 (99.2)	488 (103.8)	414 (84.8)	490 (118.4)	420 (85.7)	365 (86.9)	357 (97.8)	243 (68.1)	278 (114.4)	224 (80.6)
Motorcycle tyres	Tyres	3,100 (101.9)	3,036 (97.9)	2,861 (94.2)	2,798 (97.8)	2,747 (98.2)	2,701 (98.3)	2,935 (108.7)	2,666 (90.8)	1,941 (72.8)	2,098 (108.1)
	Rubber	7,505 (103.5)	7,313 (97.4)	6,982 (95.5)	6,870 (98.4)	6,916 (100.7)	6,978 (100.9)	7,597 (108.9)	6,921 (91.1)	5,060 (73.1)	5,471 (108.1)
Cart tyres	Tyres	253 (96.9)	375 (148.2)	379 (101.1)	393 (103.7)	514 (130.8)	521 (101.4)	348 (66.8)	299 (85.9)	98 (32.8)	222 (226.5)
	Rubber	711 (99.2)	1,135 (159.6)	1,262 (111.2)	1,365 (108.2)	1,754 (128.5)	1,805 (102.9)	1,184 (65.6)	1,056 (89.2)	312 (29.5)	771 (247.1)
Flaps and rim-bands	Rubber	3,263 (105.3)	3,438 (105.4)	3,756 (109.2)	3,575 (95.2)	3,835 (107.3)	4,052 (105.7)	3,610 (89.1)	4,074 (112.9)	3,696 (90.7)	3,372 (91.2)
Total	Tyres	54,754 (97.9)	59,499 (108.7)	66,458 (111.7)	70,432 (106.0)	74,765 (106.2)	72,913 (97.5)	74,915 (102.7)	74,049 (98.8)	58,446 (78.9)	68,468 (117.1)
	Rubber	502,576 (94.5)	564,662 (112.4)	632,517 (112.0)	664,738 (105.1)	707,354 (106.4)	707,632 (100.0)	720,237 (101.8)	729,832 (101.3)	562,304 (77.0)	661,818 (117.7)

N.B.: 1. Source : JATMA (Total of members only)

N.B.: 2. 2001 and following years had a category shift between truck and bus tyres and light truck tyres.

Sales of original equipment tyres

t tyres : $\times 10^3$, () : year to year comparison %

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Truck and bus tyres	728 (131.4)	776 (106.6)	1,239 (159.7)	1,116 (90.1)	1,207 (108.2)	1,282 (106.2)	1,243 (97.0)	1,217 (97.9)	582 (47.8)	900 (154.6)
Light truck tyres	6,725 (95.8)	6,443 (95.8)	7,020 (109.0)	6,950 (99.0)	6,919 (99.6)	6,986 (101.0)	6,471 (92.6)	6,277 (97.0)	4,290 (68.3)	4,990 (116.3)
Passenger car tyres	38,333 (99.2)	41,121 (107.3)	39,894 (97.0)	41,191 (103.3)	42,703 (103.7)	45,986 (107.7)	47,782 (103.9)	47,443 (99.3)	33,551 (70.7)	40,989 (122.2)
Total for four-wheeled vehicle tyres	45,786 (99.1)	48,340 (105.6)	48,153 (99.6)	49,257 (102.3)	50,829 (103.2)	54,254 (106.7)	55,496 (102.3)	54,937 (99.0)	38,423 (69.9)	46,879 (122.0)
Off-the-road tyres	67 (97.1)	58 (86.6)	53 (91.4)	67 (126.4)	77 (114.9)	90 (116.9)	96 (106.7)	88 (91.7)	37 (42.0)	65 (175.7)
Industrial tyres	282 (93.1)	259 (91.8)	281 (108.5)	319 (113.5)	403 (126.3)	426 (105.7)	456 (107.0)	412 (90.4)	149 (36.2)	223 (149.7)
Agricultural tyres	598 (86.3)	560 (93.6)	554 (98.9)	581 (104.9)	630 (108.4)	642 (101.9)	627 (97.7)	690 (110.0)	522 (75.7)	519 (99.4)
Motorcycle tyres	2,277 (92.3)	2,158 (94.8)	1,856 (86.0)	2,003 (107.9)	2,346 (117.1)	2,485 (105.9)	2,379 (95.7)	1,933 (81.3)	970 (50.2)	996 (102.7)
Cart tyres	1,327 (104.0)	1,518 (114.4)	1,305 (86.0)	1,667 (127.7)	1,531 (91.8)	1,276 (83.3)	1,065 (83.5)	802 (75.3)	221 (27.6)	279 (126.2)
Total	50,337 (98.7)	52,893 (105.1)	52,202 (98.7)	53,894 (103.2)	55,816 (103.6)	59,173 (106.0)	60,119 (101.6)	58,862 (97.9)	40,322 (68.5)	48,961 (121.4)

N.B.: 1. Source : JATMA (Total of members only)

N.B.: 2. 2001 and following years had a category shift between truck and bus tyres and light truck tyres.

N.B.: 3. The figures include imported tyres.

Sales of replacement tyres

t yres : $\times 10^3$, () : year to year comparison %

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Truck and bus tyres	5,375 (124.4)	5,200 (96.7)	4,893 (94.1)	5,401 (110.4)	5,494 (101.7)	5,608 (102.1)	5,588 (99.6)	5,091 (91.1)	4,042 (79.4)	4,620 (114.3)
Light truck tyres	15,965 (93.0)	15,027 (94.1)	13,701 (91.2)	14,368 (104.9)	14,389 (100.1)	14,462 (100.5)	14,057 (97.2)	13,103 (93.2)	11,959 (91.3)	12,769 (106.8)
Passenger car tyres	51,648 (104.6)	52,426 (101.5)	49,037 (93.5)	49,486 (100.9)	51,299 (103.7)	51,931 (101.2)	49,504 (95.3)	46,952 (94.8)	43,124 (91.8)	46,908 (108.8)
Total for four-wheeled vehicle tyres	72,988 (103.0)	72,653 (99.5)	67,631 (93.1)	69,255 (102.4)	71,182 (102.8)	72,001 (101.2)	69,149 (96.0)	65,146 (94.2)	59,125 (90.8)	64,297 (108.7)
Off-the-road tyres	120 (96.8)	113 (94.2)	113 (100.0)	118 (104.4)	128 (108.5)	131 (102.3)	132 (100.8)	117 (88.6)	76 (65.0)	87 (114.5)
Industrial tyres	767 (95.9)	738 (96.2)	742 (100.5)	771 (103.9)	770 (99.9)	756 (98.2)	741 (98.0)	711 (96.0)	530 (74.5)	593 (111.9)
Agricultural tyres	203 (94.9)	197 (97.0)	200 (101.5)	204 (102.0)	195 (95.6)	167 (85.6)	130 (77.8)	120 (92.3)	110 (91.7)	114 (103.6)
Motorcycle tyres	2,393 (99.5)	2,341 (97.8)	2,155 (92.1)	2,239 (103.9)	2,198 (98.2)	2,147 (97.7)	2,096 (97.6)	2,092 (99.8)	1,877 (89.7)	1,908 (101.7)
Cart tyres	54 (98.2)	50 (92.6)	45 (90.0)	47 (104.4)	46 (97.9)	40 (87.0)	38 (95.0)	35 (92.1)	33 (94.3)	29 (87.9)
Total	76,525 (102.8)	76,092 (99.4)	70,886 (93.2)	72,634 (102.5)	74,519 (102.6)	75,242 (101.0)	72,286 (96.1)	68,221 (94.4)	61,751 (90.5)	67,028 (108.5)

N.B.: 1. Source : JATMA (Total of members only)

N.B.: 2. 2001 and following years had a category shift between truck and bus tyres and light truck tyres.

N.B.: 3. The figures include imported tyres.

Sales of summer tyres and winter tyres for replacement(for four-wheeled vehicles)

tyres : $\times 10^3$, () : year to year comparison %

		2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Truck and bus tyres	Total	5,375 (124.4)	5,200 (96.7)	4,893 (94.1)	5,401 (110.4)	5,494 (101.7)	5,608 (102.1)	5,588 (99.6)	5,091 (91.1)	4,042 (79.4)	4,620 (114.3)
	Summer	3,634 (120.1)	3,494 (96.1)	3,248 (93.0)	3,490 (107.5)	3,465 (99.3)	3,401 (98.2)	3,511 (103.2)	3,331 (94.9)	2,587 (77.7)	2,923 (113.0)
	Winter	1,741 (134.2)	1,706 (98.0)	1,645 (96.4)	1,911 (116.2)	2,029 (106.2)	2,207 (108.8)	2,077 (94.1)	1,760 (84.7)	1,455 (82.7)	1,697 (116.6)
Light truck tyres	Total	15,965 (93.0)	15,027 (94.1)	13,701 (91.2)	14,368 (104.9)	14,389 (100.1)	14,462 (100.5)	14,057 (97.2)	13,103 (93.2)	11,959 (91.3)	12,769 (106.8)
	Summer	11,668 (91.9)	10,975 (94.1)	10,112 (92.1)	10,297 (101.8)	10,245 (99.5)	9,858 (96.2)	9,911 (100.5)	9,561 (96.5)	8,901 (93.1)	9,344 (105.0)
	Winter	4,297 (96.2)	4,052 (94.3)	3,589 (88.6)	4,071 (113.4)	4,144 (101.8)	4,604 (111.1)	4,146 (90.1)	3,542 (85.4)	3,058 (86.3)	3,425 (112.0)
Passenger car tyres	Total	51,648 (104.6)	52,426 (101.5)	49,037 (93.5)	49,486 (100.9)	51,299 (103.7)	51,931 (101.2)	49,504 (95.3)	46,952 (94.8)	43,124 (91.8)	46,908 (108.8)
	Summer	35,727 (101.4)	36,048 (100.9)	34,761 (96.4)	35,023 (100.8)	35,343 (100.9)	34,417 (97.4)	34,859 (101.3)	33,564 (96.3)	31,183 (92.9)	33,620 (107.8)
	Winter	15,921 (112.8)	16,378 (102.9)	14,276 (87.2)	14,463 (101.3)	15,956 (110.3)	17,514 (109.8)	14,645 (83.6)	13,388 (91.4)	11,941 (89.2)	13,288 (111.3)
Total	Total	72,988 (103.0)	72,653 (99.5)	67,631 (93.1)	69,255 (102.4)	71,182 (102.8)	72,001 (101.2)	69,149 (96.0)	65,146 (94.2)	59,125 (90.8)	64,297 (108.7)
	Summer	51,029 (100.1)	50,517 (99.0)	48,121 (95.3)	48,810 (101.4)	49,053 (100.5)	47,675 (97.2)	48,281 (101.3)	46,456 (96.2)	42,671 (91.9)	45,887 (107.5)
	Winter	21,959 (110.5)	22,136 (100.8)	19,510 (88.1)	20,445 (104.8)	22,129 (108.2)	24,326 (109.9)	20,868 (85.8)	18,690 (89.6)	16,454 (88.0)	18,410 (111.9)

N.B.: 1. Source : JATMA (Total of members only)

N.B.: 2. 2001 and following years had a category shift between truck and bus tyres and light truck tyres.

N.B.: 3. 1998 and following years had all season tyres in the summer tyre category.

Exports of tyres and tubes based on Ministry of Finance customs statistics

t tyres : $\times 10^3$, value : FOB dollar $\times 10^3$, () : year to year comparison %

		2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Asia	Tyres	6,955 (103.0)	8,308 (119.5)	9,263 (111.5)	9,718 (104.9)	8,549 (88.0)	9,002 (105.3)	9,063 (100.7)	9,129 (100.7)	6,999 (76.7)	7,560 (108.0)
	Value	362,435 (93.2)	435,717 (120.2)	516,696 (118.6)	560,008 (108.4)	546,351 (97.6)	626,039 (114.6)	680,002 (108.6)	799,530 (117.6)	674,912 (84.4)	808,485 (119.8)
Middle East	Tyres	6,615 (102.9)	7,764 (117.4)	9,093 (117.1)	10,265 (112.9)	11,416 (111.2)	11,775 (103.1)	13,921 (118.2)	14,702 (105.6)	13,412 (91.2)	13,627 (101.6)
	Value	370,692 (102.3)	416,413 (112.3)	492,264 (118.2)	570,464 (115.9)	688,061 (120.6)	787,641 (114.5)	956,237 (121.4)	1,184,574 (123.9)	1,107,936 (93.5)	1,173,872 (106.0)
Europe	Tyres	16,889 (99.3)	16,094 (95.3)	18,240 (113.3)	19,029 (104.3)	20,567 (108.1)	20,275 (98.6)	22,170 (109.3)	22,200 (100.1)	15,070 (67.9)	18,908 (125.5)
	Value	699,251 (94.6)	708,867 (101.4)	959,556 (135.4)	1,094,021 (114.0)	1,222,552 (111.7)	1,288,941 (105.4)	1,668,181 (129.4)	1,849,351 (110.9)	1,162,604 (62.9)	1,486,981 (127.9)
North America	Tyres	16,368 (81.9)	20,589 (125.8)	22,929 (111.4)	23,714 (103.4)	26,484 (111.7)	24,792 (93.6)	22,090 (89.1)	20,729 (93.8)	17,352 (83.7)	23,016 (132.6)
	Value	899,766 (78.0)	1,131,111 (125.7)	1,261,722 (111.5)	1,397,852 (110.8)	1,604,256 (114.8)	1,659,175 (103.4)	1,529,500 (92.2)	1,613,517 (105.5)	1,359,334 (84.2)	1,870,321 (137.6)
South and Central America	Tyres	2,689 (110.1)	2,074 (77.1)	2,448 (118.0)	2,978 (121.7)	3,559 (119.5)	3,673 (103.2)	3,815 (103.9)	4,512 (118.3)	3,086 (68.4)	4,365 (141.4)
	Value	192,740 (92.1)	160,502 (83.3)	180,845 (112.7)	213,858 (118.3)	255,035 (119.3)	295,779 (116.0)	351,155 (118.7)	437,762 (124.7)	410,729 (93.8)	573,743 (139.7)
Africa	Tyres	2,150 (109.2)	2,063 (96.0)	2,012 (97.5)	2,171 (107.9)	2,253 (103.7)	2,142 (95.0)	2,329 (108.7)	2,140 (91.9)	1,771 (82.8)	2,274 (128.4)
	Value	153,593 (102.6)	161,499 (105.1)	198,408 (122.9)	231,973 (116.9)	243,941 (105.2)	247,077 (101.3)	274,414 (111.1)	289,539 (105.5)	273,759 (94.5)	338,985 (123.8)
Oceania	Tyres	3,303 (117.3)	3,516 (106.4)	3,853 (109.6)	3,694 (95.9)	3,711 (100.5)	3,683 (99.2)	4,214 (114.4)	3,959 (94.0)	3,332 (84.2)	3,697 (111.0)
	Value	223,002 (104.2)	245,870 (110.3)	302,139 (122.9)	333,283 (110.3)	363,509 (109.1)	373,273 (102.7)	462,104 (123.8)	490,931 (106.2)	442,356 (90.1)	589,773 (133.3)
Total	Tyres	54,969 (95.7)	60,408 (109.9)	67,838 (112.3)	71,569 (105.5)	76,539 (106.9)	75,342 (98.4)	77,602 (103.0)	77,371 (99.7)	61,022 (78.9)	73,447 (120.4)
	Value	2,901,479 (90.2)	3,259,979 (112.4)	3,911,630 (120.0)	4,401,459 (112.5)	4,923,705 (111.9)	5,277,926 (107.2)	5,921,593 (112.2)	6,665,204 (112.6)	5,431,630 (81.5)	6,842,160 (126.0)

Source: Ministry of Finance customs export records

Imports of tyres and tubes based on Ministry of Finance customs statistics

tyres : $\times 10^3$, value : CIF yen $\times 10^4$, () : year to year comparison %

		2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Passenger car tyres	Tyres	11,321 (107.3)	13,618 (120.3)	14,173 (104.1)	18,830 (132.9)	23,810 (126.4)	25,925 (108.9)	24,089 (92.9)	23,572 (97.9)	19,302 (81.9)	19,346 (100.2)
	Value	3,603,274 (110.4)	4,030,513 (111.9)	3,852,532 (95.6)	4,685,202 (121.6)	5,908,881 (126.1)	7,147,540 (121.0)	7,261,682 (101.6)	7,386,186 (101.7)	5,292,031 (71.6)	5,527,743 (104.5)
Commercial vehicle tyres	Tyres	1,262 (102.3)	1,301 (103.1)	1,884 (144.8)	1,648 (87.5)	1,657 (100.5)	2,707 (163.4)	3,207 (118.5)	3,145 (98.1)	2,880 (91.6)	2,617 (90.9)
	Value	749,069 (100.3)	594,360 (79.3)	610,127 (102.7)	672,942 (110.3)	708,528 (105.3)	1,046,032 (147.6)	1,159,415 (110.8)	1,124,280 (97.0)	911,466 (81.1)	947,069 (103.9)
Motorcycle tyres	Tyres	3,140 (108.3)	2,939 (93.6)	3,129 (106.5)	3,038 (97.1)	3,347 (110.2)	3,155 (94.3)	3,091 (98.0)	2,895 (93.6)	2,362 (81.6)	2,595 (109.9)
	Value	379,351 (102.4)	341,410 (90.0)	358,836 (105.1)	353,929 (98.6)	393,009 (111.0)	398,770 (101.5)	463,459 (116.2)	382,082 (82.4)	330,296 (86.4)	385,462 (116.7)
Others	Tyres	263 (173.0)	278 (105.7)	299 (107.6)	278 (93.0)	294 (105.8)	384 (130.6)	423 (110.3)	510 (120.5)	401 (78.6)	556 (138.7)
	Value	154,449 (119.0)	126,857 (82.1)	188,451 (148.6)	217,732 (115.5)	286,310 (131.5)	405,295 (141.6)	528,694 (130.4)	712,295 (134.7)	395,608 (55.5)	701,082 (177.2)
Tubes	Value	34,608 (169.6)	48,735 (140.8)	47,100 (96.6)	39,957 (84.8)	43,837 (109.7)	42,523 (97.0)	128,103 (301.3)	421,909 (329.4)	312,576 (74.1)	351,526 (112.5)
Total	Tyres	15,986 (107.8)	18,136 (113.4)	19,485 (107.4)	23,794 (122.1)	29,108 (122.3)	32,171 (110.5)	30,811 (95.8)	30,122 (97.8)	24,945 (82.8)	25,114 (100.7)
	Value	4,920,751 (108.6)	5,141,875 (104.5)	5,057,046 (98.4)	5,969,762 (118.0)	7,340,565 (123.0)	9,040,160 (123.2)	9,541,352 (105.5)	10,026,752 (105.1)	7,241,977 (72.2)	7,912,882 (109.3)

Source: Ministry of Finance customs import records