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Statistics based on the volume released by automobile manufacturer associations around the world were used to compile the figures, which are for single countries and do not include consigned production. Isuzu has continued to hold the world number-one position in the medium duty truck category for eleven consecutive years from 1988 when the company started to compile the data.

Isuzu was the largest manufacturer in the overall category for five consecutive years from 1993 through 1997. However, the company was rated the number-four in 1998 in the overall category, mainly due to the continuous recession in Japan and South East Asia, which are the major commercial vehicle markets for Isuzu.

Rank		Manufacturer	Country	1998 Production			1997 Production		
98	97			M/D	H/D	Total	M/D	H/D	Total
1	4	Freightliner	USA	29,083	73,804	102,887	20,779	49,793	70,572
2	2	DaimlerChrysler	Germany	34,064	54,777	88,841	31,566	48,552	80,118
3	5	Navistar	USA	55,387	21,657	77,044	48,287	20,041	68,328
4	1	Isuzu	Japan	58,270	7,396	65,666	83,095	17,585	100,680
5	3	Mitsubishi	Japan	38,397	9,191	47,588	54,226	17,424	71,650
6	12	Renault	France	13,639	31,275	44,914	9,889	23,499	33,388
7	11	Iveco	Italy	38,567	4,359	42,926	32,086	2,366	34,452
8	13	Man	Germany	10,839	28,273	39,112	9,289	21,479	30,768
9	6	Hino	Japan	24,091	11,942	36,033	45,491	22,354	67,845
10	8	Ford	USA	35,911	5	35,916	45,821	15,056	60,877

1. Medium Duty : GVW 6.1t - 16.0t(14,000 - 33,000 lb.)
Heavy Duty: Over GVW 16.1t(over 33,000 lb.)
2. Source: Automobile manufacturers association in each country
3. Single country basis

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