

**Isuzu Remains Number One Among Japanese Auto Manufacturers
in Production of the Medium- & Heavy-Duty Trucks in the 2000**

In 2000, Isuzu Motors Limited continued to hold its position as Japan's largest truck manufacturer of total combined medium- and heavy-duty trucks categorized by a GVW (Gross Vehicle Weight) of at-least 6.1 tons (14,000 lbs) and over 16.1 tons (33,001 lbs) respectively. Isuzu moved up one rank to number four in the world market in 2000, compared to its 1999 figures.

Production volume statistics released by the automobile manufacturer associations around the world were used to compile these figures. These figures represent individual countries and do not include consigned production.

Isuzu's ranking modestly improved one place up in 2000 with a slight recovery of the domestic demand. In 1999, Isuzu was number five due to the recession in Japan and South East Asia.

In the category of medium- and heavy-duty trucks, Isuzu is still the largest truck manufacturer in Japan, due to its market strength in medium-duty trucks and the larger class of N series/Elf light duty.

In the 2000 ranking, there are three U.S. truck manufacturers in the top 10, while there were five in the 1999 ranking. The U.S. heavy-duty truck market is contracting due to the recession that began in 2000.

2000 Truck Production

Rank		Manufacturer	Country	2000 Production			1999 Production		
00	99			M/D	H/D	Total	M/D	H/D	Total
1	1	Freightliner	USA	30,466	70,590	101,056	39,294	92,396	131,690
2	2	DaimlerChrysler	Germany	35,093	57,742	92,835	35,870	55,449	91,319
3	3	Navistar	USA	50,134	16,825	66,959	54,384	21,691	76,075
4	5	ISUZU	JAPAN	57,039	7,801	64,840	53,956	5,469	59,425
5	10	Ford	USA	63,028	0	63,028	37,039	0	37,039
6	7	Mitsubishi	Japan	40,531	11,044	51,575	33,468	9,429	42,897
7	11	Renault/RVI	France	16,704	27,696	44,400	11,289	25,142	36,431
8	4	Telco	India	34,304	9,297	43,601	52,226	8,790	61,016
9	9	Man	Germany	631	35,625	36,256	8,891	28,987	37,878
10	16	Hino	Japan	22,914	13,095	36,009	22,384	7,969	30,353

1. Medium Duty : GVW 6.1t - 16.0t(14,000 - 33,000 lbs.)
Heavy Duty: GVW over 16.1t(over 33,001 lbs.)
2. Source: Automobile manufacturers association in each country
3. Individual country basis

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