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It said that new model launches by the automakers along with some improvement in the availability of semiconductors helped sustain the demand for automobiles in July.On a year-on-year basis, the domestic sales vehicles' growth stood at 11 percent, with 2.9 percent growth on a month-on-month basis.

With the upcoming festive season, the automakers are focusing on building up inventory in anticipation of higher demand, the report said.

The domestic sales in the two-wheeler segment registered a growth of 5.5 percent on a monthly basis in July 2022, with the scooters subsegment growing strongly by 14 percent while the motorcycles subsegment grew marginally by 2 percent.

"Normal monsoons in most parts of the country resulting in a decent agricultural harvest kept the demand sentiment positive."Coming to exports, shipments for two-wheelers fell 9.6 percent on a monthly basis with declining export sales of 15 percent motorcycles sub-segment as the international markets were facing some headwinds due to rising inflation, geopolitical tensions, and adverse economic conditions in Sri Lanka and Nepal.

The passenger vehicle segment domestic sales showed an improvement in sales of 6.3 percent in July. "The OEMs (original equipment manufacturers) are continuously launching new models, especially in the compact SUV segment which will further help to sustain the demand in the festive season. With the improving availability of semiconductor chips, there is an expectation of a lower waiting period in the coming months," the report said.

However, the third hike in repo rates by the Reserve Bank of India to restrain high inflation will make auto loans costlier. "This (lending rate hike) may restrict the growth, especially in entry-level vehicle segments which have price-sensitive customers," it further said.





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