

share of world production in 1984 was 27.5 per cent down from 27.9 per cent in 1983. Japan, though hampered by voluntary restraints on exports of its automobiles to Canada, the United States and other countries remained the world's leading exporter of motor vehicles during 1983. The Japanese exported 3.8 million cars and nearly 1.9 million trucks for a total of 5.7 million vehicles, more than twice its nearest export competitor. In 1984 United States imports of Japanese automobiles represented 2.7 million units or 18.3 per cent of market demand while Japanese exports of automobiles into Canada were 138,677 units or 17.6 per cent of Canadian demand in that year. Projections are that 1985 market demand in both countries will increase modestly while Japanese imports will capture 22 per cent of the United States market and 18 per cent of the Canadian market. Automobile demand in the North American market is expected to grow at less than 2 per cent annually over the next five years.