

KEY PLAYERS:

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT (MOPT)

The Ministry is responsible for sectoral planning, policies and investments in conjunction with other bodies. In addition to the agencies, the following reporting directly to the Ministry:

FONDO VIAL NACIONAL: Fund that manages national road construction and the acquisition of equipment needed for this purpose.

FONDO NACIONAL DE CAMINOS VECINALES: National entity created to plan and construct roads to facilitate national rural development.

INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE TRANSPORTE (INTRA): Created to regulate all aspects related to public highway transportation.

MUNICIPAL ENTITIES:

All large and medium-sized cities have municipal transport companies and entities responsible for traffic regulation.

COLMOTORES

Colmotores is located in Bogotá. It was founded in 1956 and dedicated itself to the assembly of Austin cars and trucks until 1965 when it was purchased by Chrysler. Since 1979 it has been a subsidiary of General Motors (84 percent ownership, the rest held by local investors) and assembles Chevrolet automobiles, buses, jeeps and trucks. In May 1990 it held a 43 percent share of the Colombian market.

SOFASA

Sofasa was founded in 1970 in Medellín and until 1988 was half-owned by the Colombian government, half by Renault of France. Renault then assumed almost total ownership until May 1990, when 17.5 percent of the shares were sold to Toyota and 7.5 percent to Mitsui. In 1991 Sofasa will begin to assemble two Toyota Land Cruiser models and three Toyota small trucks. In May 1990 it held a 18 percent share of the Colombian market.

COMPANIA COLOMBIANA AUTOMOTRIZ (CCA)

The CCA is located in Bogotá and was founded in 1960 to promote Willys jeep sales. It successively assembled Peugeot and Fiat automobiles until 1983, when production switched to Mazda models. It is currently owned 15 percent by Mazda, 15 percent by Sumitomo, and 70 percent by the Banco de Colombia. In May 1990 it held a 39 percent share of the Colombian market.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AUTOPARTS SUPPLIERS (ASONAR)

ASONAR is an association founded to promote the interests of Colombia's autoparts importers, distributors, agents of foreign companies and local manufacturers. It was founded in 1975.

COLOMBIAN AUTOPARTS MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION (ACOLFA)

ACOLFA was founded in 1974 to promote the interests of auto parts manufacturers.