

the main imports are those of engine parts due to Mexico's very large production of motors and engines for export.

TABLE 2
PRINCIPAL IMPORTED AUTO PARTS AND PRINCIPAL END USER-1988
(000 dollars)

AUTO PART	AMOUNT	END USER		
		D	A	P
Parts for differential systems	162,911		X	
Piston rings, valves and piston skirts	19,330			X
Transmission belts	8,161	X		X
Other ball bearings	7,297			X
Pneumatic tires for trucks and buses	1,959	X		
Other steel piston rings	5,274	X	X	
Open compressors for air conditioning	5,145			X
Assorted parts	4,995	X	X	
Crankshaft	3,849	X	X	X
Bushings	3,709	X		
Cone bearings	3,477			X
Ball bearings	3,011			X
Other parts for ball/roller/needle bearings	2,929			X
Mudguards	2,813	X		
Other parts for frames	2,723			X
Bumpers	2,705	X		
Parts for the direction system	2,680	X		
Oil seals	2,509	X	X	X
Parts for radiators	2,487	X		
Spotlights and taillights	2,441	X		
Parts for steering gears	2,364	X		
Electric devices for ignition	2,344	X		
Assorted plastic manufactures	2,342			X
Spark plug cables	2,291	X	X	X
Oil pumps	2,516	X		
Insulating material	2,129			X
Assorted automatic devices for regulation	2,035		X	X

Note: D=distributors; A=assembly plants; P=auto parts producers.

Table 3 shows auto part imports whose growth has been the most dynamic during the 1986-1989 period. There are seven products that have grown more than 500% during that period and eleven whose growth ranged between 100% and 500%. In the former group, some of the most important products were: disc brakes valued at \$7.5 million and shaft axles at \$5.7 million. In the latter group, distributor parts with \$5.5 million, bushings \$4.7 million and snobbers \$4.5 million. Products in these two categories are more diversified than those listed in Table 2 and are more geared towards the automobile market. Their growth rates are closely related to the increase in domestic production of cars and trucks