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Executive summary

62% of new passenger cars were equipped with turbochargers in Western Europe in 2004

The main benefits of turbochargers in both passenger car and commercial vehicle applications are increased power for a given engine size, improved fuel economy and significantly reduced emissions.

The main growth drivers for turbochargers include:

- Stricter emission regulations for Europe, North America and Asia;
- From 2005, South Korea will allow diesel engine-powered cars. Tax incentives in South Korea should also fuel diesel growth;
- In China, light duty truck growth is expected, plus adoption of Euro II standards and fuel consumption regulations to be increased 15% by 2010;
- In India, growth of turbo-diesel vehicle production will be prompted by favourable fuel price differentials, implementation of Euro III in 2005 plus the fact that Euro IV favours VNT technology;
- In Japan, manufacturers see strong overseas growth in diesel, gasoline boosting opportunity driven by CO₂ regulations beyond 2008;
- Continued growth of diesel engines in Europe passenger cars;
- Tighter emission regulations related to commercial diesels; and
- Engine downsizing for improved fuel consumption and emissions in gasoline engines.

We estimate that about 62% of new passenger cars were equipped with turbochargers in Western Europe in 2004, the highest concentration in the world. That figure could reach 70% by 2010 as new emission regulations requiring a 25% reduction in CO₂ take effect.

Whereas in Europe, fuel taxes a significant driver for engine downsizing, the issue in the US is centred on meeting the requirements of increasingly stringent emission standards, particularly around NO_x (Nitrogen Oxide) emissions and particulate matter.

Turbo manufacturers see no abatement in demand for their product

Engine downsizing by vehicle makers toward engine downsizing to meet the auto industry targets for lower carbon dioxide emissions by 2008 is spelling out good news for turbocharger suppliers. Although smaller engines are more fuel efficient, motorists still demand the same performance. A turbocharger fitted to a 1.8-litre engine can deliver the peak power of a 3-litre unit but use 15% less fuel. Consequently, turbo manufacturers see no abatement in demand for their product, particularly in Europe where the market for direct-injection diesel engines are powering more and more passenger cars.

Turbocharged gasoline engines will also play an increasingly important role in helping OEMs meet future fuel economy regulations. Although not as fuel-efficient as turbo-diesel engines, they offer many other advantages such as lower emissions, lower fuel consumption and high customer acceptance.

Overall, the current obsession with increasing fuel economy and the enforced reduction in emissions is proving a boon for manufacturers of turbochargers. The technology has developed significantly since the 1980s

Manufacturers have to work hard to convert the American market

when turbochargers had a 'hot-rod' image and were often unreliable. However, much of the developmental push has come from the European diesel engine market, and manufacturers have to work hard to convert the American market, which to date has shown little interest in buying more fuel-efficient vehicles. Technically, there remains the problem of turbo-lag, which creates an unpopular time-lag for performance drivers. Variable geometry turbines have helped to some extent, but the problem will not be solved unless engine-driven superchargers are used, or electrically powered 'e-boost' devices are used. The first e-boost devices are close to market however, and will be launched on vehicles later in 2005.

The global automotive turbocharger light vehicle OEM market is dominated by four key players, with Honeywell Turbo Technologies and BorgWarner leading the critical European marketplace. Trailing Honeywell and BorgWarner is Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries (IHI) and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries.

The main battleground is Europe, where Honeywell Turbo Technologies dominates the turbocharger market with a 54% share of the passenger car diesel engine market, followed by BorgWarner with 37% and the two Japanese players, Mitsubishi and IHI with 5% and 4%, respectively.

Report coverage

This second edition report has been compiled following extensive research into the automotive turbocharger sector by Auto Research Analysts and ABOUT Automotive. It reviews the key market drivers for turbochargers for both the passenger car and commercial vehicle markets, providing some forward-looking analysis through 2010.

Chapter two sets out some product trends and fitment levels for turbochargers and superchargers in passenger cars in each major vehicle producing region through 2010. It also assigns market shares to the main turbocharger producers serving carmakers in each world regional market. In total, this report provides no less than 25 detailed market share pie charts, providing unrivalled market intelligence.

Chapter three sets out some recent innovations and examines the forces driving those technical advances.

Chapter four provides brief profiles of the major manufacturers of turbochargers, namely BorgWarner, Holset, Honeywell Turbo Technologies, Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. It includes analysis of the major competitors in the turbocharger segment, including revenues and product service offerings.

Table 5: Market value of turbochargers to new commercial vehicles in Western Europe, Japan, North America, South America and Asia: 2000 - 2010 (€ millions)

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Western Europe	315.00	337.37	360.50	413.77	460.68	498.40	541.19	584.54	631.57	672.05
North America	346.50	371.28	396.55	455.36	506.90	549.70	595.55	603.19	619.06	655.45
South America	63.00	67.47	72.10	82.83	91.23	97.70	103.91	110.16	114.41	119.21
Japan	73.50	78.54	84.12	90.11	107.00	113.32	116.57	127.85	133.69	139.29
Asia	252.00	269.89	288.40	331.31	369.00	403.79	400.86	439.03	457.65	476.84
Total	1,050.00	1,124.55	1,203.67	1,384.34	1,547.23	1,661.64	1,707.10	1,829.29	1,906.87	1,986.84

Sources: Industry estimates, Auto Research Analysts.

Gasoline engine boosting gradually increases

While demand for diesel-engines has powered growth for turbochargers, interest in gasoline turbos is also gathering momentum. For gasoline turbocharging to be successful, vehicles must feel and drive like a larger naturally aspirated gasoline engine. The main thrust of development is focussed on the continuous improvement of the low engine speed performance of the turbocharger. Honeywell Turbo Technologies is working on two programmes for advanced gasoline-engine turbochargers that could be launched in 2006 and 2008, and claims this will be the next major area for growth.

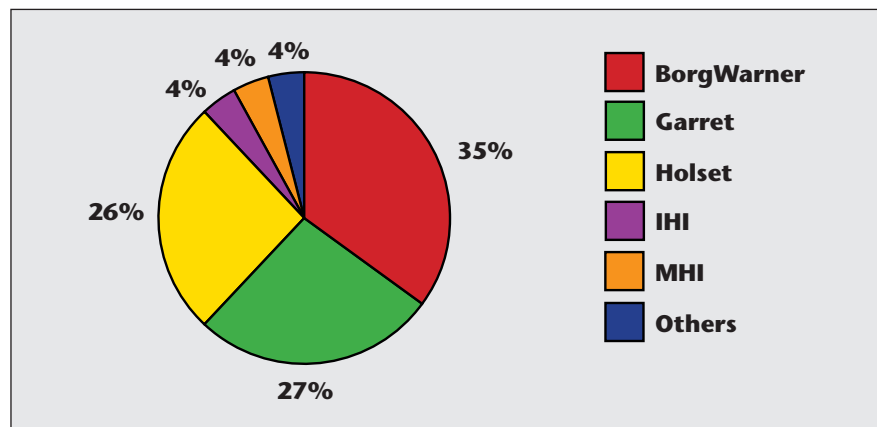
We estimate that just 10% of European gasoline-powered cars in 2004 have turbochargers. This could reach 22% by 2010. Honeywell began making turbochargers at a new plant in Romania in 2003 to keep up with European demand. In fact, Honeywell is predicting a 500% increase in demand for engine boosting systems in coming years as European manufacturers use smaller gasoline engines to meet emissions and fuel economy targets. Honeywell reckons that European carmakers will not meet their voluntary targets of 25% lower emissions by 2008 without help from booster technology. Smaller engines are inherently more efficient, but customers still demand performance, and a turbocharged 1.8-litre engine can match the peak power of a 3-litre unit but use 15% less fuel.

Table 6: Fitment of turbochargers to new gasoline-powered passenger cars in Western Europe: 2000 - 2010 (% of new cars)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Western Europe	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	16	18	22

Sources: Industry estimates, Auto Research Analysts.

Figure 5: Global market shares for OE engine turbochargers for commercial diesel vehicle applications, 2004



	%
BorgWarner	35
Garret	27
Holset	26
IHI	4
MHI	4
Others	4
Total	100

Source: Industry estimates.

European market

Garrett dominates the turbocharger market with a 54% share

In Europe, Garrett also dominates the turbocharger market with a 54% share, up two percentage points over the year. Honeywell's manufacturing and assembly facility in Bucharest is currently ramping up quality and output on the back of a major development programme involving plant and people. The investment reflects the increasing interest in the Eastern European automotive industry.

Germany's BorgWarner ranks in second place, with a 37% share in 2004. Both IHI and MHI are also aiming to increase its European sales of turbochargers for use in cars.

MHI has invested millions of dollars in its manufacturing facilities in Kanagawa prefecture and its Dutch subsidiary, MHI Equipment Europe BV. The money has been directed at expanding the company's automated production lines, thereby boosting annual automotive turbocharger production capacity by 30% from 2.45 million units to 3.2 million units by May 2005.

IHI has entered into a joint venture with DaimlerChrysler in Germany to design, develop and produce turbochargers for car diesel engines. The move follows DaimlerChrysler's acquisition of a 49% stake in Ishikawajima's German subsidiary, IHI Turbo Germany, which has been transformed into the new joint venture. The new company, called IHI Charging Systems International, has assumed responsibility for turbo design and development. Manufacturing takes place at its plant in Italy.

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