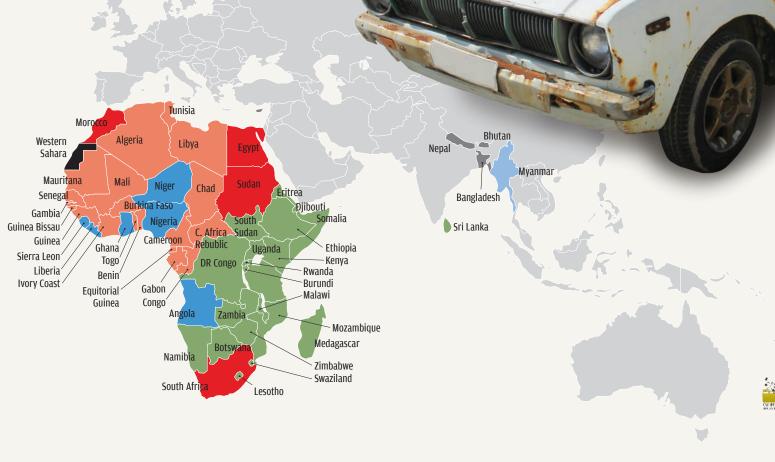
Riding on OLD CARS

Importing old and polluting vehicles, some of which are unfit for the road, is how the low- and middle-income countries of the developing world are embracing automobiles





2 billion

the number of cars in the world today. It is expected to double by 2050

40 million

the number of cars that have reached their end-of-life

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MAURITIUS

No. of registered vehicles: 5.012.635

a major problem

Share of used vehicles: 30%

PM10 level (µg/m³): 131 in Coromandel

Initiatives:

Mauritius has simultaneously banned the import of vehicles more than three years old, introduced engine size-based excise tax and restrained the frequency at which an individual can buy a car

UGANDA

No. of registered vehicles: 1.500.000

Share of used vehicles: 85 to 90%

PM10 level (µg/m³): 170 in Kampala

Initiatives:

The country has leveid an environment fee on used vehicles and introduced higher taxes on bigger engines. It has also banned the import of vehicles that are older than 15 years and has a mandatory preshipment inspection for

imported vehicles

NIGERIA

No. of registered vehicles: 11.500.000

Share of used vehicles:

PM10 level (µg/m³): 594 in Onitsha

Initiatives: To promote local vehicle manufacturing, Nigeria has introduced sliding tariffs. Under this, the government levies a fee of 70 per cent (35 per cent duty and 35 per cent levy) for built-up cars. In contrast, for completely knocked down cars, to be assembled locally, is duty free

No. of registered vehicles: 2.250.000

Share of used vehicles: 80%

KENYA

PM10 level (µg/m³): 33 in Nairobi

Initiatives: The country has put a ban on the import on vehicles that are older than eight years. It has also introduced an incremental tax or additional excise duty on vehicles that are older than three years. The steps became imperative as Nairobi's car population has doubled in the past six years

ETHIOPIA

No. of registered vehicles: 860,000

Share of used vehicles: **85%**

PM10 level (µg/m³): Not Available

Initiatives: While the country has no import restrictions, it is planning to introduce a three-level tax structure—highest rate for used vehicles, followed by new vehicles and finally electric/solar and locally assembled vehicles

SRI LANKA

No. of registered vehicles: **5,000,000**

Share of used vehicles: Not Available

PM10 level (μg/m³): 64 in Colombo

Initiatives:

The country has restricted vehicle import by age: three years for passenger cars and three- and two-wheelers, and five years for vans, buses and trucks. It is also levying taxes on diesel cars to promote hybrid and electric cars

BANGLADESH

No. of registered vehicles: 2,088,566

Share of used vehicles: Not Available

PM10 level (µg/m³): 158 in Dhaka

Initiatives:

The country has banned the import of vehicles older than four years. It also allows imports only from countries that manufacture the vehicle and not from a third country. It has also banned the plying of trucks older than 25 years and buses older than 20 years

MYANMAR

No. of registered vehicles: 4,310,112

Share of used vehicles: 98%

PM10 level (µg/m³): 137 in Taungoo

Initiatives:

The country allows import of cars manufactured from 2016; trucks and buses manufactured from 2014. The country also has a high registration tax for cars with big engines. In contrast, electric vehicles draw a tax of just 1 per cent

BHUTAN

No. of registered vehicles: 94,956

Share of used vehicles: Not Available

PM10 level (μg/m³): 42 in Thimpu

Initiatives: While the country has a ban on import of used vehicles, it has certain relaxations such as for foreign diplomats, employees of international organisations and, Bhutanese nationals returning to the country can bring their used vehicles after proper check-ups

NEPAL

No. of registered vehicles: 2.783.428

Share of used vehicles: Not Available

PM10 level (µg/m³): 88 in Katmandu

Initiatives: The country has a blanket ban on import of used vehicles. It also allows import of new cars that comply with at least Euro III emission standards