



The Global Automotive Industry Analysed

([PRWEB](#)) May 21, 2004 -- Research and Markets announces the addition of this new report entitled "2004 Global Best Practices Statistical Yearbook" to its offerings.

The 2004 Global Best Practices Statistical Yearbook is the result of a five-year global "best practices" benchmarking programme for automotive component manufacturers. Encompassing five regions, Western Europe, Australia, Malaysia, South Africa and Eastern Europe, participant firms in the study include over 70 major automotive component manufacturers, including a range of European and US-based multinationals.

The database generated from the study provides an unparalleled insight into the competitiveness issues driving the global automotive industry.

With the Statistical Yearbook, automotive component manufacturers across the globe can now identify the extent to which they are adhering to lean production practices used by automotive component manufacturers located in Western Europe, South Africa, Eastern Europe, Malaysia and Australia.

Comprising six sections and over 200 pages of firm-level statistical information, the extensive critical competitiveness measures explored in the Yearbook are grouped under six lean production "market drivers":

Cost control

1. Total inventory levels
2. Raw material (RM) holding
3. Work in progress (WIP)
4. Finished goods (FG) holding

Quality

5. Customer return rates
6. Internal reject rates
7. Internal scrap rates
8. Internal rework rates
9. Return rates to suppliers

Value chain flexibility

10. Customer lead times "from FG
11. Customer lead times "from production
12. OTIF delivery to customers
13. Supplier lead times
14. OTIF delivery of suppliers

Operational flexibility

15. Manufacturing throughput times
16. Production time lost to changeovers
17. Production time lost to breakdowns

Human resource development

18. Preventative maintenance as a percentage of total maintenance time
19. Training expenditure
20. Formal off-line training per employee
21. Suggestions received vs. suggestions implemented
22. Labour turnover rates
23. Staff turnover rates
24. Management turnover rates
25. Absenteeism rates

Product development

26. R&D expenditure
27. Contribution of new products to sales

Yearbook Structure

- Using the yearbook to highlight the importance of benchmarking, measurement explanations, including all formulae definitions
- Aggregate benchmark findings for the 75 firms in the database, with data analysed in terms of means, medians, quartiles and percentiles
- Benchmark findings disaggregated by sub-sector
- Benchmark findings split by market focus
- Benchmark findings interrogated by location (developed versus developing economy firms)
- Benchmark findings disaggregated by firm size

Financial data capturing sales and employment trajectories is also presented in this yearbook, as well as operating profits, giving automotive component manufacturers a comprehensive perspective on their present financial and competitive performance in the increasingly demanding global automotive industry.

A self-assessment tool is also included that can concisely and accurately depict a company's comparative performance.

For a complete index of this report click on <http://www.researchandmarkets.com/reports/72206>

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