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Voluntary Report.

I. PASSENGER CARS

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II. III. MOTOR BUSES, MOTOR TRUCKS, ETC.
AUTOMOTIVE CENSUS FOR CHINA (INCLUDING HONGKONG AND DAIREN) AS OF JANUARY 1, 1929, PRELIMINARY REPORT COMPILED FROM FIGURES SUBMITTED BY AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICERS THROUGHOUT CHINA.

1929, is 8,844. It is believed that the great majority of these are also of American make. As an illustration,

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and Shanghai, China, are not separately enumerated in the various Consular Districts. Approved: has likewise not

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IV. MOTOR CYCLES
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I. PASSENGER CARS

The total number of passenger cars in China as of January 1, 1929, is estimated at 19,414. Outside of Shanghai and one or two of the principal treaty ports it is practically impossible to segregate privately owned vehicles from taxicabs and other cars for hire, or to secure data regarding the nationality of makes. However, from places where such data is not available practically all consular officers report that fully eighty to ninety per cent of the cars are of American make. As an example, Shanghai has a total of 7,519 passenger cars and 4,831 of them are American, the rest being of European make, predominantly British.

II, III. MOTOR BUSES, MOTOR TRUCKS, ETC.

The total number of motor buses and motor trucks, including automotive fire-fighting apparatus, sprinklers, street cleaners, et cetera, in China as of January 1, 1929, is 8,244. It is believed that the great majority of these are also of American make. As an illustration, Shanghai has a total of 1,882 motor buses and motor trucks, 1,221 of which are of American origin. It has been found impossible to differentiate between buses and trucks since these are not separately enumerated in the various Consular Districts. It has likewise not been possible to estimate how many of the above are owned by private operators, rail, tramways, municipal, state, or federal governments.

IV. MOTOR CYCLES

The total number of motor cycles in China as of January 1, 1929, is 1,908. Of this number it is

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estimated that only thirty to thirty-five per cent are of American make. As an example, Shanghai has a total of 767 motor cycles, only 277 of which are of American origin. It is likewise impossible to distinguish between private, municipal, state, or federal government owned motor cycles.

REGISTRATION OF AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES IN THE VARIOUS CONSULAR DISTRICTS

<u>American Consular District</u>	<u>Passenger Cars</u>	<u>Motor Trucks & Buses</u>	<u>Motor Cycles</u>
Amoy	77	143	2
Canton	800	1,052	-
Chefoo	77	27	5
Dairen	430	239	225
Foochow	26	40	3
Hankow	603	464	70
Harbin	1,708	1,210	4
Hongkong	1,600	477	525
Mukden	1,200	854	76
Nanking	715	225	10
Swatow	24	14	5
Tientsin	3,935	1,307	165
Tsinan	151	205	18
Tsingtao	544	100	30
Yunnanfu	5	5	3
Shanghai	7,519	1,882	767
TOTAL	19,414	8,244	1,908

Compiled from figures submitted by the Consuls at Amoy, Canton, Chefoo, Dairen, Foochow, Hankow, Harbin, Hongkong, Mukden, Nanking, Swatow, Tientsin, Tsingtao, Yunnanfu, and Shanghai.

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It should be stated that this survey does not include motor vehicles used by the various military forces, nor the number of registered or estimated automotive vehicles in the Greater Municipality of Shanghai.

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American Consul.

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