

## Skoda VW Model Wise Sales May 2025 Kylaq, Virtus, Slavia, Kushaq

**NEW DELHI, JUN 13:** Skoda India started the deliveries of the Kylaq compact SUV in January and it continues to make a significant impact on the numbers. The Czech carmaker launched the new Kodiaq in India in April and the Octavia RS is also on the cards for this year. Meanwhile, Volkswagen has launched the Golf GTI and Tiguan R Line in the Indian market.

The German carmaker sold a total of 2,848 units in May 2025, registering a 13% YOY de-growth (3,273 units in May 2024). However, the MOM sales remained stable as Volkswagen sold 2,851 units in April 2025. The Virtus continues to be the brand's top performer, with 1,707 units in the bag, accounting for a 6% growth in the YOY sales. Similarly, the sedan saw an increase of 6% in the MOM sales. The Taigun mid-size SUV posted sales of 1,126 units last month, registering a 28% YOY de-growth. Similarly, a 3% decline in the MOM sales was observed. Volkswagen recorded double-digit sales of the Tiguan and with only 15 units sold in May, the YOY



decline in sales stood at 85%. The Virtus is the only model in the brand's line-up that saw a positive trend in both YOY and MOM analysis while the Taigun's graph saw a down-

wards trajectory. The Virtus also became the top-selling model in the mid-size sedan segment. Skoda recorded a commendable 134% YOY growth in the month of

May 2025. With 6,740 units in the bag, the company observed a MOM de-growth of 8% (7,302 units in April 2025). The Kylaq continues to be the best selling model for the Czech carmaker with the sales bar standing at 4,949 units. This accounts for an 8% decline in the MOM sales.

The Slavia posted sales of 937 units, a 39% de-growth over the previous year. The Kushaq managed to sell 644 units in May 2025, reflecting a 44% YOY decline. Similarly, the mid-size SUV saw a downward trajectory of 18% in the MOM sales. The Kodiaq saw total sales of 208 units with a 12% YOY growth and the MOM sales chart shot up by a staggering 94%. Only 2 units of the Skoda Superb were sold last month.

Overall, the Kylaq continues to pull strong numbers for Skoda in India, however, it fell short in the MOM sales. The compact SUV also became the best-selling model from the Skoda-Volkswagen duo. The Slavia and Kushaq observed a dip in both YOY as well as MOM sales comparison.

## Maruti Suzuki Slashes e Vitara's Production

### Forecast Amid Rare Earth Supply Crunch



**MUMBAI, JUN 13:** Maruti Suzuki's first all-electric SUV, the e Vitara, has hit a production road-block well ahead of its market launch, as supply chain troubles force a sharp cut in its manufacturing target.

Reports indicate that just 8,221 units are scheduled for production between April and September 2025 – less than a third of the previously planned 26,512 units. The reduction follows significant issues in source-

ing rare earth materials, many of which are essential for EV-specific components such as traction motor magnets.

The fallout traces back to China's tightening of rare earth exports which has disrupted supply lines across the global auto sector.

The regulatory lag has thrown Maruti's early production cadence into disarray. Maruti Suzuki, however, still expects to hit its full-year production goal of 67,000 e Vitaras by loading the bulk of output into the second half of the financial year. From October 2025 through March 2026, the automaker plans to significantly ramp up assembly, as peak output during this period could reach up to 440 vehicles per day.

## Google Pixel 6a to reduce phone's battery life amid overheating concerns

**NEW DELHI, JUN 13:** Google is set to roll out a mandatory software update for Pixel 6a users following multiple reports of battery overheating and, in some cases, the devices catching fire.

The update, spotted in the Android 16 beta, includes important safety features. It will reduce charging speed and battery capacity once the phone reaches 400 charge cycles, helping to lower the risk of overheating caused by aging batteries.

The update is a response to growing concerns about the Pixel 6a's battery safety. Although it may slightly affect battery performance and charging speed, the main goal is to protect users and prevent any possible fire hazards.

From next month, Google will notify the affected users and provide instructions and recommendations to replace the battery or upgrade the device, depending on its condition. Even though the Pixel 6a will continue receiving software updates until July 2027, the battery issue raises new concerns about long-term reliability in the Pixel lineup.

Earlier this year, a software update caused battery life to drop on the Pixel 4a. In April, Google also launched a repair and compensation program for users experiencing battery swelling issues in the Pixel 7a. This new update for the Pixel 6a reflects Google's broader efforts to ensure safety in aging smartphones.

Many phone makers now limit charging features after a certain number of battery cycles to prevent overheating and improve battery health over time.

While the changes may slightly reduce performance for some users, Google's quick response shows its commitment to user safety and trust. Pixel 6a owners are encouraged to install the upcoming update and follow all safety recommendations to keep their devices functioning safely.

## Gold crosses Rs 1 lakh mark again after Israeli attacks on Iran

**MUMBAI, JUN 13:** The Israeli attacks on Iranian military and nuclear facilities early on Friday have not only left crude prices soaring and roiled other asset classes like equities and currencies, but also pushed up the safe-haven demand of gold. Prices crossed the Rs 1-lakh-mark/10 gram yet again in the country, primarily due to the weakness in the rupee and not due to a massive spike in international prices which are hovering \$100/ounce below the historic peak of \$3500/ounce on April 22. On Friday, the yellow metal was trading 1.5% up on the CME at \$3440 levels. Gold's August contracts hit a fresh lifetime high of Rs 1,00,403/10 grams, while the contracts with October expiry hit an all-time high of Rs 1,01,295 on the MCX. In Kerala, the prices even crossed the April 22 high, fetching Rs 9295 for the 22 karat variant.

According to GEPC's Abdul Nazar, this is primarily because of the exchange rate fluctuations. When gold crossed the sensitive \$3500-mark, the rupee was trading at 85 to a dollar but today it is topping 86.5 in the open market, he told TNIE from Kochi.

Meanwhile, the rupee breached the 86-mark against the dollar, falling 55 paise against the greenback. Later on heavy RBI intervention, the unit closed at 86.09.

On the MCX, gold prices crossed the Rs 1 lakh per 10 grams mark for the first time ever, with August contracts trading at Rs 1,00,403/10 gram, and October contracts hitting an all-time high of Rs 1,01,295/10 gram.

This had the retail prices also surging and 10 grams of 24 carat gold jumped by Rs 2,120 to hit Rs 1,01,400.

"The broader uptrend in gold remains intact, with heightened sensitivity to geopolitical developments fueling fresh buying interest. Technically, key support remains at \$3,290 on Comex and Rs 96,000 on MCX, while immediate resistance is seen at \$3,400 and Rs 99,500 respectively," said Jateen Trivedi of LKP Securities.

## Mahindra Bolero New-Gen Spied ADAS, Round LED Headlights Like Thar

**MUMBAI, JUN 13:** Mahindra is working on the next-gen Bolero, which has been spotted multiple times on road tests. A major change is the transition from ladder frame to a monocoque multi-energy platform – New Flexible Architecture (NFA). Mahindra will unveil this new platform on 15th August 2025. Latest spy shots of new-gen Bolero provide a glimpse of the potential upgrades. Let's check out the details.

As compared to the existing model that has trapezoidal headlamps, new-gen Mahindra Bolero gets circular LED headlights. It seems similar to that of Thar and Roxx. Front fascia is now completely upright, something that complements the SUV's boxy profile. The signature grille has parallel-running slats instead of the angled slats seen with the current model. Other highlights include a chunky bumper and clamshell-style



bonnet. Latest spy shots are credited to automotive enthusiast Aaronwins. With the new-gen Bolero, the safety kit will receive a major update. It will include ADAS, as evidenced by the spy shots. A Level 2 ADAS package is likely, something similar to that offered with the XUV 3XO. ADAS features could include forward collision warning, lane departure warning, lane keep assist, auto emergency

braking and traffic sign recognition. The ADAS suite will be available with the top variants of the new-gen Bolero. In earlier spy shots, the side and rear profile of the new-gen Bolero were also revealed. The boxy silhouette is more pronounced, with a flat roof, largely straight beltline and an upright tailgate. Flared wheel arches seem familiar, although minor variations may be hidden under the camouflage. Alloy wheels

appear to be 17-inch or 18-inch in size. New ORVMs with integrated turn signals can be seen. These appear to have cameras and sensors, as part of the ADAS ecosystem. At the rear, new-gen Bolero continues with the tailgate-mounted spare tyre.

While interiors of the new-gen Mahindra Bolero haven't been revealed, some significant changes are likely. Top variants could get features like touchscreen infotainment system, digital instrument cluster, rear AC vents, USB charging ports and steering mounted controls. Connectivity features could also be introduced with the top variants. With the monocoque chassis, new-gen Bolero will ensure smoother rides and reduced NVH levels. Safety kit is likely to be updated with features such as 6 airbags, rearview camera, speed alert system and tyre pressure monitoring system.

## Kia Carens Clavis Electric Testing Continues As Launch Nears

**MUMBAI, JUN 13:** As part of its long-term strategy for India, Kia is aiming to build its mass-market EV portfolio. The current offerings, EV6 and EV9, are imported as CBUs. For the mainstream segment, Kia's first electric offering will be the Carens Clavis EV. Let's discuss some new details, as revealed in the latest spy shots shared by automotive enthusiast Manuraj.

In addition to being Kia's first mass-market EV in India, Carens Clavis EV will also be India's first mass-market 7-seater electric MPV. This will allow Kia to take full control, dominate this space and establish an early lead. Visually, Clavis EV will be largely the same as the recently launched Kia Carens Clavis. However, there will be EV-specific distinctive features such as a front-mounted charging port and EV badging. Test vehicles have hinted at the possibility that the primary lighting setup will be the same as Carens



Clavis. It includes the Ice Cube MFR LED headlamps and Star Map LED DRLs with integrated turn signals. But Clavis EV will be getting some additional features such as a full-width LED element connecting the DRLs at front. Side profile looks largely the same, although Clavis EV can be seen with aero-optimized alloy wheels. Equipment list for Clavis EV will be largely the

same as seen with the ICE Clavis. Some of the key highlights include dual 12.3-inch displays, 8-speaker Bose audio system, panoramic sunroof and ventilated front seats. Also, powered driver's seat, 64-colour ambient lighting, wireless charging, one-touch electric tumble seats and air purifier. Safety kit will include Level 2 ADAS with over 20 features.

## Hyundai Sales Breakup May 2025 Creta, Venue, Exter, i10, i20, Alcazar, Verna



**NEW DELHI, JUN 13:** In May 2025, Hyundai experienced a setback in sales, both year-over-year (YoY) and month-over-month (MoM). The company sold 43,861 units, which represents an 11% decline from the 49,151 units sold in May 2024. Additionally, this figure also marked a 1% decline from 44,374 unit sales of April 2025. Hyundai Creta and its EV counterpart were at No. 1 on the sales list. Creta sales showed a 1% YoY growth to

14,860 units, up from 14,662 unit sales of May 2024. It did however, fall by 13% MoM from 17,016 unit sales of April 2025. It was followed by Venue which has seen a significant decline in its YoY and MoM sales performance. Sales fell to 7,520 units, down by 19% from 9,327 unit sales of May 2024. It also fell by 5% when compared to 7,953 units sold in April 2025. Hyundai Exter has seen a 9% MoM improvement in sales to 5,899 units from 5,416 units sold in

April 2025 while its YoY performance declined by 23%. Positive sales were reported for the Hyundai Aura sedan at 5,225 units. This related to double digit YoY and MoM growth by 18% and 24% respectively.

There was an 18% YoY sales decline for the i10 NIOS. Sales stood at 4,344 units in the past month, down from 5,328 unit sales in the same month last year. MoM sales improved by 5% from 4,137 units sold in April 2025. i20 sales suffered a 21% YoY decline to 4,090 units in May 2025. There had been 5,169 unit sales in the same month last year. It did however, witness a noteworthy 16% improvement on a MoM basis from 3,525 unit sales of April 2025. Four of the models on the company portfolio that have not been much in the limelight are the Verna, Alcazar, Tucson and Ioniq 5. Each of these models have suffered both YoY and MoM decline in sales.

## Renault Duster & Bigster To Go Hybrid In India Here's All You Need To Know



**MUMBAI, JUN 13:** Renault has some bullish plans for its highly anticipated upcoming premium SUVs – the Duster and Bigster. The company will launch both models exclusively as ICE models but will introduce their hybrid variants soon after. To cater to all different kinds of customers, Renault is planning a wide range of powertrains for the Duster and Bigster. The company will initially serve

budget-focused customers with a non-electrified petrol variant and then introduce a hybrid variant within 12 months of launch. Which hybrid powertrain is planned for our market is unclear at this point. In Europe, Dacia offers the Duster Hybrid with a 104 kW (139 hp) 1.6-litre petrol engine and a 36 kW (48 hp) electric motor, both powering the front wheels. The latter feeds off a 1.2 kWh battery

pack. The hybrid SUV consumes 5.0 litres per 100 km, which converts to a fuel economy of 20 km/l. According to a report from Autocar, there's talk of a 4x4 hybrid variant as well, with a second electric (traction) motor powering the rear wheels.

Dacia's Bigster Hybrid has a 115 kW (154 hp) 1.8-litre petrol engine and a 36 kW (48 hp) electric motor, also both driving the front wheels. The latter gets its juice from a 1.4 kWh battery pack. Interestingly, despite being bigger, more powerful, and heavier, the Bigster Hybrid consumes 4.7 litres per 100 km, which translates to a fuel economy of 21 km/l. Do note that this one's a two-row SUV, while the model coming to India will be a three-row SUV. In addition to hybrid, the all-new Renault Duster and the Renault Bigster could be offered in a CNG variant. Seeing the growing demand for CNG models in India,

## CV Retail Sales May 2025 Tata, Mahindra, Ashok Leyland, Force Motors

**NEW DELHI, JUN 13:** Several factors such as price hikes, freight stagnation, lower freight cycles and liquidity constraints lead to lower commercial vehicle (CV) retail sales in May 2025. There were 75,615 units sold in this segment last month, marking a 2,915 unit volume decline from 78,530 units sold in May 2024. It was also significantly lower when compared to 85,203 unit sales of April 2025. De-growth on a YoY basis was seen across the LCV and HCV segment. On the other hand, the MCV segment has posted a 6.49% YoY growth. There were 44,419 units sold in the LCV segment, while MCV sales stood at 6,772 units and HCV sales were at 24,382 units in the past month.

Tata Motors was the No. 1 best-selling OEM in the CV segment. Last month, retail sales stood at 26,100 units with a 34.52% market share.



This was a 3,412 unit volume decline from 29,512 units sold in May 2024.

At No. 2 was Mahindra with 19,816 units sold last month. This was a marginal YoY decline by just 10 units when compared to 19,826 units sold in May 2024. Market share showed off a strong increase to 26.21% from 25.25% YoY. Mahindra ZEO, the compa-

ny's first electric 4-wheeler in the commercial space has been well received. It has been regaled for both its design and features. Ashok Leyland sales grew marginally to 13,763 units from 13,635 units YoY with market share improving to 18.20%. VE Commercial Vehicle retail sales also showed off some improvement on a YoY basis. Sales

which had stood at 6,597 units in May 2024 improved to 6,734 units last month. Its market share went up to 8.91% from 8.40% on a YoY basis. Maruti Suzuki CV YoY sales declined in May 2025. Sales which had stood at 3,357 units in May 2024 dipped to 3,122 units last month.

This also had an impact on its market share which went down to 4.13% from 4.27% YoY. It was a volume growth of 445 units for Daimler India with 1,825 unit retail sales last month. There had been 1,840 units sold in the same month last year. It also showed off stronger market share at 2.41% when compared to 2.34% held in May 2024. SML Isuzu sales improved to 1,509 units from 1,467 units YoY. There were other CV OEMs on this list that also added 658 units to total CV retail sales in May 2025 from 653 units sold in May 2024.