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CONTAINMENT AND RESTART MEASURES IN MEMBER STATES



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| Country | Shut down of Dealership (new car sales) | Shut down of Workshops (Repair/Maintenance) or Suppliers | Automotive industry classified as essential (OEM and component production) | Announcements by industry | Lockdown exit plans | Non-essential production restarted | Non-essential shops reopened | First schools reopened | International travel |
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| Austria | Austria was the first country in Europe to ease restrictions on car dealership sales, on 14 April. Used-vehicle sales have since bounced back to 80% of pre-lockdown figures. | Open | Production possible if social distancing measures are implemented | Opel restarted its plant in Wien-Aspern on 6 May. BMW resumed production on 25 April. Magna Steyr indicated on 9 April it is slowly restarting production, on 6 April production of prototypes restarted, followed by production of G-class. Extensive measures taken. Magna Steyr stated that May 18 is the target date for restart of other business units. | The measures implemented by the Austrian Federal Government and the discipline of the Austrian people have taken effect. The number of new infections in Austria is continuing to decrease and the strict measures for the containment of the coronavirus can therefore be loosened in a step by step process. Austria is preparing for a gradual, secure and monitored re-opening. Since April 15th, the trade industry and the service sector have gradually been opening again, the gastronomy sector will follow on May 15th and accommodation facilities on May 29th. Until the end of June, a safety distance of 1 metre has to be kept between people who don't live in a joint household. No more than 10 people should gather in public spaces. The use of face masks in all shops as well as in public transport and public buildings is compulsory. | 15-Apr | 14-Apr | 15-May | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| Belgium | Dealers cannot open their showrooms on weekends, but repair and parts sales are allowed. | Emergency and essential repairs | Automotive not listed as essential, production allowed to continue if social distancing measures are implemented | Audi and Volvo have reopened their plants. | Belgium's "corona bubble" is similar to the German approach, where people from two separate households are allowed to meet from this weekend under the new relaxation of the country's lockdown. Shops that sell essential items already open. Other shops can open from 11 May, with strict hygiene rules in place | 11-May | 11-May | 18-May | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| Bulgaria | Some open some closed depending on region | Many suppliers have halted operations. Workshops remain open. | Automotive not listed as essential. Production possible if social distancing measures are implemented | Status unclear. Several Bulgarian car parts manufacturers have suspended production since a national state of emergency was declared on March 13. | No new updates announced since last week. Travel restriction between cities lifted from May 6. Individual outdoor sports activities are allowed again. | | | | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| Croatia | Open | Open | Production possible if social distancing measures are implemented | Status unclear. Temporary closure of Bentley , Volkswagen plants. Could last until May. | All shops allowed to reopen as of April 27, apart from big shopping centers. Businesses not requiring physical contact allowed to resume from May 4. From May 11: Gatherings of up to 10 people allowed, shopping centers and first schools reopen. Bars and restaurants allowed to serve customers in outdoor spaces. | | 27-Apr | 11-May | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |

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| Cyprus | Closed | Workshops can continue to operate if necessary protective measures can be ensured. | Production possible if social distancing measures are implemented | | No new updates announced since last week. Shops reopened May 4, apart from those in shopping malls. People are allowed to leave their homes three times a day instead of once per day by sending a text message. A curfew from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. remains in place. The government will allow up to 10 people meet in public. | | 04-May | | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| Czech Republic | Open | Open | Production possible if social distancing measures are implemented | Škoda Auto slowly resumed production on 27 April, indicating on 5 May that is still as a high order backlog. The Hyundai plant in Nosovice was allegedly the first car factory in the Czech Republic to resume operations after a three-week Corona break. | Small shops already open. From 11 May shopping centres and larger shops can open, along with outdoor restaurants, pubs, hairdressers and museums. Cultural and sporting events with up to 100 people can go ahead | 23-Apr | 11-May | 08-Jun | 14 April - The country lifted a ban on non-essential movement and travel abroad |
| Denmark | Open | Open | Production possible | | Nurseries and schools reopen April 15. Some small businesses such as hairdressers allowed to reopen on April 20. Gatherings of more than 10 people remain banned. | | 20-Apr | 15-Apr | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| Estonia | Open | Open | Production possible | | No new updates announced since last week. No national lockdown, but many shops closed. | | | | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| Finland | Open | Open | Production possible if social distancing measures are implemented | PSA restarted first week of May. | No new updates announced since last week. Schools and public places such as libraries remain closed and there is a ban on public gatherings of more than 10 people until 13 May. Restaurants are to remain closed until the end of May, except for takeaways. This week it will be decided whether schools can reopen on 13 May and the ban on large events has been extended until the end of July. | | | | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| France | All sales activities are prohibited, except for deliveries. Repair services and parts sales will continue. | Open - workshops exempted from closure | Automotive not listed as essential, but production is allowed if sufficient safety requirements are implemented | EU regulators will decide on Fiat Chrysler, PSA merger by June 17. Toyota has reopened its plants, with only one of its usual three shifts running at first. PSA relaunched first operations on Monday 4 May and further increases of production are planned to take place until the week of 11 May. | Progressive' lockdown exit starts on 11 May with country divided into red and green zones depending on infection levels. Nurseries and primary schools and most businesses can open on 11 May, but not cafes and restaurants | | 11-May | 11-May | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |

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| Germany | Open | Open | Automotive production allowed with additional requirements | VW will offer improved leasing and financing terms and payment-protection insurance in case buyers lose their jobs. VW has reopened its plants. Production capacity in the Wolfsburg plant will be at around 10 per cent to 15 percent to begin with, and reach around 40 percent of pre-crisis levels in the week. VW restarted component production for Chinese market on 14 April. Mercedes-Benz plants in Sindelfingen and Bremen are also making preparations to ramp up production. Opel factories remain closed. BMW is cranking up engine manufacturing. BMW plans to restart output at its biggest European plant in Dingolfing, Germany, and its plants in Munich, Leipzig and Regensburg between 4 and 18 May. Mann resumed production on 27 April. | Shops, playgrounds, museums, and churches already open, as are schools for older children. Bundesliga matches resume on 15 May. Hotels and restaurants can reopen in principle, but decision left to states | | 20-Apr | 04-May | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| Greece | Closed | Emergency and essential repairs | Automotive not listed as essential industry, production not allowed | | No new updates announced since last week. Smaller shops and businesses already open. All retail stores allowed to reopen from 11 May, when senior high school classes resume. | | 04-May | 11-May | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| Hungary | Open - with restricted opening hours | Pick-up and drop-off service only | Production possible if social distancing measures are implemented | Mercedes has gradually restarted production in Kecskemét on April 28th. Audi was the first to restart production. On April 14th, only 100 workers. Suzuki has reopened its car plant in Esztergom on April 29th, although with only a single shift. Opel announced preparations for the relaunch without specifying an exact date. | No new updates announced since last week. Indefinitely - Lockdown measures are being extended by one week, Prime Minister Victor Orban's chief of staff announced on Thursday, with the situation being reviewed every Wednesday. | | | | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| Ireland | Closed | Workshops for repair and maintenance are Open | Automotive not listed as essential industry, production not allowed | Kostal started phased restart. | No new updates announced since last week. Ireland has announced it will begin a five-point plan to safely reopen, starting May 18 and ending August 10. | | | | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| Italy | Only repair, maintenance and related activities, such as parts sales are permitted | Workshops for repair and maintenance are Open | Automotive not listed as essential industry, production not allowed | In Italy, Fiat Chrysler restarted production April 27 at its Sevel van-making plant in Italy, a joint venture with PSA Peugeot, which is running at 70% of normal capacity. Maserati is to resume production in Turin by the end of May and in Modena in early July. | Parks, factories and building sites already open, as are bars and restaurants for takeaway service. No new measures expected until 18 May. | 04-May | 14-Apr | September | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| Latvia | Open | Open | Production possible | | No new updates announced since last week. Restrictions on internal movement. | | | | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| Lithuania | Open | Open | Production possible | | No new updates announced since last week. Non-essential shops closed. Internal movement restrictions in place except for grocery shopping or trips to the doctor. | | | | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |

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| Luxembourg | Closed | Open | Automotive not listed as essential, production allowed to continue if social distancing measures are implemented | | No new updates announced since last week. DIY firms allowed to be open gradually from April 20. | | 20-Apr | | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| Malta | Open | Open | Production possible | | No new updates announced since last week. No national lockdown, but at-risk groups required to stay at home. | | | | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| Netherlands | Open | Open | Production possible if social distancing measures are implemented | Nedcar restarted production of BMW X1 and Mini on 4 May at around 25% capacity, in couple of weeks capacity could be doubled. | Nurseries, primary schools and hairdressers to reopen on 11 May. Non-contact outdoor sports permitted. | | | 11-May | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| Poland | Open | Open | Production possible if social distancing measures are implemented | Opel factories reopened. Toyota has reopened its plants, with only one of its usual three shifts running at first. Fiat Chrysler restarted on April 24. | Parks and forests reopened and more people allowed into supermarkets and churches as of April 20. From May 4, shopping malls, hotels and certain cultural institutions will be able to reopen. First kindergartens reopen from May 6. Polish schools will remain closed until May 24. | | 04-May | 06-May | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| Portugal | Some open some closed | Some open some closed | Production allowed if social distancing requirements are implemented | VW plants have restart production. Dacia says it has been gradually restarting its component and stamping activities as from April 21. Assembly lines were scheduled to resume production on May 4. Renault has resumed production. | No new updates announced since last week. Small shops, hairdressers and car dealerships already open. No new measures expected until 18 May. | | 04-May | | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| Romania | Open | Open | Production possible if social distancing measures are implemented | Dacia and Ford have resumed production. | No new updates announced since last week. The country announced it would start start relaxing lockdown measures after May 15, but kindergartens, schools and universities will remain closed until September. | | | | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| Slovakia | Closed - only online sales | Emergency and essential repairs | Production possible if social distancing measures are implemented | VW has reopened its plants. Kia has resumed its production. PSA has started the production of the Peugeot 208. JLR's Slovakia, will resume production on May 18. | No new updates announced since last week. The government has set out a four-stage plan for easing the coronavirus lockdown. Small stores up to 300 square meters will be allowed to reopen on April 22. | | 22-Apr | | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| Slovenia | Open | Open | Restart allowed with additional requirements | Companies which have suspended their production due to the coronavirus epidemic are gradually restarting operations. Renault plant in Novo Mesto to restart on 21 April. | No new updates announced since last week. Most shops and businesses not requiring physical contact reopened on April 20. Hairdressers and other services are allowed to open on May 4. Schools and kindergartens will gradually start reopening from May 18. | | 20-Apr | 18-May | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |

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| Spain | Open - tentatively | Open - tentatively | Non-essential workers in industries like manufacturing and construction have been allowed to return since 14.04 | VW plants have restart production. Seat announced on 20.04 that it will restart production on the 27th of April, with its 4 plants in the Barcelona area returning to work in a staged manner. Renault runs 1 shift production in Valladolid and Sevilla. PSA's factory in Vigo, Spain, which builds vans, will resume production starting May 11, as will car factories in Villaverde and Zaragoza. Nissan's vehicle production has been suspended in Spain since March 13th, projects restarted in Cantabria and Avila on April 27th, and on May 4th in Barcelona. | About 51% of people in Spain, including those in the Canary Islands and the Balearic Islands, will move to the next phase on Monday. The Madrid and Barcelona regions, two of the hardest-hit areas, will remain in the preliminary phase for the time being. Restaurant takeaway services, hairdressers and some other businesses already open. From 11 May, in less affected regions only, bar terraces can reopen at a third of capacity, hotels and tourist accommodation can reopen, with the exception of communal areas, healthy people can socialise in small groups, and families can attend funerals. | 14-Apr | 04-May | | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| Sweden | Open | Open | Production was continuously allowed with additional requirements | Sweden's Volvo Cars reopened its Torslanda factory after overhauling its production processes. | No new updates announced since last week. | | | | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| United Kingdom | Closed | Open | Manufacturing was not included in shutdown as announced by government, treasury communicated last week that manufacturing should still be possible if conditions are respected | Manufacturers in UK are preparing to restart production. Vauxhall plans physically distanced car production in UK. Toyota will keep its plants closed until mid May. Nissan announced to restart UK biggest factory in June. Vehicle Vauxhall plants in the UK remain closed. JLR is planning to restart production in Solihull on 18 May. Mini plans to start on May 18. | The PM has announced the first, gradual steps towards loosening the coronavirus lockdown in England. The document sets out a three-step "second phase" of the government's approach to tackling the outbreak, in what is called an "indicative roadmap": More people will be "actively encouraged" to go back to work from this Wednesday. Potentially from 1 June, some schools and businesses, including non-essential shops, will reopen, and some sporting and cultural events will be allowed to take place behind closed doors. Potentially from 4 July, some remaining businesses, such as hairdressers, and social spaces such as cinemas and pubs, will be allowed to reopen. The document makes clear that the exact timing of each of the steps will depend on scientific advice. | 18-May | 04-Jul | 01-Jun | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| Norway | Open | Open | Production possible if social distancing measures are implemented | | No new updates announced since last week. Ruling expected on 30 April on whether to start permitting events with fewer than 500 attendees to go ahead. Ban on large events extended to 1 September | | | | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| Turkey | Open | Open | Production possible. Automotive not listed as essential industry. | Most of the Turkish automotive companies have reopened manufacturing plants. | Only weekend curfews in the 30 largest cities. The government has ignored repeated warnings from the Turkish Medical Association (TTB), which has demanded to stop all production in uncritical sectors. | | | | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |

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| Switzerland | Closed (Online open) | Open | Production possible if social distancing measures are implemented | | Food shops, garden centres, and hairdressers already open. Schools and shops selling items other than food can open from 11 May. | | | | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |
| Russia | Closed | Some open some closed depending on region | Production possible if social distancing measures are implemented | VW plants have restart production. Nissan plans to resume production in Saint Petersburg Plant on May 18th. | Russia has declared lockdowns across the country, including in the capital Moscow, where residents are only allowed to go out to buy food or medicines at their nearest shop, get urgent medical treatment, walk their dog, or take out rubbish. A digital permit is needed to go elsewhere. An update on the measures is expected this week. | | | | International travel is currently limited or not possible at all. |