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Automobile Variety in Emerging Countries: A Comparative Study between Brazil and USA

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Abstract: A high range of product is referred as an alternative to better reach specific customer needs. By the other hand, an increase in product portfolio may result in a reduction of company's operational performance. In the automotive sector, there is an increasing number of options available to customers, even though recent studies indicate low association between product variety and sales volume in some markets. In the Brazilian market, the car still has a limited amount of customization options compared to the levels provided in developed countries, like the United States. This study compares the association between the current variety in Brazilian and American cars with sales volume in each country. Through a Spearman correlation analysis, the results indicate a greater association between sales and external variety in the Brazilian market (ρ =0.642) than in the United States (ρ =0.330). This result indicates that the increasing car variety in the Brazilian market may not be advantageous, since higher levels of variety, as seen in the United States, are less associated with the sales volume.

Keywords: Product variety, automotive industry, external variety, Spearman correlation.

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1. Introduction

The mass production system started by Henry Ford with the Model T, in 1908, was an important milestone for the automotive industry. This production system allowed the American customers to acquire products that were only focused on the wealthy population. However, customers' tolerance to the non-fulfilling of their needs in automobiles is dwindling. When customers became more selective and exigent, the automotive industry had to rethink their production strategies to offer more variety [1, 2]. This wider range of offered products is an attempt by the car companies to meet customers' needs [3–5]. The major auto companies usually provide more customization options of its products with a variety of items such as body, engine, external paint, internal and external finishes and optional parts [6]. A company's ability to customize its products tends to stimulate the amount of sales and the competitiveness between companies [3, 7]. Increasing the options of attributes for a product is a strategy for competitiveness since its objective is to satisfy customers accordingly to their personal desires and necessities. This strategy has an important tradeoff between satisfying customers' desires and the operational cost of raising product variety in company's internal processes [8–10].

The definition of finding the appropriate level of variety in the product consists of a balance between marketing and production efficiency [11, 12], and its impacts on sales are not established in the literature [12, 13]. The variety level that a company should offer to its customers is still an important question [14, 15]. Low association levels were verified, at the automotive industry, between the attributes' variety in cars and car sale. An earlier study about the European automotive market verified that in 2002 the correlation between the available car options and the sales volume was ρ =-0.23, which indicates that the high number of options wasn't correlated to sales volume in that market [16]. A similar study carried in Brazil reached a ρ =0.43 correlation [2].

This study investigates the relationship between product variety and the volume of car sale. From this point, its objective is to compare the available varieties at the United States and Brazil and relate the number of options with the sales volume. The comparison between this two markets is due the fact that the United States have the most traditional car market in the world and Brazil is an emergent market that shows a significant growth in sales these past years. The results can be used to fit the available car options in emergent markets like India, South Africa, Mexico, China and other developing countries.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Mensuration of Automobile Variety

There are different approaches in literature to define and explore the product variety in different ways [13]. According to an economic view, this variety is a result of companies' initiative to develop a strategy of differentiation in the market, and analyzed according to its effect on individual customer behavior in the market balance and development of society [14]. Another way is to study the effect of variety from the company's management vision, focusing on product design, marketing and operations performance [15]. Following this view, the product variety is defined as the number of different products available to customers [3]. From this definition, the variety of product can be analyzed from the chain of the company or the market value. The view from the company, called internal variety, is the way the production arrangement is arranged to produce a variety of products directly related to organizational flexibility and manufacturing [17]. A variety related to the market, called external variety, indicates the quantity of products or configurations available to customers [17], and the type of range most studied in the literature [18].

Pil and Holweg [16] classified the product variety in static and dynamic and MacDuffie et al. [17] classified it in fundamental, intermediate or peripheral. Each of these classifications addresses the product variety in different ways but they are not necessarily exclusionary from each other.

This study is aimed to analyze, within the automotive industry, the external variety available in the market in a perspective point of product range, following the proposal of other studies in the literature [2, 13, 16, 18]. The external product variety can be measured by many methods. The simplest alternative is identifying how many different products are in the production process [19], is recommended for cases of products with low complexity [11]. Another more elaborate proposal is the multiplication of the customization options available to the consumer [20] (Eq. (1)):

$V = (body)x(engine and gear)x(paint and internal finishes)x2^{(factory optionals)}$ (1)

However, this calculation method still tends to present inaccurate results, since there may be restrictions on derivative models that would not be properly accounted for by multiplying the customization options [13, 16, 18]. From this problem, it is recommended to take into account the restriction of options in models such as the exterior colors and interior finishes restricted to a version of the model. In the automobilist scenario, this procedure was developed initially by MacDuffie Sethuraman and Fisher (1996) [17] and improved by il and Holweg (2004) [16]. It has been used in other studies to measure the external variety of products [2, 13, 18, 21–24] (Eq. (2)).

$$x_{ij} \cdot b_{ij} \cdot 2^{c_{ij}} - \sum_{i=0}^{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n} R_{ij}$$
⁽²⁾

where:

n= Number of models

- m= Number of body options
- a= Combination of engine and transmission options
- b= Combination of interior trim and exterior paint

c= Optional available

 R_{ij} = Restrictions of options by combination of model and body

The model version is considered (i = 1 to n) and the model's body (j = 1 to m). For every combination of model and body (i_n x j_m) there will be an amount of combinations of engine and transmission (a_{ij}) and a combination of interior trim and exterior paint (b_{ij}). The optional parts that will be available to customize the car are considered in a combination based in model and body (c_{ij}). At the end the amount of restrictions is calculated by R_{ij} for every combination of model and body (i_n x j_m). These restrictions can be from as many different ways as possible, like the impossibility of a sunroof in a convertible or optional parts that are available only for specific models or categories [13, 16, 18].

2.2. Data Collect

In order to gather the sales information in the Brazilian and American markets, data was collected from specialized websites. The Brazilian sales volume were collected based on the number of vehicles that were licensed in the year of 2013 from the National Federation of Auto-Vehicles Distribution [25]. For the American market, data was collected from the specialized website in the subject [26]. The automobile variety data were collected from the manufacturers' website, following other studies about this subject [16]. The sample used for the Brazilian market corresponds to 94.35% of its licensed vehicles in 2013. The American market sample is responsible to 90.01% of sales in 2014 (Table 1).

	Brazil	EUA
Number of analyzed models (Ford- Fiesta, Edge, Explorer, Focus, Fusion/	118	120
Number of analyzed manufacturers (Ford, CM, Fist, VW, Citroon, Daugoot		
Number of analyzed manufacturers (Ford, GM, Fiat, VW, Chroen, Peugeol,	10	27
Renault, Audi, Chery, Jac, Honda, Nissan, Toyota, Land Rover, Mitsubishi,	18	27
Suzuki, Hyundai, Kia)		
Sample's percentage of licensed vehicles in 2013 in Brazil	94.35%	-
Sample's percentage of sales in 2014 in USA	-	90.01%
Sample's volume of sales for every analyzed model	3,377,610	15,010,778

Table 1. Sample description.

The analyzed vehicles are distributed into segments on a very distinct way when we compare the Brazilian and American markets. While the Brazilian market has a high number of intermediate vehicles and

a higher availability of economy vehicles, the results shows that the American market has a greater preference for SUV's, as it is shown in Table 2. The samples data are available at Appendix A for the American market and at the Appendix B for the Brazilian market.

	Country	Total	Economy	Intermediate	Full Size	Commercial	SUV
n (Samala)	BRA	118	16	38	26	17	21
n (Sample)	USA	120	8	24	30	10	48

Table 2. Size of analyzed samples (models).

2.3. Statistical Methods

A comparison between automobile variety in the American and Brazilian markets will be analyzed. A previous analysis identified that the data is not normally distributed from a Kolmogorov-Smirnov test (KS<0.05). From this point a non-parametric analysis was performed. A Mann-Whitney median test is recommended due to the objective of this study. This test is used to identify differences in a data central tendency when they are not well represented by a normal distribution [27].

The association level is then checked between the product variety available and sales volume. Since data is not a normal distribution, a Spearman's non-parametric correlation was selected to check the association level [27], as in other studies [28, 29]. The statistical analysis was calculated using the statistical package SPSS[®] v.21.

3. Results and Discussion

The analyzed vehicles are distributed between segments in a different way in Brazilian and American markets. While the Brazilian market has a greater number of intermediate models and a greater availability of economy models, the sample indicates that American customers have a higher preference for SUV's.

From Table 3, is possible to see that the American market has a higher automobile variety when compared to the Brazilian market in every segment. The results of the Mann-Whitney comparative test confirm this perception, presenting significate values (p-value < 0.001) to total variety and for every analyzed segment. This result confirms previous studies that showed comparative studies based in data descriptive statistics [18].

Table 3.	Mann-Whitney	median test	for automob	ile variety in	USA and Brazil.
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			USA	Brazil	p-value
	Total	Average (Std. Dev)	9.08E+39 (4.88E+20)	5.84E+05 (5.84E+05)	0.000**
It	Economy	Average (Std. Dev)	1.33E+12 (3.08E+12)	2.66E+06 (6.94E+06)	0.000**
ner	Intermediate	Average (Std. Dev)	4.88E+20 (2.39E+21)	5.72E+04 (2.23E+05)	0.000**
6g	Full Size	Average (Std. Dev)	8.25E+14 (4.51E+15)	3.81E+05 (1.89E+06)	0.000**
S	Commercial	Average (Std. Dev)	1.09E+41 (3.45E+41)	9.55E+04 (2.79E+05)	0.000**
	SUV	Average (Std. Dev)	7.47E+23 (4.45E+24)	2.22E+02 (5.95E+02)	0.000^{**}

* Significate to 5%/ ** Significate to 1%

The association level between the available variety and sales volume for both markets, American and Brazilian, can be seen in Table 4. As expected, the sales volume in United States are higher as its automobile variety is also higher, however the sale is not always correlated to the available variety. It is also possible to verify the ratio between number of options (product variety) and sales volume and this ratio is higher in USA when compared to Brazil. This result shows that the number of options to customize the vehicle per sold unit is much higher in the American market when compared to the Brazilian. The evaluation of the association level between variety and sales volume identify that it is significate (p-

value<0.000) in both markets but the association in the Brazilian market (ρ =0.642) is higher than the association in the American market (ρ =0.330). When the automobile segments are analyzed independently, significate association (p-value<0.05) were identified only for the Brazilian market as in the following cases: economy vehicles (ρ =0.755; p-value=0.001), intermediate (ρ =0.514; p-value=0.001), full size (ρ =0.411; p-value=0.037) and commercial (ρ =0.862; p-value<0.000). No significate correlation was identified for the SUV segment in both markets.

Segment	Country	n	External Variety (average)	Sales (USA 2014 / BRA 2013) (average)	Variety/ Sales	Spearman's Correlation (p)	p value
Total	BRA	118	5.84E+04	28,623.80	2.04	0.642**	p<0.000**
Total	USA	120	8.86E+39	121,054.66	7.32E+34	0.330**	p<0.000**
Economy	BRA	16	2.50E+06	76,817.60	32.54	0.755**	p=0.001*
Economy	USA	8	1.33E+12	66,850.25	1.99E+07	0.303	p=0.465
Intermediate	BRA	38	4.70E+06	20,695.80	227.10	0.514**	p=0.001**
Intermediate	USA	24	4.88E+20	117,005.42	4.17E+15	-0.094	p=0.663
Full size	BRA	26	3.19E+06	25,149.30	126.84	0.411*	p=0.037**
i uli size	USA	30	8.25E+14	130,955.10	6.30E+09	-0.109	p=0.558
Commercial	BRA	17	9.55E+04	31,023.70	3.08	0.862**	p<0.000**
Commerciai	USA	10	1.09E+41	250,891.00	4.34E+35	0.408	p=0.242
SUW	BRA	21	2.12E+02	10,013.50	0.02	-0.042	p=0.856
50 v	USA	48	7.48E+23	105,447.58	7.09E+18	0.005	p=0.970

Table 4. Spearman's correlation between vehicle variety and sales volume.

*significate to 5%/**significate to 1%

A descriptive analysis of product variety related to the different segments allows to observe that some attributes vary in a close way in both markets and in every segment. By the other hand, some attributes are offered in higher quantity by the American market, as shown by Table 5. The most evident differences can be checked in attributes as number of models, external paint and optional internal and external parts, which always shows a higher number of options in the American market.

Table 5. Descriptive analysis of product variety per segment.

Attributes	Country	Total	Economy	Intermediate	Full Size	Commercial	SUV
n (sample)	BRA	118	16	38	26	17	21
	USA	120	8	24	30	10	48
Rody	BRA	1.06 (0.25)	1.18 (0.40)	1.00 (0.00)	1.00 (0.00)	1.31 (0.48)	1.00 (0.00)
Dody	USA	1.27 (0.92)	1.00 (0.00)	1.00 (0.00)	1.00 (0.00)	4.00 (1.41)	1.00 (0.00)
Deenentions	BRA	1.08 (0.27)	1.19 (0.40)	1.00 (0.00)	1.00 (0.00)	1.35 (0.49)	1.00 (0.00)
Door options	USA	1.07 (0.25)	1.13 (0.35)	1.08 (0.28)	1.00 (0.00)	1.30 (0.48)	1.00 (0.00)
Modela	BRA	3.71 (2.79)	3.25 (2.59)	3.66 (2.80)	3.19 (1.67)	4.82 (3.86)	3.90 (2.96)
Widdels	USA	5.31 (3.20)	5.75 (4.40)	6.17 (4.51)	5.13 (2.37)	5.80 (3.71)	4.81 (2.51)
Engine	BRA	1.48 (0.60)	1.62 (0.62)	1.47 (0.65)	1.50 (0.50)	1.47 (0.72)	1.38 (0.50)
Engine	USA	1.40 (0.69)	1.25 (0.46)	1.25 (0.44)	1.30 (0.60)	2.10 (0.74)	1.42 (0.74)
Transmission	BRA	1.58 (0.63)	1.31 (0.48)	1.71 (0.61)	1.65 (0.48)	1.65 (0.86)	1.38 (0.67)
	USA	1.36 (0.54)	1.50 (0.53)	1.71 (0.55)	1.17 (0.38)	1.40 (0.52)	1.27 (0.45)
External Paint	BRA	6.61 (2.73)	7.19 (2.71)	7.31 (2.86)	6.61 (2.08)	5.82 (2.86)	7.19 (3.06)

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USA	9.11 (3.15)	8.38 (1.30)	9.50 (2.65)	9.20 (2.37)	1.00 (7.67)	8.79 (1.29)
BRA	2.42 (2.27)	2.12 (2.47)	2.89 (1.46)	2.57 (2.02)	1.82 (1.07)	3.14 (3.81)
USA	2.63 (2.18)	1.88 (1.13)	3.50 (3.19)	2.60 (2.25)	1.90 (1.10)	2.48 (1.65)
BRA	2.01 (2.95)	2.44 (3.95)	2.28 (1.46)	1.73 (2.60)	3.24 (3.15)	0.57 (0.93)
USA	8.74 (5.95)	6.63 (4.07)	8.54 (8.23)	8.37 (4.94)	11.50 (6.80)	8.85 (5.02)
BRA	1.13 (2.38)	1.75 (3.62)	2.26 (3.14)	0.96 (2.00)	2.18 (2.86)	0.19 (0.68)
USA	10.24 (9.00)	6.00 (4.24)	9.42 (8.01)	7.17 (4.86)	17.60 (8.62)	11.75(10.84)
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Average (Standard Deviation)

The Spearman's correlation analysis between the offered number of attributes (variety) and the sales volume in each segment (total, economy, intermediate, full size, commercial and SUV) is presented in Table 6. The significate correlation values are highlighted in this table. When the correlation value presents significate and positive, it is reasonable to assume that the number of options for this analyzed attribute in this market segment is significantly associated (p-value<0.05) to the number of sales. This result is an indication that the number of offered options is adequate to the market. The highest correlation value is for the number of optional exterior parts (ρ =0.866; p-value<0.01), indicating that the number of options for this attribute is the one that contributes most for vehicles sales among all the analyzed attributes.

The highest correlations (ρ <0.7) are most present in the Brazilian market. There are seven significate correlations identified, specifically in attributes as model options, interior trim, transmission and optional internal parts. Among the highest correlations there is only one occurrence in the American market, the number of dealer customization parts.

Segment	Country	Total	Economy	Intermediate	Full Size	Commercial	SUV
$(a a m n l_{a})$	BRA	118	16	38	26	17	21
n (sample)	USA	120	8	24	31	10	50
Body	BRA	0.361**	0.515*	-	-	0.302	-
Dody	USA	0.044	-	-	-	0.699*	0.107
Models	BRA	0.414**	0.704**	0.756**	0.276	0.300	0.758**
WIOUCIS	USA	0.150	0.275	0.216	0.197	0.398	-0.133
Engine	BRA	0.418**	0.570^{*}	0.379*	0.447**	0.475	0.422**
Lingine	USA	0.394**	0.203	0.310	0.162	0.576	0.406**
Gas Type	BRA	-0.086	-	0.032	-0.099	-0.147	-0.073
Gas Type	USA	0.454**	-	-	-	0.667^{*}	0.300^{*}
Transmission	BRA	0.155	0.378	0.218	0.080	0.241	0.788**
1141151111551011	USA	0.079	0.237	-0.221	0.045	0.128	0.248
External Daint	BRA	0.184^{*}	0.470	0.079	0.147	0.519*	-0.175
External Faint	USA	0.086	0.256	-0.385	-0.182	0.155	0.261
Interior Trim	BRA	0.216*	0.706**	0.398	0.103	0.317	-0.065
	USA	-0.138	0.309	-0.380	-0.391*	0.463	0.090
Optional Interior	BRA	0.467**	0.774**	0.230	0.589**	0.317	-0.072
Parts	USA	-0.105	-0.157	-0.267	-0.237	-0.229	-0.075
Optional Exterior	BRA	0.559**	0.866**	0.410*	0.406^{*}	0.363	-0.074
Parts	USA	0.032	-0.039	-0.329	-0.136	0.040	0.033
Dealer	BRA	0.510**	0.541*	0.051	0.511**	0.430	-0.168
Parts	USA	0.357**	0.865**	0.716**	0.622**	0.223	0.189

Table 6. Spearman's correlation analysis between variety and sales per segment.

*significate to 5%/**significate to 1%

4. Conclusion

The objective was to verify the association between automobile variety offered by the American and Brazilian markets and the sales volume in those countries. 118 models were analyzed in the Brazilian market and 120 in the American. This sample corresponds to 94.35% of sales in Brazil in 2013 e 90.01% in the American market in 2014. The final results indicated that the external variety presented much higher values in the American market when compared to the Brazilian (p-value<0.001). The correlation analysis between external variety and the sales volume presented as positive and significate for the Brazilian market (ρ =0.642; p-value<0.000) and the American (ρ =0.330; p-value<0.000). This results are an indication that Brazil offers a variety of vehicles that are more appropriate to its market than the USA.

The correlation results analysis between the number of options and the sales volume for the different automobile segments, the commercial segment in Brazil presented the highest association level. This result indicates that, among every automobile segment analyzed, the commercials in Brazil are the ones that are more adequate to its offered variety and sales volume.

The analysis allows us to observe each attribute's variety associated to every segment. These results indicate which attributes should be offered in a higher variety, for each segment. For example, for economy cars, the attributes which its variety options are more associated with sales volume are: optional exterior parts, optional interior parts and models, for the Brazilian market. However, for the same segment in the American market, the attribute that is more associated with sales volume is the dealer customization parts.

Lastly, this type of analysis can be very useful as a support for a decision while the product is being planned and designed or when its necessary to decide the variety level to offer for a certain vehicle model that is being developed.

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	GMC	Acadia	83972	\$44,137.50	55.26%	87565176456364400000

Appendix A – American Market Data

Subaru	Impreza	83488	\$23,904.00	55.76%	157625986957967000
Chevrolet	Tahoe	97726	\$63.833.00	56.35%	3060205544869780000000000
Chevrolet	Sonic	93518	\$21 204 50	56 91%	8769888208896
Chevrolet	Camaro	86297	\$44 387 00	57 43%	8982803840499710
Chevrolet	Express	79352	\$44 259 50	57.90%	9415990289229970000000
Marcadas	Lapicos	19552	φττ,237.30	57.7070	7413990209229970000000
Panta	C Class	75065	\$70,220,50	50 250/	1171820417735050000000
Deliz	C Class	73003	\$70,320.30	50.3370	11718294177339300000000
Nissan	Frontier	/4323	\$29,430.00	58.80%	401321/4413824
Lexus	ES XV	/2508	\$44,905.00	59.23%	3/580963840
Subaru	Crosstrack	70956	\$27,078.50	59.66%	2674012278751230
Mercedes-					
Benz	E-Class	66400	\$95,616.50	60.06%	24704377008685100
Acura	MDX	65603	\$55,595.00	60.45%	76279718688587800
Chevrolet	Suburban	55009	\$63.352.50	60.78%	64548883088554000000000
Cadillac	SRX	53578	\$49,066,00	61 10%	293999205799397000000
Chrysler	300	53382	\$40,622,50	61 42%	96768
Mozdo	6	53224	\$78.445.00	61 74%	802816
DMW	0 5 Series	52704	\$20,443.00	62.06%	1197902006624
	5 Series	52704	\$70,152.50 \$27,027.50	02.0070	224001024
Subaru	Legacy	52270	\$27,957.50	62.3/%	234881024
Lexus	15	51358	\$45,972.50	62.68%	54089744384
BMW	X5	47031	\$76,095.00	62.96%	107717779783680
Mercedes-					
Benz	M Class	46726	\$59,500.00	63.24%	10715294137359500000000
Acura	RDX	44865	\$45,184.50	63.51%	72567767433216
Audi	Q5	42420	\$53,072.50	63.76%	117571584
GMC	Yukon	41569	\$62,339.50	64.01%	2534207176256260000
Chevrolet	Spark	39159	\$15.864.00	64.25%	1032192
Audi	Å4	38679	\$42,715.00	64.48%	497811456
Infiniti	050	36899	\$47 375 50	64 70%	761856
Chevrolet	Captiva	35368	\$23,900,00	64 91%	57659883088554000000
Mercedes	Capuva	55500	Ψ25,700.00	01.9170	370370030003370000000
Bonz	CLK Class	35000	\$43 500 00	65 12%	250352038373104000000000
Denz	GLK-Class	306860	\$20,761,50	66.060/	16961240526
Ford	FUSION	300800	\$29,701.50 \$29,202.00	00.9070	10001249530
Ford	Escape	306212	\$28,295.00	08.80%	14860594184192
Ford	Focus	219634	\$22,119.00	/0.12%	3/111/229342/2
Ford	Explorer	209994	\$43,689.00	71.38%	107545991577600
Ford	Edge	108864	\$37,979.00	72.03%	2165133279232
Ford	E-Series	103263	\$36,276.50	72.65%	2411677600456900000
Ford	Mustang	82635	\$35,160.00	73.14%	32403619840
Ford	Fiesta	63192	\$21,338.50	73.52%	1855458115584
Ford	Taurus	62629	\$32,866.50	73.90%	653171490816
Ford	Expedition	44632	\$53,234.00	74.17%	89123255746560
Nissan	Versa	139781	\$16,893.00	75.00%	12616466432
Nissan	Pathfinder	79111	\$39.527.50	75.48%	253403070464
Nissan	Maxima	50401	\$38,792,00	75 78%	1358954496
Nissan	Murano	47301	\$39,072,50	76.06%	109521666048
Nissan	Juko	38184	\$27.400.00	76.20%	25640413605200500
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Volkswagen	Fassal	22(75	\$29,077.30	70.0770	160
Voikswagen	Golf	336/5	\$22,960.00	//.0/%	154
Hyundai	Santa Fe	107906	\$57,597.50	11.12%	18841/0
Hyundai	Accent	63309	\$16,880.00	/8.10%	53/6
Hyundai	Tucson	47306	\$29,357.50	/8.39%	/3/28
Jeep	Patriot	93462	\$25,680.00	78.95%	3825664
Jeep	Compass	61264	\$27,139.00	79.31%	25368576
Honda	Odyssey	122776	\$41,234.50	80.05%	1799591297024

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Honda	Pilot	108857	\$43,526.00	80.70%	474989023199232
Honda	Fit	59340	\$21,109.00	81.06%	159383552
Kia	Soul	145316	\$22,770.00	81.93%	23822336
Kia	Sorento	102520	\$37,170.00	82.54%	60915712
Kia	Forte	69336	\$21,795.00	82.96%	356352
Kia	Sportage	42945	\$28,022.50	83.22%	1916928
Kia	Rio	35933	\$18,374.50	83.43%	28672
Toyota	Prius	136040	\$35,187.00	84.25%	57344
Toyota	Sienna	124502	\$39,694.50	84.99%	40108032
Toyota	Prius Sedan	122738	\$32,828.50	85.73%	73400320
Toyota	Prius C	40570	\$23,547.00	85.97%	1425408
Toyota	Prius V	30762	\$29,818.00	86.16%	6815744
Toyota	4Runner	76906	\$42,386.00	86.62%	402849792
Toyota	Avalon	67183	\$38,929.00	87.02%	52428800
Buick	Enclave	62300	\$48,133.50	87.40%	8584986789675010
Buick	Lacrosse	51468	\$37,620.00	87.70%	336855080
Buick	Encore	48892	\$29,169.50	88.00%	1258291200
Buick	Verano	43743	\$24,820.00	88.26%	393232
Chevrolet	Corvete	34839	\$77,492.50	88.47%	2943365139765660000
Lincoln	MKZ	34009	\$41,871.50	88.67%	340644593664
BMW	X3	33824	\$51,397.50	88.88%	1844682752
Fiat	Fiat 500	33708	\$20,752.50	89.08%	52076032
Mini	Cooper	31385	\$29,305.00	89.27%	1337569089329040000
Infiniti	QX60	31192	\$49,895.00	89.45%	11010048
Cadillac	CTS	31115	\$49,895.00	89.64%	157118464
Cadillac	Escalade	30522	\$88,005.00	89.82%	16035840
	Outlander				
Mitsubishi	Sport	31054	\$27,135.00	90.01%	1228800

Manufacturer	Model	2013 Sells	Average Price	Cumulative %	Number of Models
Ford	Fiesta	136,711	\$10,148.48	3.82%	40
Ford	New Fiesta Hatch	8,498	\$14,996.97	4.06%	1728
Ford	Ecosport	66,097	\$20,906.06	5.90%	7200
Fiat	Novo Uno	184,362	\$8,951.52	11.05%	23555211264
Volkswagen	Fox	113,699	\$12,545.45	14.23%	11890851840
Fiat	Palio	177,014	\$11,256.06	19.17%	22020096
Volkswagen	Gol	255,057	\$12,466.67	26.30%	44660948992
Citroen	C3	33,669	\$14,390.91	27.24%	384
Ford	Focus	20,825	\$22,572.73	27.82%	5184
Renault	Clio	29,911	\$7,696.97	28.66%	2016
Ford	Fusion	9,562	\$33,771.21	28.92%	1728
Ford	Fiesta Sedan	29,048	\$11,178.79	29.73%	90
Ford	Focus Sedan	7,172	\$24,239.39	29.93%	256
Citroen	C3 Aircross	9,358	\$18,087.88	30.20%	1536
Citroen	C3 Picasso	6,582	\$15,906.06	30.38%	2400
Citroen	C4	4,216	\$17,618.18	30.50%	256
Fiat	500	7,281	\$16,457.58	30.70%	8400
Fiat	Bravo	9,060	\$19,253.03	30.95%	61341696
Fiat	Doblo	10,512	\$18,100.00	31.25%	184320
Fiat	Doblo Cargo	5,986	\$13,981.82	31.41%	98304
Fiat	Ducato	12,734	\$26,360.61	31.77%	32768
Fiat	Fiorino	12,434	\$11,924.24	32.12%	65536
Fiat	Idea	23,450	\$15,113.64	32.77%	12386304
Fiat	Linea	7,531	\$18,190.91	32.98%	9216
Fiat	Palio Weekend	15,554	\$13,740.91	33.42%	1441792
Fiat	Punto	40,407	\$15,492.42	34.55%	29491200
Fiat	Siena	129,825	\$9,842.42	38.17%	90112
Fiat	Strada	122,902	\$13,631.82	41.61%	311427072
GM	Agile	30,120	\$13,671.21	42.45%	64
GM	Celta	74,647	\$7,875.76	44.53%	24
GM	Classic	86,936	\$7,996.97	46.96%	32
GM	Cobalt	59,685	\$15,118.18	48.63%	7200
GM	Cruze HB	22,463	\$22,754.55	49.26%	224
GM	Cruze Sedan	26,525	\$23,390.91	50.00%	384
GM	Montana	46,707	\$11,648.48	51.30%	192
GM	Onix	122,333	\$10,072.73	54.72%	24576
GM	Prisma	61,301	\$13,163.64	56.43%	3456
GM	Sonic	7,487	\$16,557.58	56.64%	864
GM	Sonic Sedan	5,708	\$18,481.82	56.80%	10
GM	Spin	41,983	\$15,633.33	57.97%	1728
Peugeot	207	10,385	\$9,966.67	58.26%	4
Peugeot	207 Sedan	4,534	\$11,269.70	58.39%	12
Peugeot	208	20,729	\$14,315.15	58.97%	1512

Appendix B – Brazilian Market Data

Peugeot	308	10,931	\$19,845.45	59.27%	576
Peugeot	408	4,634	\$21,057.58	59.40%	256
Renault	Duster	50,221	\$18,136.36	60.81%	62208
Renault	Fluence	13,878	\$22,469.39	61.19%	1344
Renault	Kangoo	5,160	\$12,110.61	61.34%	192
Renault	Logan	23,036	\$10,771.21	61.98%	1536
Renault	Master	10,009	\$29,095.45	62.26%	720
Renault	Sandero	102,514	\$12,042.42	65.12%	216832
Volkswagen	Amarok	24,191	\$33,696.97	65.80%	1204224
Volkswagen	Cross Fox	16,228	\$16,363.64	66.25%	180224
Volkswagen	Golf	13,785	\$17,971.21	66.64%	2162688
Volkswagen	Jetta	14,350	\$24,375.76	67.04%	18432
Volkswagen	Kombi	25,221	\$15,180.30	67.74%	4
Volkswagen	Polo Sedan	8,187	\$16,646.97	67.97%	4915200
Volkswagen	Space Fox	16,324	\$16,459.09	68.43%	115200
Volkswagen	Tiguan	5,598	\$35,075.76	68.58%	2688
Volkswagen	Voyage	89,759	\$13,133.33	71.09%	3221225472
Volkswagen	Saveiro	72,370	\$13,142.42	73.11%	7864320
Citroen	C4 Picasso	1,704	\$26,481.82	73.16%	20
Citroen	C4L	3,055	\$21,436.36	73.25%	1400
Citroen	Jumper	2,847	\$26,772.73	73.33%	4
Fiat	Freemont	3,873	\$30,375.76	73.43%	160
Ford	Edge	3,242	\$43,936.36	73.52%	175
GM	Captiva	2,512	\$30,512.12	73.59%	8
GM	Tracker	2,388	\$22,784.85	73.66%	40
GM	Trailblazer	3,284	\$46,027.27	73.75%	112
Volkswagen	Space Cross	3,983	\$18,763.64	73.86%	2304
GM	Camaro	1,108	\$64,693.94	73.90%	4
Peugeot	3008	1,308	\$28,481.82	73.93%	32
Volkswagen	Fusca	1,364	\$26,803.03	73.97%	39424
Volkswagen	Passat	1,046	\$35,803.03	74.00%	1152
Ford	Ranger	22,077	\$31,951.52	74.62%	95256
Honda	City	29,243	\$17,572.73	75.43%	576
Honda	Civic	60,970	\$22,709.09	77.14%	360
Honda	CRV	8,272	\$32,559.09	77.37%	72
Honda	Fit	40,637	\$17,195.45	78.50%	432
Hyundai	HB20	122,320	\$13,677.27	81.92%	6912
Hyundai	HB20S	35,382	\$16,254.55	82.91%	80
Kia	Cerato	6,060	\$20,121.21	83.08%	40
Kia	Picanto	4,353	\$12,090.91	83.20%	144
Kia	Sorento	3,241	\$40,878.79	83.29%	56
Kia	Soul	1,291	\$20,878.79	83.32%	20
Kia	Sportage	9,438	\$32,106.06	83.59%	108
Nissan	Frontier	15,592	\$33,921.21	84.02%	384
Nissan	Livina	9,542	\$14,466.67	84.29%	648
Nissan	March	24,255	\$10,648.48	84.97%	300

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Nissan	Sentra	6,750	\$20,557.58	85.16%	144	
Nissan	Versa	20,730	\$13,257.58	85.74%	54	
Suzuki	GVitara	3,788	\$27,693.94	85.84%	1512	
Suzuki	Jimny	1,553	\$18,178.79	85.88%	198	
Toyota	Corolla	54,103	\$24,162.12	87.40%	648	
Toyota	Etios HB	34,801	\$12,042.42	88.37%	144	
Toyota	Etios Sedan	27,236	\$12,736.36	89.13%	12	
Toyota	Hilux	42,625	\$36,312.12	90.32%	31104	
Toyota	Hilux SW4	12,354	\$45,769.70	90.66%	900	
Toyota	Rav4	4,362	\$36,484.85	90.79%	360	
GM	S10	54,251	\$23,981.82	92.30%	9600	
Land Rover	Discovery	1,590	\$72,696.97	92.35%	1700	
Land Rover	Evoque	6,606	\$78,757.58	92.53%	6732	
Land Rover	Freelander	1,761	\$49,969.70	92.58%	14080	
Audi	A3	1,025	\$29,969.70	92.61%	24	
Audi	A4	1,674	\$48,454.55	92.66%	832	
Audi	Q3	1,607	\$54,515.15	92.70%	324	
Chery	Celer	1,913	\$12,118.18	92.75%	8	
Chery	QQ	3,109	\$7,515.15	92.84%	8	
Chery	Tiggo	1,456	\$15,757.58	92.88%	5	
Jac	J2	5,591	\$10,300.00	93.04%	7	
Jac	J3	4,317	\$11,512.12	93.16%	5	
Jac	J3 Turin	3,055	\$12,027.27	93.24%	5	
Jac	J5	1,311	\$15,754.55	93.28%	6	
Jac	J6	1,470	\$18,360.61	93.32%	5	
Mitsubishi	ASX	10,115	\$29,693.94	93.60%	512	
Mitsubishi	Outlander	4,376	\$37,875.76	93.73%	216	
Mitsubishi	Lancer	5,788	\$25,300.00	93.89%	320	
Mitsubishi	Pajero	16,510	\$59,239.39	94.35%	192	