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Japan 's domestic sales of cars , trucks and buses in October rose 18 % from a year earlier to 500,004 units , a record for the month , the Japan Automobile Dealers ' Association said .

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The strong growth followed year-to-year increases of 21 % in August and 12 % in September .

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The monthly sales have been setting records every month since March .

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October sales , compared with the previous month , inched down 0.4 % .

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Sales of passenger cars grew 22 % from a year earlier to 361,376 units .

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Sales of medium-sized cars , which benefited from price reductions arising from introduction of the consumption tax , more than doubled to 30,841 units from 13,056 in October 1988 .