

Overview of fuel efficiency and CO₂ emission standards of passenger cars and light-commercial vehicles around the world

Table 1. Definitions of passenger car and light truck/commercial vehicles

Region	Passenger Car		Light Truck/Commercial Vehicle	
	Max. GVW	Max. Seats	Max. GVW	Others
EU	3,500 kg	9	3,500 kg	
China	3,500 kg	9	3,500 kg	Include passenger cars with seats > 9
U.S.	3,856 kg	10	3,856 kg	GVW > 2722 kg including vehicles with four-wheel drive and meet various off-road requirements e.g., ground clearance
Canada	3,856 kg	10	3,856 kg	GVW > 2722 kg including vehicles with four-wheel drive and meet various off-road requirements e.g., ground clearance
India	3,500 kg	9	3,500 kg	
Brazil	3,856 kg	12	3,856 kg	Compact SUVs are classified as passenger cars, other SUVs including off-road and large SUVs are classified as a third separate category
South Korea	3,500 kg	10	3,500 kg	
UK	3,500 kg	9	3,500 kg	
New Zealand	3,500 kg	9	3,500 kg	Include vans with seats > 9
Mexico	3,857 kg	10	3,856 kg	
Japan	3,500 kg	/	3,500 kg	
Chile	2,700 kg	/	2,700 kg	