

Motoring milestones

Looking back: 50 years of Singapore motoring

- 1965** – Singapore has 104,729 private cars
- 1967** – Vehicle assembly given the green light
- 1972** – E-series number plates replace S-series
- 1973** – Oil crisis causes prices to quadruple from US\$3 per barrel
- 1974** – Additional Registration Fee (ARF) more than doubles from 25% to 55% of Open Market Value (OMV)
- 1975** – Restricted Zone and Area Licensing Scheme unveiled
- 1975** – ARF increases to 100%
- 1978** – ARF rises to 125%
- 1980** – Local vehicle assembly plants close
- 1980** – ARF is now 150%
- 1983** – ARF hits 175%
- 1984** – E-series registration ends, SB-series begins
- 1990** – Certificate of Entitlement (COE) system is introduced
- 1990** – ARF reduced to 160%
- 1990** – 26,244 is the total new car registrations for the year
- 1991** – ARF slips to 150%
- 1994** – Open Category COE premium hits an all-time high of S\$105,000
- 1995** – Mercedes-Benz is Singapore's best-selling make in 1995 and 1996
- 1998** – Electronic Road Pricing replaces ALS with gantry to collect tolls electronically
- 1998** – ARF further cut to 140%
- 2002** – Toyota begins its nine-year reign as Singapore's top make
- 2002** – ARF is now 130%
- 2004** – ARF down to 110%
- 2006** – Generous COE quotas push market size to peak of 117,062
- 2007** – COE quota starts shrinking until 2013's low of 22,472 registrations
- 2008** – ARF falls to low of 100%
- 2011** – BMW overtakes Toyota for top spot
- 2012** – Mercedes-Benz takes over the top in 2012 and 2013
- 2013** – Tiered ARF structure introduced with maximum of 180%
- 2014** – Toyota and its Corolla Altis are back as No 1