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Finance Rate and Other Terms on New and Used Car Instalment Credit Contracts Purchased from Dealers by Major Auto Finance Companies

Period	Customer rate (per cent per annum)			Average maturity (months)			Average amount financed (dollars)			Ratio of amount financed to whole- sale value (per cent)		
	New	Used ^{1/}	Total	New	Used	Total	New	Used	Total	New	Used	Total
1973												
January	11.89	16.08	12.93	34.9	29.6	33.6	3,200	1,789	2,668	87	98	90
February	11.86	16.20	12.94	35.0	29.6	33.7	3,199	1,794	2,666	87	99	90
March	11.85	16.32	12.96	35.1	29.5	33.7	3,184	1,787	2,678	87	99	90
April	11.88	16.44	13.02	35.2	29.4	33.8	3,201	1,792	2,704	88	99	91
May	11.91	16.52	13.06	35.3	29.4	33.8	3,225	1,815	2,738	88	99	91
June	11.94	16.61	13.10	35.4	29.3	33.9	3,283	1,837	2,797	88	99	91
July	12.02	16.75	13.20	35.4	29.1	33.8	3,329	1,820	2,834	88	99	91
August	12.13	16.86	13.30	35.4	28.8	33.7	3,347	1,786	2,824	88	99	91
September	12.28	16.98	13.45	35.3	28.5	33.6	3,418	1,780	2,852	87	99	90
October	12.34	17.11	13.52	35.1	28.2	33.4	3,448	1,824	2,935	88	99	91
November	12.40	17.21	13.59	35.1	27.9	33.3	3,400	1,826	2,891	88	100	91
December	12.42	17.31	13.63	35.1	27.6	33.2	3,357	1,805	2,845	88	99	91
1974												
January	12.39	16.56	13.42	35.2	29.3	33.7	3,369	1,905	2,785	88	97	90

Note: Rates are reported on an annual percentage rate basis as specified in the Federal Reserve Board's Regulation Z (Truth-in-Lending). Data on the amount financed exclude finance charges.

^{1/} Decreases in finance rates for used cars from December to January reflect customary procedures observed by finance companies in establishing "aging dates" for used vehicles.