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SALES TINANCE COMPANIES - Sales)
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Consumer instalment credit outstanding at sales finance companies showed a very slight decline in October and levelled off at \$16,698 million. Rises in outstandings in the other consumer goods and personal loan categories balanced the decline in passenger car credit.

Paper acquired by sales finance companies in October rose \$142 million to \$1,284 million. Extensions of auto credit, reflecting the introduction of new models, were the major portion of the overall rise. Repayments were also up in October, especially in the auto category.

Business credit outstanding rose slightly from September, primarily due to a rise in other business credit. Extensions of business credit rose \$549 million, with wholesale automotive paper accounting for the major part of the increase.

Outstanding Credit Held by Sales Finance Companies (In millions of dollars)

	Increase or decrease du			
Type of credit	October 31, 1967	October 1967	October	
Consumer instalment credit	16,698	3	_12	73
Retail automotive (passenger cars)	9,024	-55	- 29	-374
Other consum:r goods Home repair and modernization Personal loans	4,863 107 2,704	39 0 13	33 0 8	137 - 5 169
Business credit $1/$	6,653	11	362	- <u>195</u>
Retail automotive (commercial vehicles) Wholesale automotive Wholesale other than automotive Other business credit	1,061 1,785 519 3,288	- 9 -10 26	12 221 - 4 133	6 -384 - 72 255

^{1/} Excludes some credit extended to business, such as that extended by factoring subsidiaries.

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Credit Extended by Sales Finance Companies (In millions of dollars)

		Change from:			
Type of credit	Oct. 1967	Month	Year		
		ago	ago		
Consumer instalment credit	1,284	142	49		
Retail automotive (passenger cars)	597	136	- 35		
New Used	405 192	98 38	- 36		
Other consumer goods Home repair and modernization Personal Trans	410 8 269	- 5 0 11	51 1 32		
Business credit <u>1</u> /	2,448	<u>549</u>	- <u>79</u>		
Retail automotive (commercial vehicles)	107	_17	8		
New Used	74 33	5 12	7		
Wholesale sutomotive paper	1;599	426	-196		
New (passenger and commercial) Used (passenger and commercial)	1,543 56	415 11	-196 0		
Wholesale other than automotive Other business credit $\underline{1}/$	146 596	11 95	- 1 110		

 $1/\mathrm{Excludes}$ some credit extended to business, such as that extended by factoring subsidieries.

Number of Motor Vehicles Financed by Sales Finance Companies (In thousands)

		Change from:		
Type of vehicle	Oct. 1967	Month ago	Year ago	
Total financed at retail	285	49	- 15	
New passenger Used passenger	130 123 20	28 16	- 19 - 9	
New commercial Used commercial	12	5	4	
Total financed at wholesale	<u>546</u>	143	- <u>101</u>	
New (passenger and commercial) Used (passenger and commercial)	507 39	137 6	- 98 - 3	

Credit Sales of New Passenger Cars as a Per Cent of Total Number Sold at Retail 1/

Credit Sales		 Per Cent		
1967 - October			62	
1967 - September			r70	
1966 - October			62	

1/Based on new car instalment contracts acquired by banks, sales finance companies, other financial institutions, and automobile dealers. Data for prior months may be obtained by writing to the Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D. C. 20551.

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