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The Dacia Powertrain Plant manufactured on Wednesday 22 July the 1,000,000th petrol K7 engine, which the plant has been producing since 2004, with 29,000 units produced in the first year. Other 243,000 engines were manufactured in 2008, and 131,000 units in the first semester of 2009.

The K7 engines are assembled on the Logan and Sandero vehicles manufactured both by Dacia and the Renault plants in Russia, Morocco, Columbia, South Africa, and India. They also feature on the Renault Kangoo models assembled at Maubeuge in France.

Dacia's Powertrain Plant assembly line is adapted to three engine types - 1.4 MPI, 1.6 MPI and 1.9 dCi for Renault Kangoo. Its output stands at a daily 1.630-unit level.

The record was preceded by two other manufacturing peaks: two million drive shafts and one million cylinder heads.

The first Logan drive shafts were manufactured in May 2004, subsequent to the transfer of the machining and assembly lines from Le Mans Société Nouvelle des Transmissions in France. The parts are assembled on the Logan and Sandero model range manufactured by Dacia and at the Renault plants in Russia, Morocco, Columbia, India, Brazil, and South Africa.

Dacia's production of cylinder heads started in January 2006; after they undergo the machining process, the cylinder heads are delivered to Dacia's Powertrain Plant engine assembly lines and to the Renault plants in Turkey and Brazil.