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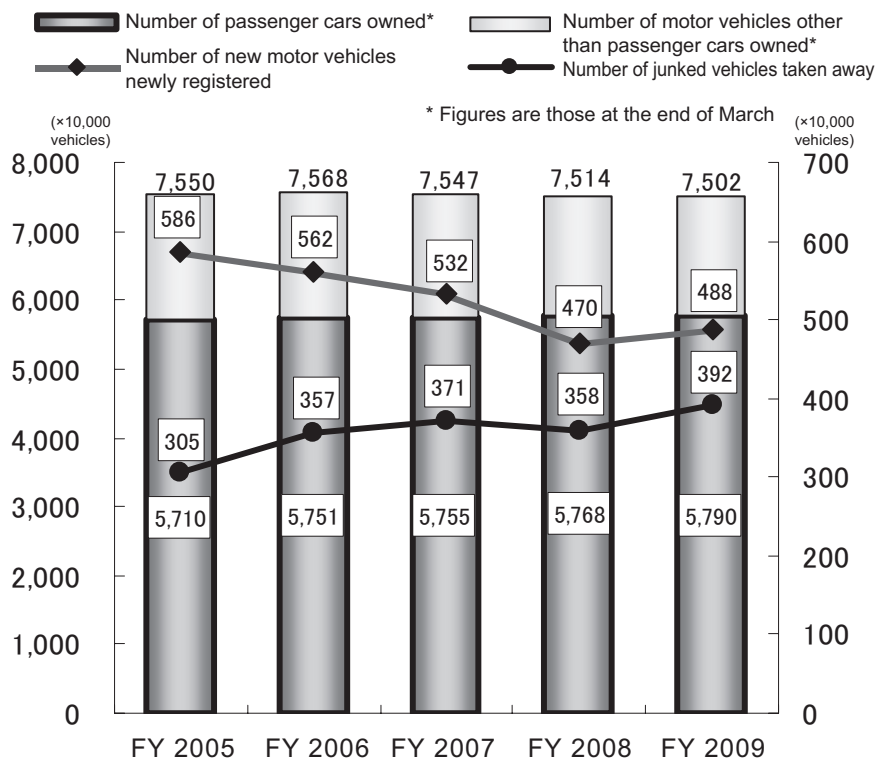
Efforts for Motor Vehicle Recycling

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Because of the pressing needs of recycling in order to solve the problems of proper handling of motor vehicles at the end of their useful lives, and finding the space for their final disposal —, the Automobile Recycling Law went into effect in January, 2005. Since then, government agencies, automotive industries, and consumers have all been participating in this solution, each sector making its own effort to build a system for a recycling-oriented society.

Fig. 1 Status of junked vehicles following enforcement of the Automobile Recycling Law



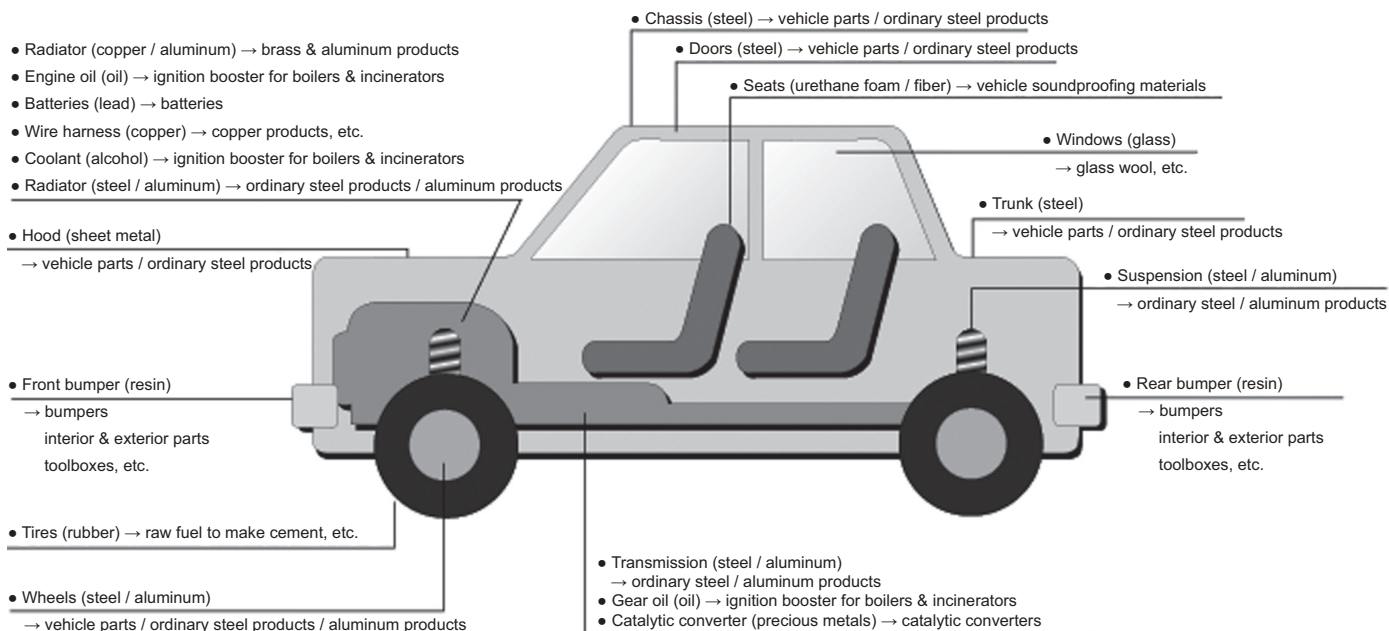
Source: data of Industrial Structure Council and Central Environmental Council

Table 1 Changes in the number of average years of use

Year	Passenger cars (ordinary & small)	Trucks (ordinary & small)
1980	8.29	7.77
1990	9.26	9.28
1995	9.43	9.60
2000	9.96	10.53
2001	10.40	10.68
2002	10.55	10.92
2003	10.77	11.23
2004	10.97	11.84
2005	10.93	11.72
2006	11.10	11.47
2007	11.66	11.92
2008	11.67	11.72
2009	11.68	13.50

Source: Automobile Inspection & Registration Information Association

Fig. 2 Processing and recycling of junked motor vehicles: flow chart



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