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HIGHEST MARKET SHARE IN MORE THAN TWO YEARS

Leyland Australia has recorded its highest market penetration in more than two years, according to official registration figures for February.

Leyland's share of the total vehicle market in February was 7.95 per cent.

This is the company's highest penetration since October, 1970.

The figure compares with 7.1 per cent in January and 6.2 per cent in December - a jump of 1.75 percentage points in two months.

Leyland's share of the passenger car market, at 8.0 per cent was also the highest since October, 1970.

Leyland's volume selling models, the Marina, Leyland Mini and Tasman-Kimberley, all turned in outstanding figures in February.

The Marina in particular featured strongly, taking 10.6 per cent of the light passenger car market - it's highest share since September, 1972 and easily outselling Cortina four, Torana four, Galant and Corona.

The Kimberley-Tasman range registrations were the highest ever recorded since introduction of this range in November, 1970.

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Commenting on the February figures, Leyland Australia's Sales

Director, Mr. John Kay said: "The February registrations are an indication
of the direction in which this company is moving.

"It is the result of a near-record month of Kimberley and Tasman sales, continuing strong sales levels with Marina and a typically high Mini sales month," Mr. Kay said.

"One of the most pleasing aspects of the figure is that it was achieved without the full effect of the new Leyland Mini range. Another pointer is that we achieved this penetration figure without a Station Wagon in the range.

"It is also notable that we have yet to fire our 'big guns' - namely P 76 - and our other new car releases scheduled for 1973.

"With the impetus these will give us, we are confident of achieving even greater market penetration and consistently high results in 1973."