



# Car washes, Vehicle care products, Lubricants, Service areas

**Car washes,** contributing to the green transition .

#### THE CARWASH MARKET IS GROWING STEADILY IN FRANCE

Annually sales (€ excluding VAT)

**OPERATIONS** 

€ 1

**EQUIPMENT** 

€ 200

10,000 CAR WASHES

7,300

INDEPENDENT OPERATORS (usually belonging to a brand such as Eléphant Bleu, Kärcher, etc.)

1.200

WASHES IN SUPERMARKET CAR PARKS

1.500

PETROL STATIONS

12,500

**DIRECT JOBS** 

and **just as many indirect jobs** such as maintenance and the installation of payment terminals

Figures: Mobilians 2023, INEC 2024









# The market also has to cope with constraints

Owing to the goals of preserving water resources (Water Plan 2030, April 2023) and climate change (droughts in 2022 and 2023 (1) meant water supply restrictions and even car wash closures in some departments), existing and new facilities have to be ever more economical with their water.

#### **CONSUMER SURVEY**

IPSOS, november 2023 for Wash France / TotalEnergies

of motorists wash their cars at least once a year

do so at least once a month

never wash

#### THE AVERAGE WASH FREQUENCY

Source NGC Data 2024

288 million

washing cycles

for 42 million cars and 6.5 million light commercial vehicles

and high-pressure jet washing.

However, 35% to 37% of motorists wash their cars at home(2), which is forbidden by law, as it leads to the discharge of wash residues into rainwater, a major factor in pollution. The waste generated by car washes (polluted sludge, particularly hydrocarbons), is treated on site.

# Equally split between roller washing

### The environment is the first big issue for professionals in the sector. One goal is:

- dissuade people from washing at home;
- depollute wash water all year round using appropriate, continuously maintained facilities;
- ensure that their fixtures use as little water as possible by fitting shutters to roller gantries (to prevent water from being dispersed outside) and installing dedicated water reprocessing units.

Specialist equipment manufacturers offer increasingly effective solutions.

(1) Guide circulaire de mise en œuvre des mesures de restriction des usages de l'eau en période de sécheresse. May 2023. Download at www.mobilians.fr/metier/lavage-haute-pression/nos-dossiers/arretes-secheress (2) Car washing survey - INEC Institut National de l'Economie Circulaire, 2024, www.institut-economie-circulaire.fr



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# The lubricant market running smoothly on the existing fleet.

The car lubricant market is slowly leaking volume

2023

Market in decline -2.5%

**273,500** 

tonnes of automotive lubricants marketed in France\*

The trend similar

**-2**%

Within this market, which includes both cars and commercial vehicles, the 'car' segment remained stable over the ten months.

\* Source: Centre Professionnel des Lubrifiants



## All-make services responsible for 70% of oil changes

This relative resilience of the automotive lubricants market can be attributed

to the state of the vehicle fleet, WHICH IS BOTH EXPANDING AND AGEING ALL OF WHICH UNDERPINS DEMAND FOR **LUBRICANTS FOR OIL CHANGES** 

**42.22** millions

SALES OF WASTE DISPOSAL

carried out in all-make workshops

carried out by manufacturer networks



THE AVERAGE MILEAGE DRIVEN IS ALSO A KEY FACTOR in 2023, it had returned to pre-Covid levels

14,000 km diesel cars, down slightly 9,500 km petrol cars, up

In terms of maintenance, the high average age of the vehicle fleet works in favour of independent garages and chains.

