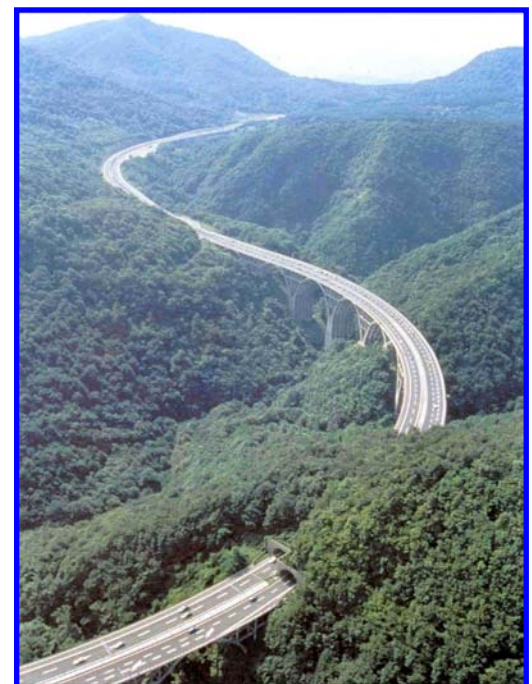
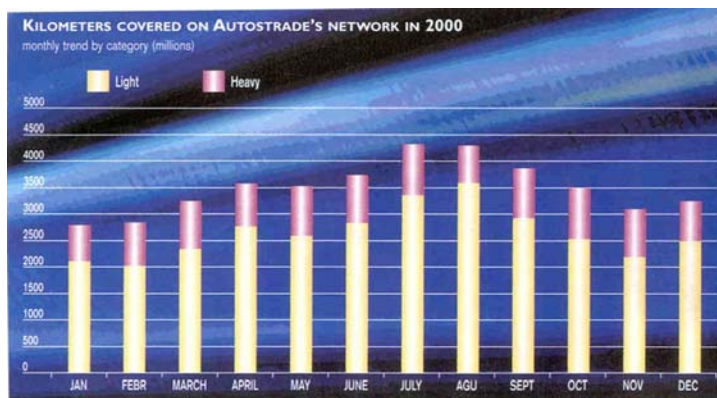


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- Founded in 1956, during the Italian industrial boom, Autostrade has played the leading role in a remarkable development programme which, by co-ordinating operational, financial and organizational expertise, has given Italy a network of technically advanced toll-motorways in record time.
- Today the Autostrade Group principally comprises companies which hold concession for the construction, operation and maintenance of toll motorways and other companies which supply services related to its principal motorway activities, such as
 - Telecommunication to extend the Group existing network assets and to develop advanced services
 - Other services: design of motorways, toll collection equipment and provision for paving and traffic information
- With more than 3000 km of motorways, the Autostrade Group constitutes the largest such operator in the EU based on the kilometers of its motorway network, traffic and revenues (17% of the European network and 60% of the Italian network).
- The network experiences an annual traffic volume of 700 million vehicles which travel a total of 40 billion kilometers and has a system of highly efficient structures for operational management, services, traffic control, safety telecommunications and information for drivers, with a 3000-km-long optical fiber network running along the motorway.



- One of the strategic goal of the Group is to improve the quality and range of services offered to its customers.
- Therefore, Research and Development is directed at finding new solutions and at taking advantage of the opportunities arising from scientific and technological development, management innovation and changing conditions.
- Thanks to its long experience in the financial and operational management, Autostrade is more and more exporting its experience, know-how and technology in Italy and abroad (UK, USA, Russia).

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