

Fiats cruise into Port of Baltimore
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The Port of Baltimore said buongiorno Friday to a shipment of 2,500 Fiat 500L's automobiles.

The cars, which arrived at Fairfield Marine Terminal, are part of 30,000 new Fiats scheduled to be shipped from the company's plant in Serbia to Baltimore over the next 12 months. The Port of Baltimore is the only U.S. East Coast port to handle the 500L models.

"The Port has withstood a challenging economy and continues to outperform many other major U.S. ports," Gov. Martin O'Malley said in a statement. "The addition of new Fiat vehicles at the Port of Baltimore demonstrates the strength of Maryland's economy and is another clear example that Maryland's port continues to thrive and bring new business and jobs to our state."

The Port of Baltimore handled more than 652,000 vehicles in 2012, an 18 percent increase from the previous year. Baltimore was the No. 1 U.S. port for handling automobile cargo last year.