

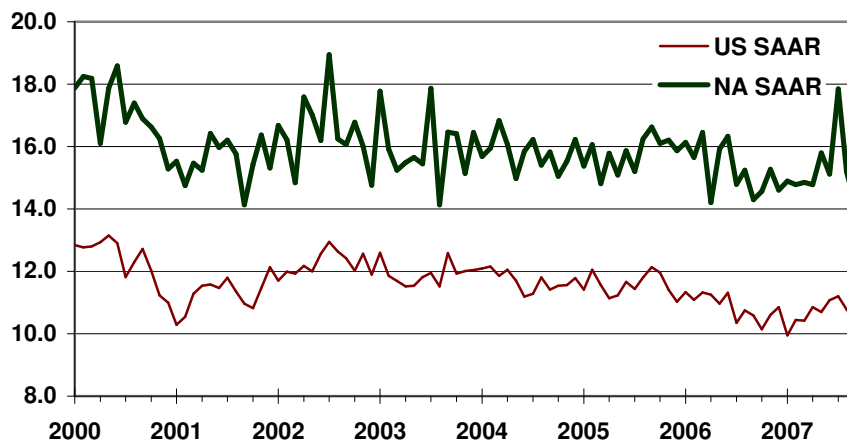


CSM Automotive Production Barometer (APB)

CSM Worldwide, the leading provider of market intelligence and forecasting to the automotive industry, announces the October 2007 CSM Automotive Production Barometer™. Released in advance of existing sources of information, this service provides an accurate record of light vehicle production for the previous month to assist automotive economists and financial analysts in their ongoing industry evaluations.

- US light vehicle production in September 2007 fell 3.50% from year ago levels to 10.43 million units on a SAAR basis.
- September 2007 North American light vehicle production declined 1.10% from versus last year to 14.14 million units produced on a SAAR basis, the seventh lowest rate in ten years.
- Production interruptions in North America from union strikes and terrorist attacks in Mexico compound output weakness.
- North American output is expected to moderate for the remainder of the year and into 2008.

CSM Automotive Production Barometer (US and NA SAAR, units in millions)



- Build rates will continue to decline in the coming months and align to weaker demand.
- Incentive spending continues an upward trend as manufacturers aim to jump start demand.
- Strong new vehicle imports adversely affecting local output.
- Production interruptions will affect output levels in October.

Light Vehicle Production (units in millions)	Jul-07	Aug-07	Sep-07	YTD	2006	2005
US Total (SAAR)	11.20	10.78	10.43	10.63	10.86	11.57
Autos	3.90	3.72	3.62	3.70	4.14	4.26
Light Trucks	7.30	7.05	6.80	6.93	6.72	7.32
US (NSA)	0.62	0.99	0.83	8.03	10.86	11.57
North America (SAAR)	17.84	15.19	14.14	15.15	15.36	15.79

Light Vehicle Production (Y/Y %)	Jul-07	Aug-07	Sep-07	YTD	2006	2005
US Total (SAAR)	8.20%	0.13%	-1.50%	-3.50%	-6.10%	-0.60%
Autos	3.70%	-9.00%	-14.00%	-11.00%	-2.60%	2.30%
Light Trucks	10.80%	5.90%	6.80%	1.00%	-8.20%	-2.20%
US (NSA)	17.80%	-1.20%	-6.30%	-3.70%	-6.10%	-0.60%
North America (SAAR)	20.70%	-0.40%	-1.10%	-2.20%	-2.70%	0.00%