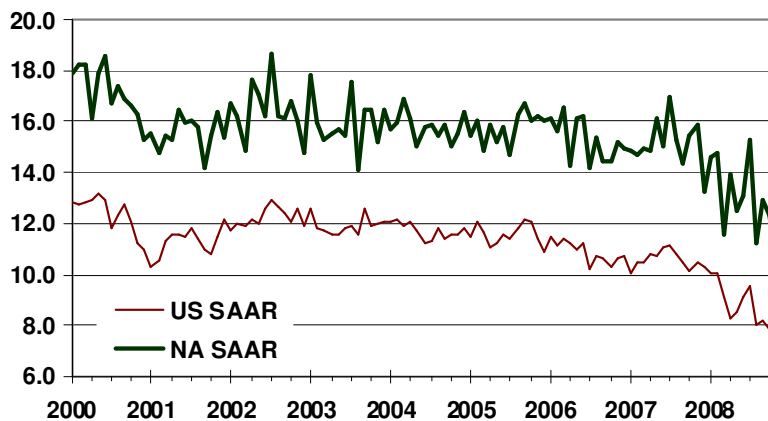


CSM Automotive Production Barometer (APB)

CSM Worldwide, the leading provider of market intelligence and forecasting to the automotive industry, announces the December 2008 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 declined 29.30% in November 2008 from year ago levels to 7.39 million units on a SAAR basis.
- North American light vehicle production in November 2008 plummeted 34.30% from year ago levels to 10.42 million units produced on a SAAR basis, the lowest rate since March 1991.
- Year-to-date production is down 2.40 million units or 15.76% versus 2007. The auto sector continues to experience weakness with the Detroit 3 scrambling to secure government funding for support.
- US demand for autos will remain weak with year-over-year declines of greater than 10.0% on a SAAR basis virtually assured over the next eight months.

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



- Production continues to outpace demand with sharp slowdowns expected in 1Q 2009.
- Monthly North American production on a SAAR basis to fall into the 8.0- to 10.0 million range over immediate-term.
- Broad based weakness impacting all manufacturers, Detroit most vulnerable.
- Massive inventory correction needed to re-align to sharply lower demand levels.

Light Vehicle Production (units in millions)	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	YTD	2007	2006
US Total (SAAR)	8.20	7.83	7.39	8.71	10.54	10.86
Autos	4.06	3.85	3.42	3.87	3.71	4.14
Light Trucks	4.14	3.99	3.97	4.84	6.84	6.72
US (NSA)	0.72	0.75	0.52	8.03	10.54	10.86
North America (SAAR)	12.87	12.32	10.42	12.84	15.10	15.36

Light Vehicle Production (Y/Y %)	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	YTD	2007	2006
US Total (SAAR)	-21.80%	-22.40%	-29.30%	-17.60%	-2.90%	-6.10%
Autos	5.70%	1.20%	-13.40%	-1.30%	-10.50%	-2.60%
Light Trucks	-37.70%	-36.70%	-39.00%	-27.20%	1.80%	-8.20%
US (NSA)	-13.10%	-22.50%	-40.10%	-18.70%	-2.90%	-6.10%
North America (SAAR)	-10.20%	-20.20%	-34.30%	-15.80%	-1.80%	-2.70%