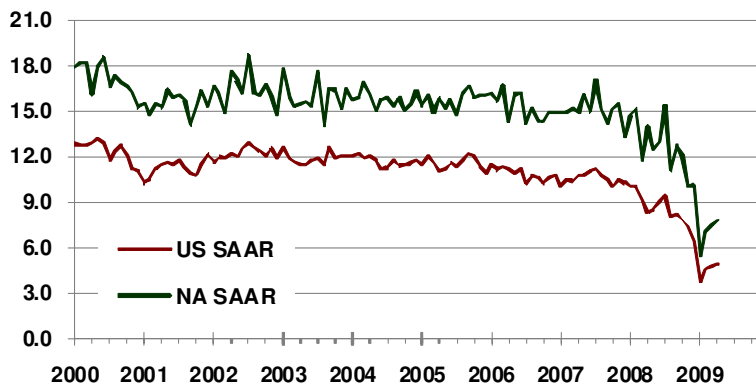


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CSM Worldwide, the leading provider of market intelligence and forecasting to the automotive industry, announces the May 2009 CSM Automotive Production Barometer™. Released in advance of existing sources of information, this service provides an accurate record of light vehicle production for the previous month to assist automotive economists and financial analysts in their ongoing industry evaluations.

- US light vehicle continues to improve from January's low, but remains negative, down 40.80% in April at 4.92m units produced on a SAAR basis.
- North American light vehicle production in April 2009 is down 44.40% or 6.22 million units from year ago levels to 7.79 million units produced on a SAAR basis with year-to-date output down 49.50%.
- Current production weakness remains understated due limited output a year ago from the UAW-American Axle & Manufacturing strike.
- Extended shutdowns at GM and Chrysler will drive year-over-year production down 40- to 50% over the next several months. Additional downtime through September probable due to bankruptcies.

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



- Supply chain to be stressed amid Chrysler bankruptcy and an imminent filing by GM.
- Swift bankruptcy resolution of Chrysler and pending GM bankruptcies will not bolster short-term output due to inventory levels.
- Market fundamentals remain poor for manufacturers to resume increased build.
- Broad based weakness impacting all manufacturers, Detroit most vulnerable.

Light Vehicle Production (units in millions)	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	YTD	2008	2007
US Total (SAAR)	4.57	4.78	4.92	4.54	8.55	10.56
Autos	1.65	1.85	1.84	1.69	3.78	3.92
Light Trucks	2.92	2.92	3.08	2.85	4.76	6.63
US (NSA)	0.39	0.46	0.43	1.55	8.50	10.55
North America (SAAR)	7.07	7.51	7.79	6.99	12.64	15.10

Light Vehicle Production (Y/Y %)	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	YTD	2008	2007
US Total (SAAR)	-54.40%	-47.60%	-40.80%	-51.40%	-19.00%	-3.20%
Autos	-57.50%	-52.30%	-48.20%	-55.60%	-3.60%	-10.30%
Light Trucks	-52.50%	-44.10%	-35.20%	-48.50%	-28.20%	1.60%
US (NSA)	-56.20%	-39.00%	-45.90%	-52.30%	-19.40%	-2.80%
North America (SAAR)	-53.30%	-36.40%	-44.40%	-49.50%	-16.30%	-1.80%