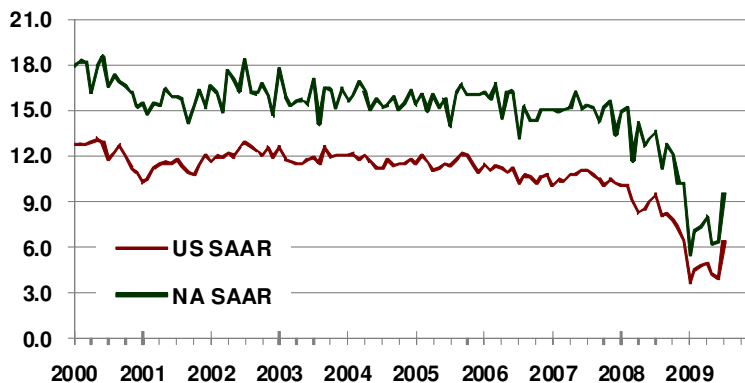


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CSM Worldwide, the leading provider of market intelligence and forecasting to the automotive industry, announces the August 2009 CSM Automotive Production Barometer™. Released in advance of existing sources of information, this service provides an 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 production in July ended down 32.40% from year ago levels to 6.38m units produced on a SAAR basis, the highest output rate of the year.
- North American light vehicle production in July 2009 is down 29.80% or 4.05 million units from year ago levels to 9.53 million units produced on a SAAR basis, the highest rate since December 2008.
- With inventory levels corrected and dwindling due to the CARS (Car Allowance Rebate System) program, output in July increased 60% and 49% respectively in the US and North American from June.
- The addition funding of the CARS program in addition to already depleted inventory levels necessitate production levels increasing upwards of 45% higher than level experienced in 1H 2009.

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



- Supply chain to be stressed to fulfill sharp production increases in 2H 2009.
- Small- and mid-size vehicles beneficiaries of CARS program and increased production.
- CARS program expected to burn through \$2b funding by end of 3Q 2009.
- 2H 2009 production forecast to be 45% higher than 1H 2009 output levels.

| Light Vehicle Production (units in millions) | May-09 | Jun-09 | Jul-09 | YTD | 2008 | 2007 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|------|-------|-------|
| US Total (SAAR) | 4.19 | 3.98 | 6.38 | 4.58 | 8.55 | 10.56 |
| Autos | 1.82 | 1.82 | 2.33 | 1.80 | 3.78 | 3.92 |
| Light Trucks | 2.37 | 2.16 | 4.05 | 2.78 | 4.76 | 6.63 |
| US (NSA) | 0.35 | 0.37 | 0.37 | 2.64 | 8.50 | 10.55 |
| North America (SAAR) | 6.19 | 6.39 | 9.53 | 7.06 | 12.64 | 15.10 |

| Light Vehicle Production (Y/Y %) | May-09 | Jun-09 | Jul-09 | YTD | 2008 | 2007 |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| US Total (SAAR) | -51.10% | -55.90% | -32.40% | -50.10% | -19.00% | -3.20% |
| Autos | -50.80% | -52.30% | -48.00% | -53.50% | -3.60% | -10.30% |
| Light Trucks | -51.20% | -58.50% | -18.30% | -47.70% | -28.20% | 1.60% |
| US (NSA) | -53.60% | -53.80% | -32.80% | -50.60% | -19.40% | -2.80% |
| North America (SAAR) | -51.40% | -51.40% | -29.80% | -48.00% | -16.30% | -1.80% |