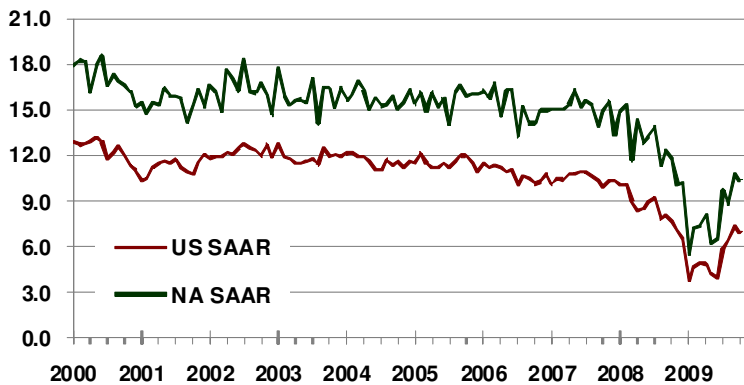


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CSM Worldwide, the leading provider of market intelligence and forecasting to the automotive industry, announces the September 2009 CSM Automotive Production Barometer™. Released in advance of existing sources of information, this service provides 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 October ended down 8.60% from year ago levels at 6.99m units produced on a SAAR basis.
- North American light vehicle production in October 2009 is down 11.20% from year ago levels to 10.43 million units produced on a SAAR basis.
- Though down from September levels, production rates in the US and North America continue to increase following the first half inventory reduction.
- US sales in October reached their highest, non-stimulus levels of the year providing support for continued strength in production schedules for the remainder of the year.

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



- Supply chain could be stressed to fulfill sharp production increases in 2H 2009.
- CARS program exhausts vehicle inventory levels necessitating stronger output.
- Increased build plans across automakers are planned in the coming months.
- Demand expected to fall to pre-CARS level, possible inventory issue in late-4Q.

Light Vehicle Production (units in millions)	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	YTD	2008	2007
US Total (SAAR)	6.45	7.36	6.99	5.33	8.55	10.56
Autos	2.58	2.91	2.93	2.15	3.78	3.92
Light Trucks	3.88	4.45	4.06	3.18	4.76	6.63
US (NSA)	0.54	0.65	0.66	4.49	8.50	10.55
North America (SAAR)	8.84	10.78	10.43	8.08	12.64	15.10

Light Vehicle Production (Y/Y %)	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	YTD	2008	2007
US Total (SAAR)	-17.90%	-8.80%	-8.60%	-39.10%	-19.00%	-3.20%
Autos	-35.30%	-25.80%	-20.50%	-44.40%	-3.60%	-10.30%
Light Trucks	-0.10%	7.40%	2.50%	-34.90%	-28.20%	1.60%
US (NSA)	-19.60%	-10.50%	-11.80%	-40.10%	-19.40%	-2.80%
North America (SAAR)	-21.80%	-12.40%	-11.20%	-38.20%	-16.30%	-1.80%