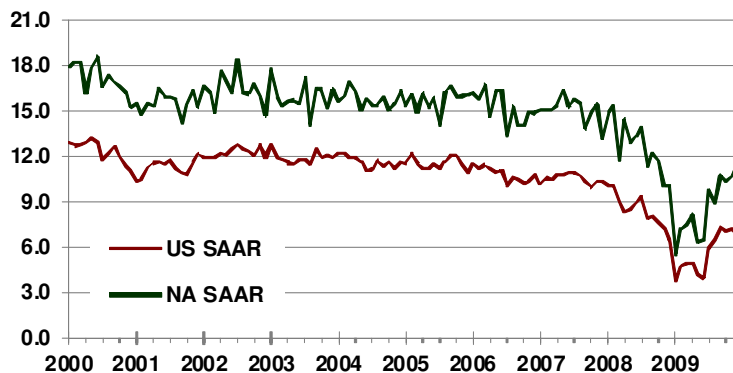


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CSM Worldwide, the leading provider of market intelligence and forecasting to the automotive industry, announces the December 2009 CSM Automotive Production Barometer™. Released in advance of existing sources of information, this service provides an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

- Despite a short work month, US light vehicle production in December increased 6.10% from year ago levels with 6.89 million units produced on a SAAR basis.
- North American light vehicle production in December 2009 increased 14.10% from year ago levels to 11.42 million units produced on a SAAR basis, the highest level since October 2008.
- US production ended 2009 down 33.90% with 5.60 million units produced while regional output declined 32.20% with 8.55 million units produced in North America, the lowest level since 1961.
- Production rates in the US and throughout North America continue to increase as vehicle demand improves with inventory remains light for some manufacturers and vehicle lines.

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



- Supply chain could be stressed to fulfill production increases during 2010.
- Automakers building to demand levels, few overbuild scenarios currently exist.
- Increased build plans across automakers are planned in the coming months.
- Continued strength in production schedules through 1Q 2010 with January build rates expected to be double year ago levels.

Light Vehicle Production (units in millions)	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	2009	2008	2007
US Total (SAAR)	7.00	7.23	6.89	5.60	8.55	10.56
Autos	2.93	2.78	2.70	2.24	3.78	3.92
Light Trucks	4.06	4.45	4.19	3.36	4.76	6.63
US (NSA)	0.66	0.59	0.51	5.59	8.50	10.55
North America (SAAR)	10.41	10.70	11.42	8.55	12.64	15.10

Light Vehicle Production (Y/Y %)	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	2009	2008	2007
US Total (SAAR)	-8.50%	1.20%	6.10%	-33.90%	-19.00%	-3.20%
Autos	-20.40%	-16.80%	-8.40%	-40.40%	-3.60%	-10.30%
Light Trucks	2.50%	17.00%	18.30%	-28.70%	-28.20%	1.60%
US (NSA)	-11.70%	12.90%	8.20%	-34.10%	-19.40%	-2.80%
North America (SAAR)	-11.10%	7.00%	14.10%	-32.20%	-16.30%	-1.80%