

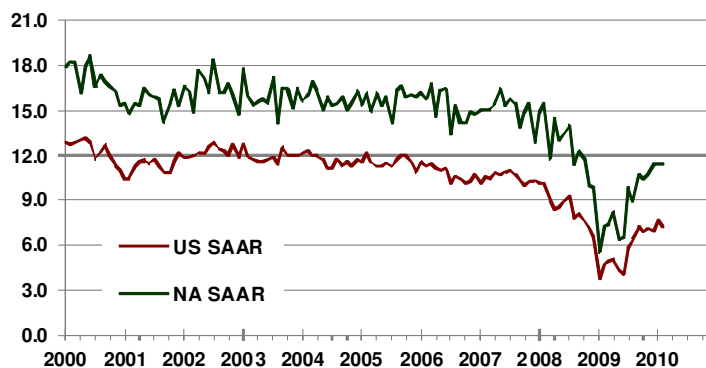
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## CSM APB

CSM Worldwide, the leading provider of market intelligence and forecasting to the automotive industry, announces the February 2010 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 February 2010 increased 53.10% with 7.20 million units produced on a SAAR basis, the highest level since October 2008.
- North American light vehicle production in February 2010 increased 58.50% from a year ago with 11.49 million units produced on a SAAR basis also the highest output level since October 2008.
- Strong build rates in February 2010 follow a virtual shutdown a year ago as manufacturers slowed production rates to adjust for inventory levels that extended throughout the first half of 2009.
- Production rates in the US and throughout North America are expected to remain at or near current levels as manufacturers continue to keep pace with increasing demand.

### 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.

Light Vehicle Production (units in millions)	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	YTD	2009	2008
US Total (SAAR)	6.97	7.67	7.20	7.41	5.61	8.49
Autos	2.81	2.86	2.97	2.92	2.25	3.78
Light Trucks	4.17	4.81	4.23	4.50	3.35	4.72
US (NSA)	0.52	0.52	0.52	1.15	5.61	8.49
North America (SAAR)	11.41	11.40	11.49	11.44	8.58	12.62

Light Vehicle Production (Y/Y %)	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	YTD	2009	2008
US Total (SAAR)	7.30%	103.10%	53.10%	73.70%	-34.00%	-19.50%
Autos	-4.90%	107.50%	73.80%	88.50%	-40.40%	-3.80%
Light Trucks	17.40%	100.70%	41.20%	65.30%	-28.90%	-28.80%
US (NSA)	10.20%	103.20%	51.40%	73.00%	-34.00%	-19.50%
North America (SAAR)	16.80%	106.60%	58.50%	78.40%	-32.10%	-16.30%