Light-Duty Automotive Technology, Carbon Dioxide Emissions, and Fuel Economy Trends: 1975 Through 2015

Trends

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1 Introduction

This report is the authoritative reference for tailpipe carbon dioxide (CO_2) emissions, fuel economy, and powertrain technology trends for ***new*** personal vehicles in the United States. The detailed data supporting this report were obtained by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), directly from automobile manufacturers, to support implementation of EPA's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) programs. These data have been collected and maintained by EPA since 1975, and comprise the most comprehensive database of its kind. This report (the ***"Trends report"***) has been published annually since 1975 and covers all passenger cars, sport utility vehicles, minivans, and all but the largest pickup trucks and vans.

Trends is the authoritative reference for CO_2 emissions, fuel economy, and technology trends in the automotive industry from MY 1975-2015.

Data for model years (MY) 1975 through 2014 are final*.* These data are submitted to the EPA and NHTSA at the conclusion of the model year and include actual production data and the results of emission and fuel economy testing performed by the manufacturers and EPA. ***Data for MY 2015 are preliminary*** and based on projected production data provided to EPA by automakers prior to MY 2015 sales. The uncertainty in these projections is magnified this year as U.S. gasoline prices decreased significantly in the fall of 2014. MY 2015 values will be finalized in next year's report. All data in this report is based on production volumes delivered for sale in the U.S. by model year, and may vary from publicized data based on calendar year sales.

For the first time, because of increasing production, ***data from alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) are integrated into the overall database, beginning with MY 2011 data***. These vehicles include electric vehicles, plug in hybrids, and compressed natural gas vehicles.

New this year:

- ***Added Alternative Fueled Vehicles (AFVs) into the majority of analysis***
- ***Updated Hyundai and Kia data and included both in manufacturer specific tables with the conclusion of the fuel economy investigation***
- ***Removed Volkswagen from rows of manufacturer specific tables due to pending investigation***

The EPA and U.S. Department of Justice announced a settlement with Hyundai and Kia to resolve alleged Clean Air Act violations. Accordingly, EPA has updated some CO_2 emissions and fuel economy data contained in the Trends report, and ***Hyundai and Kia have been added back into all manufacturer specific tables***.

It is important to note that EPA has issued notices of violation to Volkswagen alleging that certain MY 2009-2016 diesel vehicles are in violation of the Clean Air Act for excess oxides of nitrogen emissions (see www.epa.gov/vw). In this report, EPA uses the CO_2 emissions and fuel economy data from the initial certification of these vehicles. Should the investigation and corrective actions yield different CO_2 and fuel economy data, the revised data will be used in future reports.

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Unless noted, the CO_2 emissions and fuel economy values in this report are expressed as ***adjusted*** values, which represent EPA's best estimate of ***real world*** tailpipe CO_2 emissions and fuel consumption. This report does ***not*** provide formal compliance values for either GHG emissions or CAFE standards, which are based on ***unadjusted, laboratory*** values as well as various credits. Because the methodology for determining unadjusted, laboratory values has remained largely unchanged over the course of this report, these values are occasionally presented to provide a better metric for comparing trends in vehicle design over time.

Type of CO_2 and Fuel Economy Data	Purpose	City/Highway Weighting	Test Basis
Adjusted	Best estimate of real world performance	43%/57%	5-cycle
Unadjusted, Laboratory	Basis for automaker compliance with standards	55%/45%	2-cycle

Adjusted CO_2 emissions values are, on average, about 25% higher than unadjusted CO_2 values, and adjusted fuel economy values are about 20% lower than unadjusted fuel economy values.

The CO_2 emissions and fuel economy data in this report are generated from formal EPA test procedures and reflect the sum of the vehicle tailpipe emissions of CO_2, carbon monoxide, and hydrocarbons, with the latter two converted to equivalent CO_2 levels on a mass basis. Most of the data in this report reflect arithmetic production-weighted averages of individual CO_2 emissions values and harmonic production-weighted averages of individual fuel economy values. Since major methodological changes are generally propagated backwards through the historical database in order to maintain the integrity of long-term trends, this report supersedes previous versions in the series and should not be compared to past reports. See Section 10 for a detailed methodological explanation of fuel economy and CO_2 values and calculations throughout the historical database.

For more information:

- ***EPA's "Manufacturer Performance Report for the 2014 Model Year" :***
  epa.gov/otaq/climate/ghg-report.htm
- ***NHTSA's CAFE Public Information Center:***
  http://www.nhtsa.gov/CAFE_PIC

2 Fleetwide Trends Overview

This section provides an overview of important fleetwide data for MY 1975-2015, including a reference table for CO_2 emissions, fuel economy, and several other key parameters. Fleetwide refers to the production-weighted analysis of ***new*** vehicles produced for the U.S. fleet. For the first time in this year's report, alternative fuel vehicle data is integrated with data for gasoline vehicles (which has always included conventional gasoline hybrids and flexible fuel vehicles assumed to be operated on gasoline) and diesel vehicles. CO_2 emissions from alternative fuel vehicles represent tailpipe emissions, while fuel economy for alternative fuel vehicles is reported as miles per gallon of gasoline equivalent, or mpge, the miles an alternative fuel vehicle can travel on an amount of energy equivalent to that in a gallon of gasoline. Unless otherwise noted, all CO_2 emissions and fuel economy data are adjusted values that reflect real world performance, and are not comparable to unadjusted, laboratory values that are the basis for EPA GHG emissions and NHTSA CAFE standards compliance. Subsequent sections of the report analyze the Trends data in more detail.

A. Overview of Final MY 2014 Data

Table 2.1 shows that the fleetwide average real world CO_2 emissions rate for new vehicles produced in MY 2014 is 366 grams per mile (g/mi), the same as in MY 2013. The MY 2014 fuel economy value is 24.3 miles per gallon (mpg), also unchanged from MY 2013. These MY 2014 values, which match the all-time record low for CO_2 emissions and record high for fuel economy first achieved in MY 2013, are based on final data. Over the last ten years, CO_2 emissions and fuel economy have improved eight times and worsened once.

Truck production share of the overall personal vehicle market increased by 5 percentage points in MY 2014. Car-truck production share has been very volatile in recent years, and has had significant impacts on other parameters. Average personal vehicle weight increased by 57 pounds (1.4%) in MY 2014 to 4060 pounds. Average power increased by 4 horsepower (1.8%) to 230 horsepower, matching the all-time high first reached in MY 2011. Average vehicle footprint increased by 0.6 square feet (1.2%) to 49.7 square feet, the highest level since we began collecting footprint data in MY 2008.

Tables 3.4.1 and 3.4.2, shown later in this report, disaggregate the data in Table 2.1 for the individual car and truck fleets, respectively, for MY 1975-2015.

B. Overview of Preliminary MY 2015 Data

Preliminary MY 2015 adjusted values are 360 g/mi CO_2 emissions and 24.7 mpg fuel economy, which, if achieved, will represent record levels and an improvement over MY 2014. The preliminary MY 2015 data suggest that truck production share will remain essentially unchanged, with relatively small changes in vehicle weight, power, and footprint.

We caution the reader about focusing on these preliminary MY 2015 values, even more than normal. The production estimates for these values were provided to EPA by automakers in

2014, and there is always uncertainty associated with such projections. This uncertainty is magnified this year as U.S. gasoline prices decreased dramatically in the fall of 2014, and trade press reports suggest that there has been some change in consumer purchases since that time. Final values for MY 2015, based on actual production values, will be published in next year's report.

Table 2.1

Adjusted CO_2 Emissions, Adjusted Fuel Economy, and Key Parameters by Model Year[1]

Model Year	Production (000)	Adj CO_2 (g/mi)	Adj Fuel Economy (MPG)	Weight (lb)	HP	Footprint (sq ft)	Car Production	Truck Production	Alternative Fuel Vehicle Share of Production
1975	10,224	681	13.1	4060	137	-	80.7%	19.3%	-
1976	12,334	625	14.2	4079	135	-	78.9%	21.1%	-
1977	14,123	590	15.1	3982	136	-	80.1%	19.9%	-
1978	14,448	562	15.8	3715	129	-	77.5%	22.5%	-
1979	13,882	560	15.9	3655	124	-	77.9%	22.1%	-
1980	11,306	466	19.2	3228	104	-	83.5%	16.5%	-
1981	10,554	436	20.5	3202	102	-	82.8%	17.2%	-
1982	9,732	425	21.1	3202	103	-	80.5%	19.5%	-
1983	10,302	426	21.0	3257	107	-	78.0%	22.0%	-
1984	14,020	424	21.0	3262	109	-	76.5%	23.5%	-
1985	14,460	417	21.3	3271	114	-	75.2%	24.8%	-
1986	15,365	407	21.8	3238	114	-	72.1%	27.9%	-
1987	14,865	405	22.0	3221	118	-	72.8%	27.2%	-
1988	15,295	407	21.9	3283	123	-	70.9%	29.1%	-
1989	14,453	415	21.4	3351	129	-	70.1%	29.9%	-
1990	12,615	420	21.2	3426	135	-	70.4%	29.6%	-
1991	12,573	418	21.3	3410	138	-	69.6%	30.4%	-
1992	12,172	427	20.8	3512	145	-	68.6%	31.4%	-
1993	13,211	426	20.9	3519	147	-	67.6%	32.4%	0.0%
1994	14,125	436	20.4	3603	152	-	61.9%	38.1%	0.0%
1995	15,145	434	20.5	3613	158	-	63.5%	36.5%	0.0%
1996	13,144	435	20.4	3659	164	-	62.2%	37.8%	0.0%
1997	14,458	441	20.2	3727	169	-	60.1%	39.9%	0.0%
1998	14,456	442	20.1	3744	171	-	58.3%	41.7%	0.0%
1999	15,215	451	19.7	3835	179	-	58.3%	41.7%	0.0%
2000	16,571	450	19.8	3821	181	-	58.8%	41.2%	0.0%
2001	15,605	453	19.6	3879	187	-	58.6%	41.4%	0.0%
2002	16,115	457	19.5	3951	195	-	55.2%	44.8%	0.0%
2003	15,773	454	19.6	3999	199	-	53.9%	46.1%	0.0%
2004	15,709	461	19.3	4111	211	-	52.0%	48.0%	0.0%
2005	15,892	447	19.9	4059	209	-	55.6%	44.4%	0.0%
2006	15,104	442	20.1	4067	213	-	57.9%	42.1%	0.0%
2007	15,276	431	20.6	4093	217	-	58.9%	41.1%	0.0%
2008	13,898	424	21.0	4085	219	48.9	59.3%	40.7%	0.0%
2009	9,316	397	22.4	3914	208	48.1	67.0%	33.0%	0.0%
2010	11,116	394	22.6	4001	214	48.5	62.8%	37.2%	0.0%
2011	12,018	397	22.4	4126	230	49.5	57.8%	42.2%	0.1%
2012	13,448	375	23.7	3979	222	48.8	64.4%	35.6%	0.4%
2013	15,198	366	24.3	4003	226	49.1	64.1%	35.9%	0.7%
2014	15,512	366	24.3	4060	230	49.7	59.3%	40.7%	0.7%
2015 (prelim)	*-*	*360*	*24.7*	*4076*	*233*	*49.9*	*59.6%*	*40.4%*	*1.1%*

[1] Adjusted CO*2* and fuel economy values reflect real world performance and are not comparable to automaker standards compliance levels. Adjusted CO*2* values are, on average, about 25% higher than the unadjusted, laboratory CO*2* values that form the starting point for GHG standards compliance, and adjusted fuel economy values are about 20% lower, on average, than unadjusted fuel economy values.

C. Overview of Long-Term Trends

While the most recent annual changes often receive the most public attention, the greatest value of the Trends database is to document long-term trends. This is because: 1) year-to-year variability can reflect short-term trends (two examples are the Cash for Clunkers rebates in 2009 and the impact of the tsunami aftermath on Japan-based manufacturers in 2011) that may not be meaningful from a long-term perspective, and 2) the magnitude of year-to-year changes in annual CO_2 emissions and fuel economy tend to be small relative to longer, multi-year trends.

Figures 2.1 and 2.2 show fleetwide adjusted CO_2 emissions and fuel economy from Table 2.1 for MY 1975-2015. For both figures, the individual data points represent annual values, and the curves represent 3-year moving averages (where each year represents the average of that model year, the model year prior, and the model year following, e.g., the value for MY 2014 represents the average of MY 2013-2015) which "smooth out" the year-to-year volatility. The two curves are essentially inversely proportional to each other, i.e., vehicle tailpipe CO_2 emissions (grams per mile) are proportional to fuel consumption (gallons per mile), which is the reciprocal of fuel economy (miles per gallon).

Figure 2.1

Adjusted CO_2 Emissions by Model Year

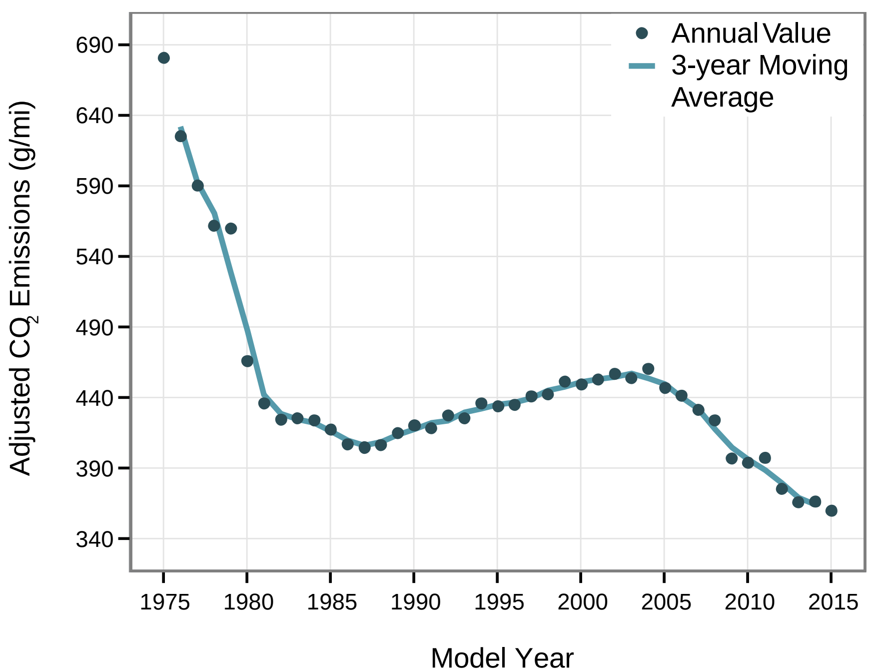
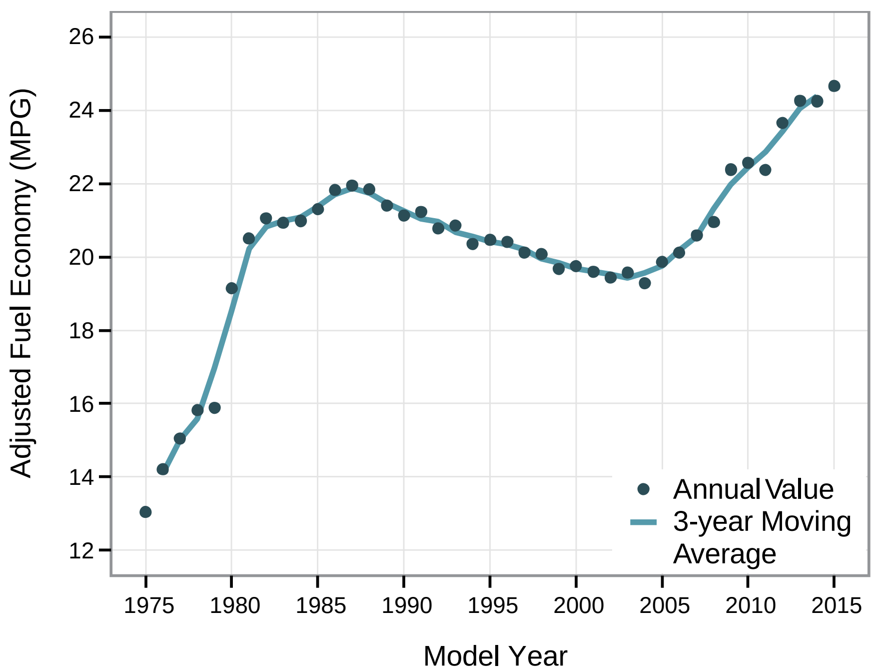


Figure 2.2

Adjusted Fuel Economy by Model Year



These two figures show that fleetwide adjusted CO_2 emissions and fuel economy have undergone four clearly defined phases since 1975.

Long-Term CO_2 Emissions and Fuel Economy Phases:

- ***Rapid improvements from MY 1975 through MY 1981, with fleet-wide adjusted CO_2 emissions decreasing by 36% and fuel economy increasing by 56% over those six years***
- ***Slower improvements from MY 1982 through MY 1987***
- ***A slow, but steady reversal of improvements from MY 1988 through MY 2004, with CO_2 emissions increasing by 14% and fuel economy decreasing by 12%, even as technology innovation continued to evolve***
- ***A very favorable trend beginning in MY 2005, with annual CO_2 emissions and fuel economy improvements in eight of the ten individual years, and with CO_2 emissions decreasing by 21% and fuel economy increasing by 26% since MY 2004***

Figure 2.3 shows fleetwide adjusted fuel economy, weight, and horsepower data for MY 1975-2015 from Table 2.1. All of the data in Figure 2.3 are presented as percentage changes since 1975. Vehicle weight and horsepower are critical vehicle attributes in that higher values, other things being equal, generally increase CO_2 emissions and decrease fuel economy.

Figure 2.3

Change in Adjusted Fuel Economy, Weight, and Horsepower Since 1975

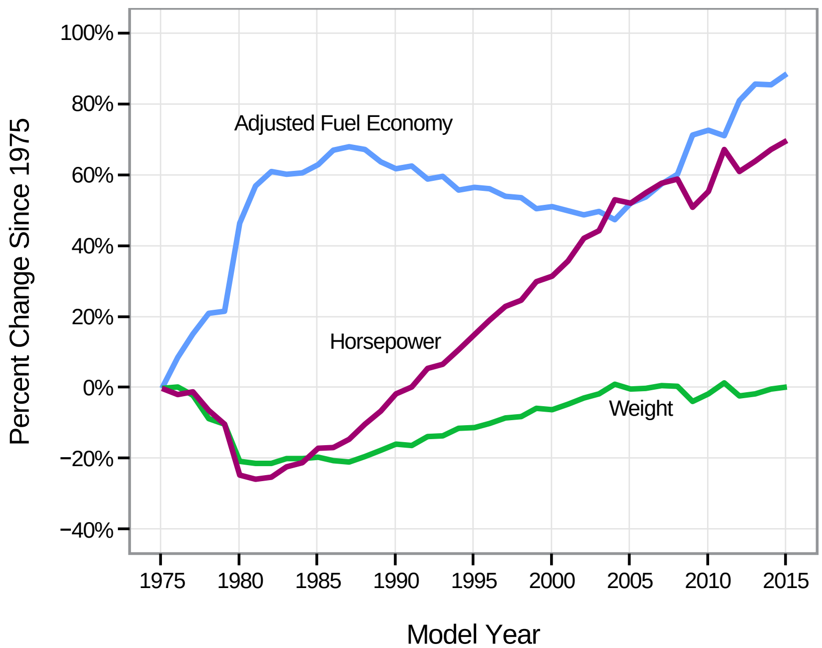


Figure 2.3 shows some very significant long-term trends. Both average vehicle weight and horsepower decreased in the late 1970s as fuel economy increased. During the two decades from the mid-1980s to the mid-2000s, vehicle weight and horsepower rose consistently and significantly, while fleetwide fuel economy slowly and steadily decreased. It is clear from Figure 2.3 that the considerable technology innovation during these two decades, on a fleet-wide basis, supported attributes such as vehicle weight and power (and associated utility functions such as vehicle size, acceleration performance, safety features and content), but did not improve fuel economy. Since MY 2005, new automotive technology has improved both fuel economy and power, while keeping vehicle weight relatively constant. As a result, recent vehicles have greater acceleration performance, higher fuel economy, and lower CO_2 emissions.

Table 2.1 also shows data for vehicle footprint. Footprint is a critical vehicle attribute since it is the basis for current and future GHG emissions and fuel economy standards. The Trends database includes footprint data from informal, external sources beginning in MY 2008, but because formal footprint data has only been provided by automakers since MY 2011, it is impossible to discern any long-term footprint trends at this time. Average footprint fluctuated between MY 2008 and MY 2012, increased in MY 2013 and MY 2014, and is projected to increase again in MY 2015.

Table 2.1 does not include 0-to-60 time acceleration data, which are not provided by automakers and are calculated by EPA using equations from the literature. See Section 3.D for 0-to-60 acceleration time projections, as well as for more detail on weight, horsepower, and footprint data.

Table 2.1 also shows that truck share increased consistently from 1980 through 2004. The truck share increases from 1988 through 2004 were a critical underlying factor in the increase in fleetwide weight and power discussed above, as well as in the higher fleetwide CO_2 emissions and lower fleetwide fuel economy over that same period. Since 2004, truck share has been volatile, affected by factors such as the economic recession of 2009, the Car Allowance Rebate System (also known as Cash for Clunkers) in 2009, and the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan in 2011. For more data and discussion of relative car/truck production share, as well as data for the separate car and truck fleets, see Section 3.

Table 2.2 shows a comparison, for fuel economy and several other key attributes, of final MY 2014 data with MY 2008 and MY 2004 data.

MY 2008 is selected for comparison for three reasons: 1) several years provide a sufficient time to see meaningful multi-year trends, 2) it preceded a multi-year period of variability beginning in MY 2009, and 3) there have only been relatively minor changes in key vehicle attributes that influence fuel economy in the six years that followed. From MY 2008 to MY 2014, weight decreased by 0.6% (which would be expected to result in a very slight increase in fuel economy, other things being equal), while horsepower increased by 5.0% and footprint increased by 1.6% (both of which would be expected to result in a decrease in fuel economy). Fuel economy, on the other hand, increased by 3.3 mpg, or 16%, from MY 2008 to MY 2014.

MY 2004 is shown in Table 2.2 primarily because it is the "valley year," i.e., it is the year with the lowest adjusted fuel economy since MY 1980 and therefore now represents a 34-year low. As with the comparison of MY 2008 and MY 2014 above, the changes in weight and horsepower from MY 2004 to MY 2014 have gone in opposite directions—weight has decreased by 1.2% and horsepower has increased by 9.0%. We do not have footprint data for MY 2004. From MY 2004 to MY 2014, fuel economy has increased by 5.0 mpg, or 26%.

The fuel economy increases of 16% since MY 2008 and 26% since MY 2004 are the largest of the last 30 years. As shown in Table 2.1, the only other period with a greater and more rapid fuel economy increase was from MY 1975 through MY 1981, driven by higher oil and gasoline prices and the initial CAFE standards.

Table 2.2 also shows fuel savings that would accrue to consumers who owned and operated average MY 2014 vehicles relative to MY 2008 and MY 2004 vehicles. Table 2.2 is based on the assumptions used to generate the 5-year savings/cost values shown on current Fuel Economy and Environment Labels: consumer operates the new vehicle for five years, averaging 15,000 miles per year, gasoline prices of $3.00 per gallon, and no discounting to reflect the time value of money (of course, people can drive more or less miles per year and gasoline prices can vary significantly). As shown in Table 2.2, the 3.3 mpg increase in average fuel economy from MY 2008 to MY 2014 would save a typical consumer $1500 over five years, and the 5.0 mpg increase from MY 2004 to MY 2014 would save the same consumer $2400.

Table 2.2

Comparison of MY 2014 with MY 2008 and MY 2004*

MY 2014 Relative to MY 2008

Adjusted Fuel Economy		5-Year Fuel Savings	Weight	Horsepower	Footprint
+3.3 MPG	+16%	$1,500	-0.6%	+5.0%	+1.6%

MY 2014 Relative to MY 2004

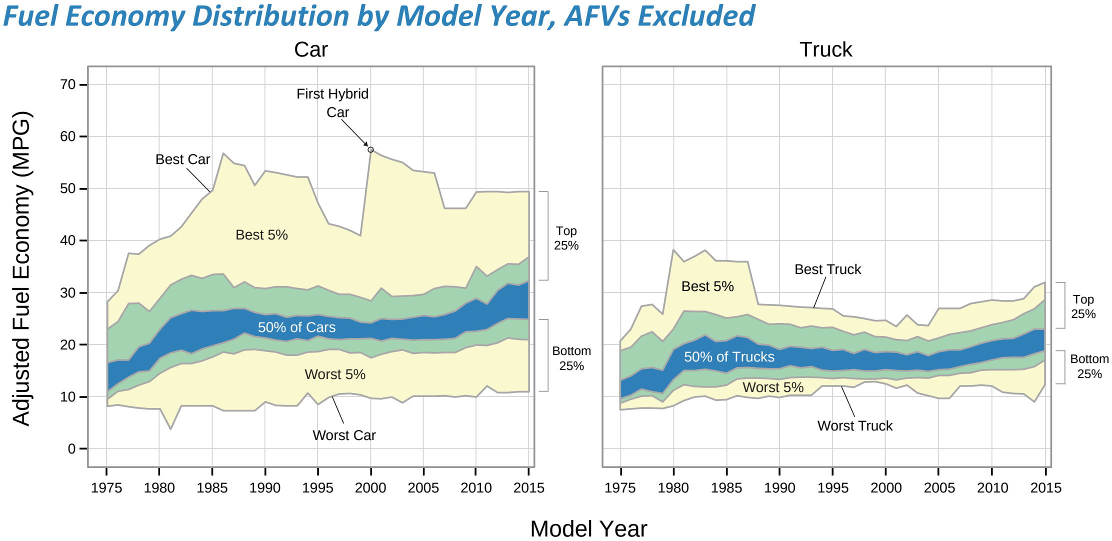
Adjusted Fuel Economy		5-Year Fuel Savings	Weight	Horsepower	Footprint
+5.0 MPG	+26%	$2,400	-1.2%	+9.0%	-

*Note: some of the % values in this table may differ slightly from calculations based on the absolute values in Table 2.1 due to rounding.

Figure 2.4 shows the production-weighted distribution of adjusted fuel economy by model year, for gasoline (including conventional hybrids) and diesel vehicles. Alternative fuel vehicles are excluded as they would otherwise dominate this list as many achieve 100 mpge or greater. It is important to note that the methodology used in this report for calculating adjusted fuel economy values has changed over time (see Section 10 for a detailed explanation). For example, the adjusted fuel economy for a 1980s vehicle in the Trends database is somewhat higher than it would be if the same vehicle were being produced today as the methodology for calculating adjusted values has changed over time to reflect real world vehicle operation. These changes are small for most vehicles, but larger for extremely high fuel economy vehicles. For example, the "Best Car" line in Figure 2.4 for MY 2000 through MY 2006 represents the original Honda Insight hybrid, and the several miles per gallon decrease over that period is primarily due to the change in methodology for adjusted fuel economy values, with just a 1 mpg decrease due to minor vehicle design changes during that time.

Figure 2.4

Adjusted Fuel Economy Distribution by Model Year, AFVs Excluded



Since 1975, half of car production has consistently been within several mpg of each other. The fuel economy difference between the least efficient and most efficient car increased from about 20 mpg in MY 1975 to nearly 50 mpg in MY 1986 (when the most efficient car was the General Motors Sprint ER) and in MY 2000 (when the most efficient car was the original Honda Insight hybrid), and is now about 40 mpg. Hybrids have defined the "Best Car" line since MY 2000. The ratio of the highest-to-lowest fuel economy has increased from about three-to-one in MY 1975 to nearly five-to-one today, as the fuel economy of the least fuel efficient cars has remained roughly constant in comparison to the most fuel efficient cars whose fuel economy has nearly doubled since MY 1975.

The overall fuel economy distribution for trucks is narrower than that for cars, with a peak in the fuel economy of the most efficient truck in the early 1980s when small pickup trucks equipped with diesel engines were sold by Volkswagen and General Motors. As a result, the fuel economy range between the most efficient and least efficient truck peaked at about 25 mpg in the early 1980s. The fuel economy range for trucks then narrowed, and is now about 20 mpg. Like cars, half of the trucks built each year have always been within a few mpg of each year's average fuel economy value.

All of the above data are adjusted, combined city/highway CO_2 emissions and fuel economy values for the combined car and truck fleet. Table 10.1 provides, for the overall car and truck fleets, adjusted and unadjusted, laboratory values for city, highway, and combined city/highway. Appendices B and C provide more detailed data on the distribution of adjusted fuel economy values by model year.

Table 2.3 shows the highest fuel economy gasoline and diesel vehicles for the MY 1975-2014 time frame (while the Trends report database began in MY 1975, we are confident that these are also the highest fuel economy values of all time for mainstream vehicles in the U.S. market). Note that alternative fuel vehicles, such as electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, are excluded from this table (see Section 7 for information on alternative fuel vehicles). See Appendix A for a listing of the highest and lowest fuel economy vehicles, based on unadjusted fuel economy values, for each year since 1975.

<u>Unadjusted, laboratory</u> fuel economy (weighted 55% city/45% highway) values are used to rank vehicles in Table 2.3, since the test procedures and methodology for determining unadjusted, laboratory fuel economy values have remained largely unchanged since 1975. Accordingly, unadjusted, laboratory values provide a more equitable fuel economy metric, from a vehicle design perspective, over the historical time frame, than the adjusted fuel economy values used throughout most of this report, as the latter also reflect changes in real world driving behavior such as speed, acceleration, and use of air conditioning.

For Table 2.3, vehicle models with the same powertrain and essentially marketed as the same vehicle to consumers are shown only once, as are "twins" where very similar vehicle designs are marketed by two or more makes or brands. Models are typically sold for several years before being redesigned, so the convention for models with the same fuel economy for several years is to show MY 2015, if applicable, and otherwise to show the first year when the model achieved its maximum fuel economy. Data are also shown for number of seats and inertia weight class.

Table 2.3

Top Ten Highest Unadjusted, Laboratory Fuel Economy Gasoline/Diesel Vehicles Since 1975

Model Year	Manufacturer	Model	Powertrain	Unadjusted, Laboratory Combined Fuel Economy (MPG)	Number of Seats	Inertia Weight Class (lbs)
2000	Honda	Insight	Gasoline Hybrid	76	2	2000
2015	Toyota	Prius	Gasoline Hybrid	71	5	3500
2015	Toyota	Prius c	Gasoline Hybrid	71	5	2750
2015	Toyota/Lexus	CT 200h	Gasoline Hybrid	71	5	3500
2015	Honda	Accord	Gasoline Hybrid	70	5	4000
1986	GM/Chevrolet	Sprint ER	Conv. Gasoline	67	4	1750
1994	GM/Geo	Metro XFi	Conv. Gasoline	66	4	1750
1986	Honda	Civic CRX HF	Conv. Gasoline	64	2	2000
2015	Honda	Civic	Gasoline Hybrid	64	5	3000
2015	VW	Jetta	Gasoline Hybrid	61	5	3500

As expected, all of the vehicles listed in Table 2.3 are cars. Somewhat more surprisingly, no diesel cars made the list.[2] The top fuel economy vehicle is the MY 2000 Honda Insight, a two-seater that was the first hybrid vehicle sold in the U.S. market. The MY 2000 Insight had an unadjusted, laboratory value of 76 mpg, 5 mpg higher than the MY 2015 Toyota Prius, Prius c, and Lexus CT 200h vehicles, all of which have unadjusted, laboratory fuel economy values of 71 mpg. The MY 2015 Honda Accord hybrid has a 70 mpg unadjusted, laboratory fuel economy value.

Six of the highest ten fuel economy gasoline and diesel vehicles of all time are on the market in MY 2015, and all of these are conventional hybrids. Other than the MY 2000 Insight, also a conventional hybrid, the remaining three vehicles in Table 2.3 are non-hybrid gasoline vehicles from the late 1980s and early 1990s. The non-hybrid vehicle with the highest fuel economy is the 1986 Chevrolet Sprint ER with an unadjusted, laboratory fuel economy of 67 mpg.

One of the most important lessons from Table 2.3 is that there are important differences between the highest fuel economy vehicles of the past and those of today. All of the pre-MY 2015 vehicles in Table 2.3 had 2 or 4 seats, while the MY 2015 vehicles all seat 5 passengers. The older vehicles had inertia weight class values of 1750-2000 pounds, while the MY 2015 vehicles are in inertia weight classes of 2750-4000 pounds, or 1000-2000 pounds heavier.

[2] The most fuel efficient diesel car in the historical Trends database is the Nissan Sentra from the mid-1980s which had an unadjusted, laboratory fuel economy of 56 mpg. The most efficient MY 2015 diesel car is the BMW 328d, which has an unadjusted, laboratory value of 50 mpg.

Though not shown in Table 2.3, the MY 2015 vehicles also have faster acceleration rates and are also required to meet more stringent EPA health-related emissions standards and DOT safety standards than vehicles produced in the earlier model years. One clear conclusion from Table 2.3 is that conventional hybrid technology has enabled manufacturers to offer high fuel economy vehicles with much greater utility, while simultaneously meeting more stringent emissions and safety standards, than the high fuel economy vehicles of the past.

Finally, since all of the vehicles in Table 2.3 are cars, Table 2.4 shows a comparable table for the highest fuel economy gasoline and diesel trucks since MY 1975. The methodological approach for selecting the trucks shown in Table 2.4 is the same as discussed above for cars in Table 2.3. The most fuel efficient gasoline/diesel truck in the historical Trends database is a small Volkswagen diesel pickup truck sold in the early 1980s with an unadjusted, laboratory fuel economy of 45 mpg. Interestingly, this small pickup truck had the same number of seats, and nearly the same inertia weight class, as the most fuel efficient car in Table 2.3, the 2000 Honda Insight. The most fuel efficient trucks are a more diverse mix than the most fuel efficient cars—while all three trucks from the 1980s were small diesels, the seven trucks from recent years include five gasoline hybrids, one diesel, and one conventional gasoline, with inertia weight ratings of 3500-5000 pounds. As shown in Table 2.3 for cars, more efficient powertrain technology in the last few years has enabled automakers to offer high fuel economy trucks with greater seating capacity and inertia weight than the high fuel economy diesel trucks of the early 1980s, while simultaneously meeting more stringent emissions and safety standards.

Table 2.4

Top Ten Highest Unadjusted, Laboratory Fuel Economy Gasoline/Diesel Trucks Since 1975

Model Year	Manufacturer	Model	Powertrain	Unadjusted, Laboratory Combined Fuel Economy (MPG)	Number of Seats	Inertia Weight Class (lbs)
1980	VW	Pickup 2WD	Diesel	45	2	2250
2015	Toyota/Lexus	NX 300h AWD	Gasoline Hybrid	44	5	4500
1982	GM	Pickup 2WD	Diesel	43	2	2750
1983	Grumman Olson	Kubvan	Diesel	42	2	2250
2015	Subaru	XV Crosstrek AWD	Gasoline Hybrid	42	5	3500
2015	BMW	X3 xDrive28d	Diesel	40	5	4500
2010	Ford	Escape	Gasoline Hybrid	39	5	4000
2015	Toyota	Highlander AWD	Gasoline Hybrid	39	8	5000
2015	Toyota/Lexus	RX 450h AWD	Gasoline Hybrid	39	5	5000
2015	Honda	CR-V 4WD	Conv. Gasoline	39	5	3500

3 Vehicle Class, Type, and Attributes

A. Vehicle Class

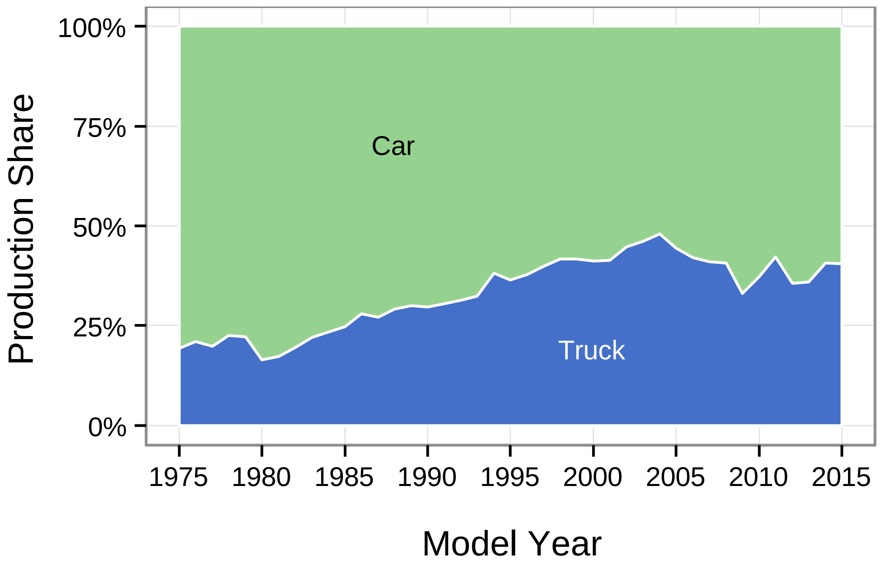
We use "class" to refer to the overall division of light-duty (or personal) vehicles into the two classes of "cars" and "trucks." This car-truck distinction has been recognized since the database was originally created in 1975, though the precise definitions associated with these two classes have changed somewhat over time. Car-truck classification is important both because of functional differences between the design of many cars and trucks, and because there are now separate footprint-based CO_2 emissions and fuel economy standards curves for cars and trucks. The regulatory challenge has been where to draw the line between cars and trucks, and this has evolved over time.

Car and truck classifications in this report are based on the current regulatory definitions used by both EPA and NHTSA for CO_2 emissions and CAFE standards. These current definitions are somewhat different than those used in older versions of this report. The most important change was re-classification of many small and mid-sized, 2-wheel drive sport utility vehicles (SUVs) from the truck category to the car category. As with other such changes in this report, this change has been propagated back throughout the entire historical database. This re-classification reduced the absolute truck share by approximately 10% for recent years. A second change was the inclusion of medium-duty passenger vehicles (MDPVs), those SUVs and passenger vans with gross vehicle weight ratings between 8,500 and 10,000 pounds and which previously had been treated as heavy-duty vehicles, into the light-duty truck category. This is a far less important change, since the number of MDPVs is much smaller than it once was (e.g., only an estimated 6,500 MDPVs were produced for sale in MY 2012). In this report, "cars" include passenger cars and most small and mid-sized, 2 wheel-drive SUVs, while "trucks" include all other SUVs and all minivans and vans, and pickup trucks below 8500 pounds gross vehicle weight rating.

Figure 3.1 shows the car and truck production volume shares using the current car-truck definitions throughout the MY 1975-2015 database.

Figure 3.1

Car and Truck Production Share by Model Year



Truck share was around 20% from MY 1975-1982, and then started to increase steadily through MY 2004, when it peaked at 48%. The truck share increases from MY 1988-2004, a period during which inflation-adjusted gasoline prices remained at or near historical lows, were a critical factor in the increased fleetwide CO_2 emissions and decrease in fleetwide fuel economy over that same period. Since 2004, truck share has been volatile, affected by factors such as the economic recession of 2009, the Car Allowance Rebate System (also known as Cash for Clunkers) in 2009, and the earthquake and tsunami aftermath in Japan in 2011.

The final truck share value for MY 2014 is 41%, a 5 percentage point increase relative to MY 2013 and 7 percentage points lower than the peak truck share of 48% in MY 2004. The preliminary MY 2015 truck market share is projected to decrease slightly to 40%, though this is very uncertain given lower gasoline prices.

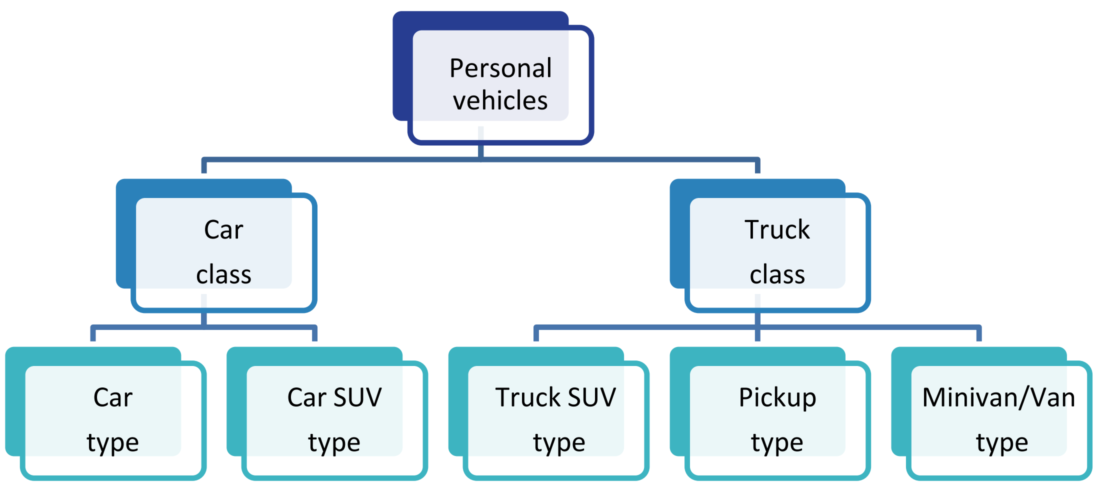
B. Vehicle Type

We use vehicle "type" to refer to secondary divisions within the car and truck classes. Vehicle type is not relevant to standards compliance, as all cars (and, separately, all trucks) use the same footprint-CO_2 emissions and footprint-fuel economy target curves, but we believe that certain vehicle type distinctions are illustrative and meaningful from both vehicle design and marketing perspectives.

This report breaks the car class into two types—cars and car SUVs. The truck class is split into three types—truck SUVs, pickups, and minivans/vans. This is a simpler approach than that used in some older versions of this report.

Figure 3.2

Vehicle Classes and Types Used in This Report

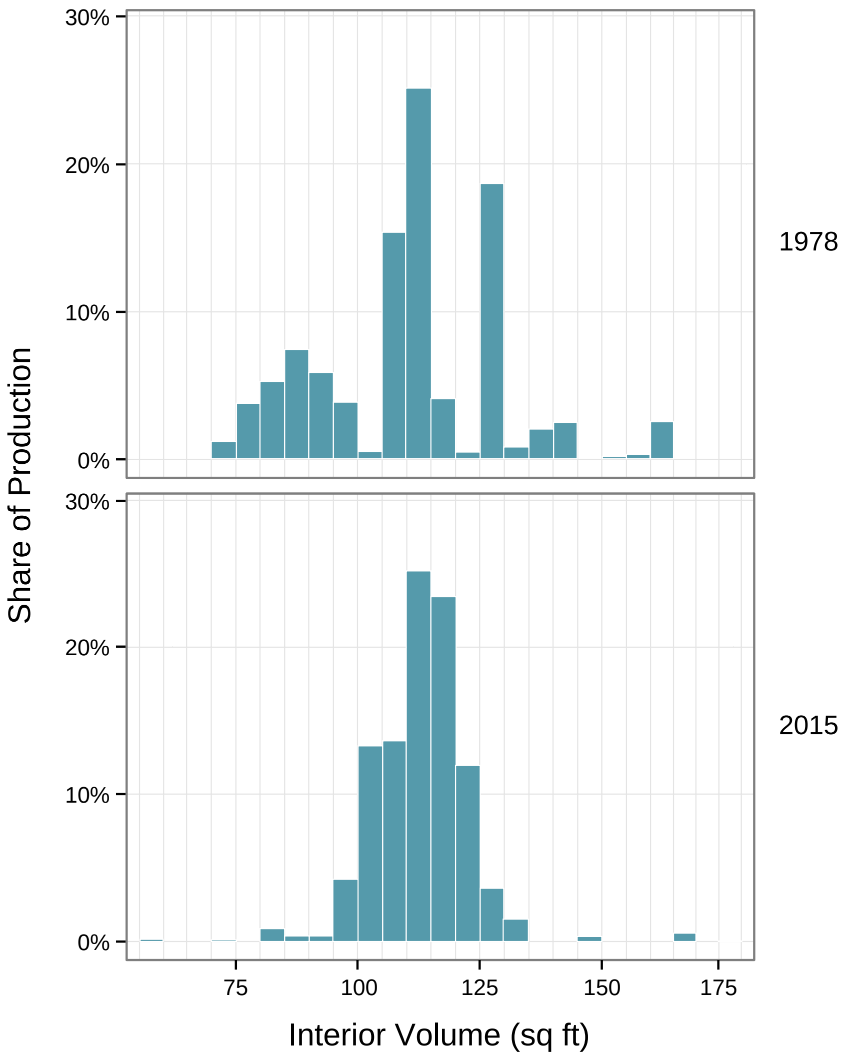


For cars, pre-2013 versions of this report generally divided the car class into as many as 9 types/sizes (Cars, Wagons, and Car SUVs, each further subdivided into small, medium, and large sizes based on interior volume). We no longer use wagons as a car type in this report.

More importantly, we believe that interior volume (the sum of passenger volume and cargo volume, typically measured in cubic feet), the metric that was historically used to differentiate among car type vehicles, is not as informative as it once was. For example, Figure 3.3 shows production share versus interior volume for car type vehicles for two years, MY 1978 and MY 2015, for high-volume manufacturers.

Figure 3.3

Car Type Production Share vs. Interior Volume for High Volume Manufacturers, MY 1978 and MY 2015



The data in Figure 3.3 illustrate the "compression" in the range of interior volumes for car type vehicles since 1978 (each bar represents a band of 5 cubic feet). Two-seater cars are excluded from this figure as automakers do not provide interior volume data for 2-seaters. In MY 1978, there were mainstream car type vehicles on the market with interior volumes ranging from about 70 cubic feet to about 160 cubic feet, with meaningful production volume at both ends of the spectrum. Today, mainstream offerings range from about 80 cubic feet to about 130 cubic feet (some 4-seat cars in the 55-60 cubic feet interior volume range do not show up in this figure due to very low production volume). The compression is even greater when considering production volumes. We reviewed the data for one high-volume make that offered seven car type models in MY 2012. The interior volume of these seven models ranged from 97-124 cubic feet, with 75% of sales within a very narrow interior volume range of 104-111 cubic feet, and about 50% of production (representing 3 models) with essentially the same interior volume (110-111 cubic feet).

Accordingly, we believe that interior volume is no longer very useful as a differentiator among car type vehicles in the Trends database. We believe that vehicle footprint is a more appropriate indicator of car size because it is the basis for both CO_2 emissions and fuel economy standards (and it is relevant to both cars and trucks). Interior volume data for car type vehicles will still be included in the Trends database.

This report divides the car class into two types: 1) a car SUV type for those SUVs that do not meet the light truck definition and thus must meet the car GHG emissions and fuel economy standards, and 2) a car type for all other vehicles in the car class, including the fueleconomy.gov designations of minicompact, subcompact, compact, midsize, large, two-seater cars, and station wagons. For propagating back in the historical database, station wagons are generally allocated to the car type.

For trucks, pre-2013 versions of this report divided the truck class into 9 types/sizes (SUVs, Pickups, and Vans (including minivans), each further subdivided into small, medium, and large sizes based on vehicle wheelbase). This report retains the three historical truck types because we believe that there continue to be meaningful functional and marketing differences between truck SUVs (those SUVs that must meet the truck GHG emissions and fuel economy standards), pickups, and minivans/vans. See Section 10 for the definitions for SUVs, pickups, minivans, and vans and for more information about car-truck classifications. We use engineering judgment to allocate the very small number of special purpose vehicles (as designated on fuel economy.gov) to the three truck types.

It is important to note that this report no longer uses wheelbase to differentiate between truck type sizes. The rationale for this change, similar to that for car interior volume above, is that the wheelbase metric is not as informative as it once was. For example, under the wheelbase thresholds that were used in the 2012 report, 99% of MY 2011 pickups were "large" and 99% of MY 2011 minivans/vans were "medium." In addition, wheelbase is one of the two factors that comprise vehicle footprint (wheelbase times average track width).

Figure 3.4 shows the car and truck production volume shares for MY 1975-2015, subdivided into the two car types and three truck types. Table 3.1 shows the same data in tabular form.

Figure 3.4

Vehicle Type Production Share by Model Year

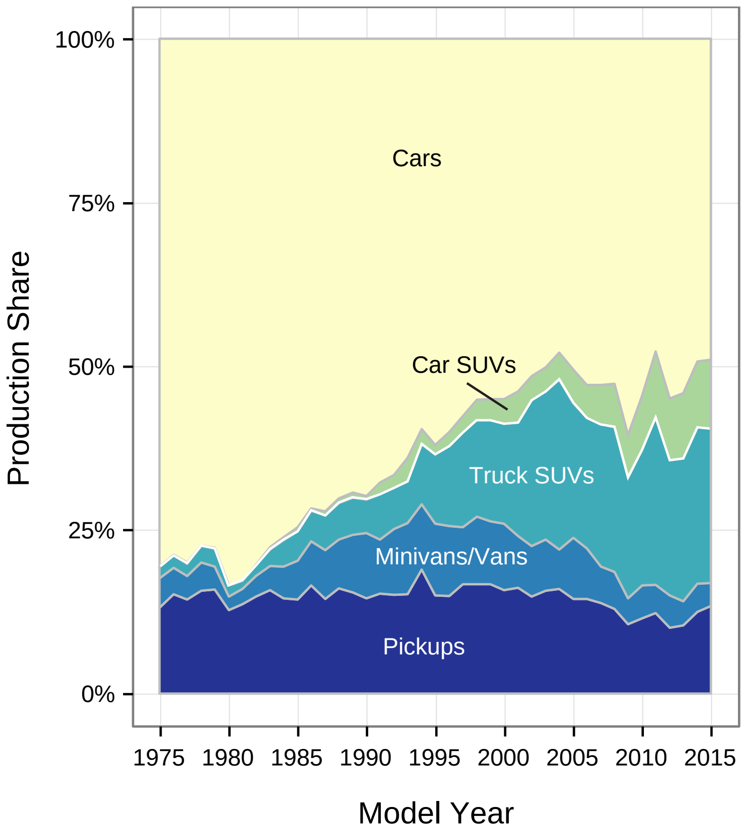


Table 3.1

Vehicle Type Production Share by Model Year

Model Year	Cars	Car SUVs	All Cars	Truck SUVs	Pickups	Minivans/ Vans	All Trucks
1975	80.6%	0.1%	80.7%	1.7%	13.1%	4.5%	19.3%
1976	78.8%	0.1%	78.9%	1.9%	15.1%	4.1%	21.1%
1977	80.0%	0.1%	80.1%	1.9%	14.3%	3.6%	19.9%
1978	77.3%	0.1%	77.5%	2.5%	15.7%	4.3%	22.5%
1979	77.8%	0.1%	77.9%	2.8%	15.9%	3.5%	22.1%
1980	83.5%	0.0%	83.5%	1.6%	12.7%	2.1%	16.5%
1981	82.7%	0.0%	82.8%	1.3%	13.6%	2.3%	17.2%
1982	80.3%	0.1%	80.5%	1.5%	14.8%	3.2%	19.5%
1983	77.7%	0.3%	78.0%	2.5%	15.8%	3.7%	22.0%
1984	76.1%	0.4%	76.5%	4.1%	14.6%	4.8%	23.5%
1985	74.6%	0.6%	75.2%	4.5%	14.4%	5.9%	24.8%
1986	71.7%	0.4%	72.1%	4.6%	16.5%	6.8%	27.9%
1987	72.2%	0.6%	72.8%	5.2%	14.4%	7.5%	27.2%
1988	70.2%	0.7%	70.9%	5.6%	16.1%	7.4%	29.1%
1989	69.3%	0.7%	70.1%	5.7%	15.4%	8.8%	29.9%
1990	69.8%	0.5%	70.4%	5.1%	14.5%	10.0%	29.6%
1991	67.8%	1.8%	69.6%	6.9%	15.3%	8.2%	30.4%
1992	66.6%	2.0%	68.6%	6.2%	15.1%	10.0%	31.4%
1993	64.0%	3.6%	67.6%	6.3%	15.2%	10.9%	32.4%
1994	59.6%	2.3%	61.9%	9.1%	18.9%	10.0%	38.1%
1995	62.0%	1.5%	63.5%	10.5%	15.0%	11.0%	36.5%
1996	60.0%	2.2%	62.2%	12.2%	14.9%	10.7%	37.8%
1997	57.6%	2.5%	60.1%	14.5%	16.7%	8.8%	39.9%
1998	55.1%	3.1%	58.3%	14.7%	16.7%	10.3%	41.7%
1999	55.1%	3.2%	58.3%	15.4%	16.7%	9.6%	41.7%
2000	55.1%	3.7%	58.8%	15.2%	15.8%	10.2%	41.2%
2001	53.9%	4.8%	58.6%	17.3%	16.1%	7.9%	41.4%
2002	51.5%	3.7%	55.2%	22.3%	14.8%	7.7%	44.8%
2003	50.2%	3.6%	53.9%	22.6%	15.7%	7.8%	46.1%
2004	48.0%	4.1%	52.0%	25.9%	15.9%	6.1%	48.0%
2005	50.5%	5.1%	55.6%	20.6%	14.5%	9.3%	44.4%
2006	52.9%	5.0%	57.9%	19.9%	14.5%	7.7%	42.1%
2007	52.9%	6.0%	58.9%	21.7%	13.8%	5.5%	41.1%
2008	52.7%	6.6%	59.3%	22.1%	12.9%	5.7%	40.7%
2009	60.5%	6.5%	67.0%	18.4%	10.6%	4.0%	33.0%
2010	54.5%	8.2%	62.8%	20.7%	11.5%	5.0%	37.2%
2011	47.8%	10.0%	57.8%	25.5%	12.3%	4.3%	42.2%
2012	55.0%	9.4%	64.4%	20.6%	10.1%	4.9%	35.6%
2013	54.1%	10.0%	64.1%	21.8%	10.4%	3.8%	35.9%
2014	49.2%	10.1%	59.3%	23.9%	12.4%	4.3%	40.7%
2015 (prelim)	*49.0%*	*10.6%*	*59.6%*	*23.6%*	*13.4%*	*3.5%*	*40.4%*

The data from Table 3.1 show that car type market share has dropped from around 80% in the MY 1975-1985 timeframe to about 50% today. Pickups accounted for most of the remaining market share in MY 1975-1985. In the late 1980s, both minivans/vans and truck SUVs began to erode car type market share, with truck SUV market share reaching as high as 26% in MY 2004 and MY 2011, before declining slightly to about 24% today. More recently, car SUVs have become more popular and have increased market share to about 10%. Total SUVs, including both car SUVs and truck SUVs, have achieved market share in the 30-35% range over the last few years. Pickup market share was approximately 15% from MY 1975 through MY 2005, but has declined slightly to about 12% today.

Table 3.2 shows adjusted fuel economy and CO_2 emissions by model type since 1975. Each of the 5 vehicle types are at record fuel economy and CO_2 emissions levels in the final MY 2014 data and are projected to improve further in the preliminary MY 2015 data. The car type achieves the highest preliminary fuel economy value for MY 2015, followed by car SUVs, minivans/vans, truck SUVs, and pickups. Interestingly, over the 5-year period from MY 2010-2015, the vehicle types that have achieved the largest improvement in CO_2 emissions are those with the lowest absolute fuel economy—pickups have reduced CO_2 emissions by 56 g/mi since MY 2010 and truck SUVs have reduced CO_2 emissions by 41 g/mi since MY 2010, while the other vehicle types all showed smaller reductions.

Table 3.2

Vehicle Type Adjusted Fuel Economy and CO_2 Emissions by Model Year

	Cars		Car SUVs		Pickups		Truck SUVs		Minivans/Vans	
Model Year	Adj Fuel Economy (MPG)	Adj CO_2 (g/mi)	Adj Fuel Economy (MPG)	Adj CO_2 (g/mi)	Adj Fuel Economy (MPG)	Adj CO_2 (g/mi)	Adj Fuel Economy (MPG)	Adj CO_2 (g/mi)	Adj Fuel Economy (MPG)	Adj CO_2 (g/mi)
1975	13.5	660	11.1	799	11.9	746	11.0	806	11.1	800
1976	14.9	598	10.6	840	12.4	714	11.8	755	11.8	754
1977	15.6	570	12.2	731	13.6	656	12.8	692	12.5	710
1978	16.9	525	11.6	768	13.3	668	12.3	723	12.1	736
1979	17.2	517	14.3	623	13.2	674	10.5	844	11.5	774
1980	20.0	446	14.6	610	16.5	541	13.2	676	14.1	629
1981	21.4	418	14.7	605	17.9	500	14.3	621	14.8	599
1982	22.2	402	19.8	450	18.5	486	14.7	616	14.7	605
1983	22.1	403	20.7	430	18.9	473	15.8	568	15.1	593
1984	22.4	397	19.3	461	18.3	488	16.2	551	16.1	552
1985	23.0	387	20.1	443	18.2	489	16.5	538	16.5	537
1986	23.7	375	18.9	470	18.9	471	17.0	523	17.5	509
1987	23.8	373	19.4	458	19.0	467	17.3	515	17.7	503
1988	24.1	368	19.2	462	18.1	490	17.0	522	17.9	497
1989	23.7	375	19.1	465	17.8	499	16.6	537	17.8	499
1990	23.3	381	18.8	472	17.4	511	16.4	541	17.8	498
1991	23.4	379	18.2	488	18.2	489	16.7	531	17.9	496
1992	23.1	385	17.8	498	17.5	508	16.2	548	17.9	496
1993	23.5	379	17.0	522	17.6	505	16.3	546	18.2	488
1994	23.3	382	18.0	493	17.4	510	16.0	555	17.8	498
1995	23.4	379	17.8	499	16.9	526	16.0	555	18.1	492
1996	23.3	381	18.4	482	17.1	518	16.2	548	18.3	485
1997	23.4	380	19.2	462	16.8	528	16.1	551	18.2	489
1998	23.4	380	18.2	487	17.0	523	16.2	550	18.7	475
1999	23.0	386	18.5	480	16.3	546	16.1	553	18.3	486
2000	22.9	388	17.9	497	16.7	534	16.0	555	18.6	478
2001	23.0	386	18.8	472	16.0	557	16.4	541	18.0	493
2002	23.1	385	19.3	460	15.8	564	16.3	545	18.7	475
2003	23.3	382	19.9	446	16.1	553	16.4	541	19.0	468
2004	23.1	384	20.0	445	15.7	565	16.5	539	19.2	464
2005	23.5	379	20.2	440	15.8	561	16.7	531	19.3	460
2006	23.3	382	20.5	434	16.1	551	17.2	518	19.5	455
2007	24.1	369	20.6	431	16.2	550	17.7	503	19.5	456
2008	24.3	366	21.2	419	16.5	539	18.2	489	19.8	448
2009	25.3	351	22.0	403	16.9	526	19.3	461	20.1	443
2010	26.2	340	23.0	386	16.9	527	19.7	452	20.1	442
2011	26.1	341	23.7	376	17.2	517	19.8	448	21.0	423
2012	27.9	319	23.4	379	17.2	518	20.0	445	21.3	416
2013	28.6	310	24.5	363	17.4	510	20.9	426	21.1	421
2014	28.7	309	24.6	361	18.0	494	21.7	411	21.3	416
2015 (prelim)	*29.3*	*302*	*24.9*	*357*	*18.9*	*471*	*21.7*	*411*	*21.9*	*405*

One particular vehicle type trend of interest is associated with small SUVs that are classified as cars if they have 2-wheel drive and as trucks if they have 4-wheel drive and meet other requirements for minimum angles and clearances. For this analysis, summarized in Table 3.3, we reviewed MY 2000-2015 SUVs with inertia weights of 4000 pounds or less (SUVs with inertia weights of 5000 pounds or more are typically categorized as trucks regardless of whether they are 2-wheel or 4-wheel drive). Note that we have propagated the current car-truck definitions back to previous years in the Trends database in order to maintain the integrity of historical trends (i.e., some vehicles that were defined as trucks in past years are now defined as cars for those same years in the Trends database).

Table 3.3

Car-Truck Classification of SUVs with Inertia Weights of 4000 Pounds or Less

Model Year	Car SUV Production (000)	Truck SUV Production (000)	Total SUV Production (000)	Percent Car SUV	Percent Truck SUV
2000	617	796	1,413	43.7%	56.3%
2001	743	920	1,663	44.7%	55.3%
2002	602	928	1,531	39.4%	60.6%
2003	575	994	1,569	36.6%	63.4%
2004	599	1,116	1,715	34.9%	65.1%
2005	753	867	1,620	46.5%	53.5%
2006	691	758	1,449	47.7%	52.3%
2007	761	843	1,604	47.4%	52.6%
2008	748	799	1,547	48.4%	51.6%
2009	539	575	1,115	48.4%	51.6%
2010	659	854	1,512	43.5%	56.5%
2011	985	1,044	2,029	48.5%	51.5%
2012	1,039	867	1,907	54.5%	45.5%
2013	1,177	1,190	2,367	49.7%	50.3%
2014	1,340	1,533	2,872	46.6%	53.4%
2015 (prelim)	-	-	-	*51.4%*	*48.6%*

Table 3.3 shows that the fraction of SUVs with curb weights less than 4000 pounds that are classified as trucks, using the current car-truck definitions propagated back in time, has been declining somewhat over the last decade, from around 60% in the early 2000s to around 50% in recent years.

Appendix D gives additional data stratified by vehicle type.

C. Vehicle Footprint, Weight, and Horsepower

This sub-section focuses on three key attributes that impact CO_2 emissions and fuel economy. These attributes are footprint, weight, and horsepower. All three attributes are relevant to all light-duty vehicles and were included in the Table 2.1 fleetwide data. Vehicle acceleration is discussed in the following sub-section.

Vehicle footprint is a very important attribute since it is the basis for the current CO_2 emissions and fuel economy standards. Footprint is the product of wheelbase times average track width (or the area defined by where the centers of the tires touch the ground). We provide footprint data beginning with MY 2008, though it is important to highlight that we have higher confidence in the data beginning in MY 2011. Footprint data from MY 2008-2010 were aggregated from various sources, some independent of formal automaker data, and EPA has less confidence in the consistency and precision of this data. Beginning in MY 2011, the first year when both car and truck CAFE standards were based on footprint, automakers began to formally submit reports to EPA with footprint data at the end of the model year, and this formal footprint data is reflected in the final data through MY 2014. EPA projects footprint data for the preliminary MY 2015 fleet based on footprint values for existing models from previous years and footprint values for new vehicle designs available through public sources. With these caveats, Table 2.1 above shows that average fleetwide footprint has hovered around 49 square feet since MY 2008, with MY 2014 footprint of 49.7 square feet representing a high since data collection began in 2008, and a 0.6 square feet increase relative to MY 2013. The preliminary MY 2015 footprint value is 49.9 square feet, which if realized would again represent a new high. Future footprint trends will be a major topic of interest in future Trends reports as we continue to add to the formal data that we began to collect in MY 2011.

Vehicle weight is a fundamental vehicle attribute, both because it can be related to utility functions such as vehicle size and features, and because higher weight, other things being equal, will increase CO_2 emissions and decrease fuel economy. All Trends vehicle weight data are based on inertia weight class. Each inertia weight class represents a range of loaded vehicle weights, or vehicle curb weights plus 300 pounds. Vehicle inertia weight classes are in 250-pound increments for inertia weight classes that are less than 3000 pounds, while inertia weight classes over 3000 pounds are divided into 500-pound increments. Table 2.1 shows that average fleetwide vehicle weight decreased from nearly 4100 pounds in MY 1976 to 3200 pounds in MY 1981, likely driven by both increasing fuel economy standards (which, at that time, were universal standards, and not based on any type of vehicle attribute) and higher gasoline prices. Average vehicle weight then grew slowly but steadily over the next 23 years (in part because of the increasing truck share), to 4111 pounds in MY 2004. Since 2004, average vehicle weight has stayed fairly constant in the range of 4000 to 4100 pounds, reaching 4127 pounds in MY 2011, an all-time high since the database began in 1975. Average MY 2014 weight was 4060 pounds, a 57 pound increase relative to MY 2013. The preliminary MY 2015 value for weight is 4076 pounds, which if realized would represent a 16 pound increase compared to MY 2014.

Horsepower (hp) is of interest as a direct measure of vehicle power. In the past, higher power generally increased CO_2 emissions and decreased fuel economy, though this relationship is now less important with turbo and hybrid packages. Trends horsepower data for all gasoline (including conventional hybrids) and diesel vehicles in the Trends database reflect engine rated horsepower. Average fleetwide horsepower dropped from 137 hp in MY 1975 to 102 hp in MY 1981. Since MY 1981, horsepower values have increased just about every year (again, in part due to the increasing truck share through 2004), and current levels are over twice those of the early 1980s. Average MY 2014 horsepower was 230 hp, a 4 hp increase relative to MY 2013, a tying the all-time record in MY 2011. The preliminary value for MY 2015 is 233 hp, which, if achieved, would represent an all-time high.

The following two tables provide data for the three attributes discussed above for the car and truck classes separately (these data are shown for the entire fleet in Table 2.1 above).

Table 3.4.1 shows that car adjusted fuel economy remained at its all-time high of 27.9 mpg in MY 2014, which is more than twice the MY 1975 level of 13.5 mpg, and unchanged from MY 2013. Car adjusted CO_2 emissions decreased by 1 g/mi to a new all-time low of 318 g/mi. Car weight, horsepower, and footprint all increased by about 0.5% in MY 2014. Car fuel economy is projected to increase by 0.5 mpg in MY 2015 to another record high, while car weight and horsepower are projected to increase by 1% or less and car footprint is projected to be unchanged. The interior volume data shown in Table 3.4.1 is only for car type vehicles, as EPA does not collect interior volume data for car SUVs.

Table 3.4.2 shows, for trucks only, the same data provided for cars in Table 3.4.1 above and for the overall light vehicle fleet in Table 2.1. Truck adjusted fuel economy was a record high 20.4 mpg in MY 2014, which was a 0.6 mpg increase over MY 2013. This increase was the second highest truck fuel economy increase in 30 years. Truck weight was down slightly, truck horsepower was unchanged, and truck footprint rose slightly in MY 2014. Truck fuel economy, weight, horsepower, and footprint are all projected to increase in MY 2015.

Table 3.4.1

Car Adjusted CO_2 Emissions, Adjusted Fuel Economy, and Key Parameters by Model Year

Model Year	Gasoline and Diesel Production (000)	Car Production Share	Adj CO_2 (g/mi)	Adj Fuel Economy (MPG)	Weight (lb)	HP	Footprint (sq ft)	Interior Volume*
1975	8,247	80.7%	661	13.5	4057	136	-	-
1976	9,734	78.9%	598	14.9	4059	134	-	-
1977	11,318	80.1%	570	15.6	3944	133	-	110
1978	11,191	77.5%	525	16.9	3588	124	-	109
1979	10,810	77.9%	517	17.2	3485	119	-	109
1980	9,444	83.5%	446	20.0	3101	100	-	104
1981	8,734	82.8%	418	21.4	3076	99	-	106
1982	7,832	80.5%	402	22.2	3053	99	-	106
1983	8,035	78.0%	403	22.1	3112	104	-	109
1984	10,730	76.5%	397	22.4	3101	106	-	108
1985	10,879	75.2%	387	23.0	3096	111	-	108
1986	11,074	72.1%	375	23.7	3043	111	-	107
1987	10,826	72.8%	374	23.8	3035	113	-	107
1988	10,845	70.9%	369	24.1	3051	116	-	107
1989	10,126	70.1%	376	23.6	3104	121	-	108
1990	8,875	70.4%	382	23.3	3178	129	-	107
1991	8,747	69.6%	382	23.3	3168	133	-	107
1992	8,350	68.6%	389	22.9	3254	141	-	108
1993	8,929	67.6%	386	23.0	3241	140	-	108
1994	8,747	61.9%	386	23.0	3268	144	-	108
1995	9,616	63.5%	382	23.3	3274	153	-	109
1996	8,177	62.2%	384	23.1	3297	155	-	109
1997	8,695	60.1%	384	23.2	3285	156	-	109
1998	8,425	58.3%	386	23.0	3334	160	-	109
1999	8,865	58.3%	392	22.7	3390	164	-	109
2000	9,742	58.8%	395	22.5	3401	168	-	110
2001	9,148	58.6%	393	22.6	3411	169	-	109
2002	8,903	55.2%	390	22.8	3415	173	-	110
2003	8,496	53.9%	386	23.0	3437	176	-	110
2004	8,176	52.0%	389	22.9	3492	184	-	110
2005	8,839	55.6%	384	23.1	3498	183	-	111
2006	8,744	57.9%	386	23.0	3563	194	-	112
2007	9,001	58.9%	375	23.7	3551	191	-	110
2008	8,243	59.3%	372	23.9	3569	194	45.3	110
2009	6,244	67.0%	356	25.0	3502	186	45.1	110
2010	6,976	62.8%	346	25.7	3536	190	45.4	110
2011	6,949	57.8%	347	25.6	3617	200	46.0	111
2012	8,658	64.4%	328	27.1	3519	192	45.7	111
2013	9,740	64.1%	319	27.9	3543	197	45.9	110
2014	9,205	59.3%	318	27.9	3559	198	46.1	111
2015 (prelim)	-	*59.6%*	*312*	*28.4*	*3579*	*200*	*46.1*	*111*

*Interior volume calculated using "Car" type only.

Table 3.4.2

Truck Adjusted CO_2 Emissions, Adjusted Fuel Economy, and Key Parameters by Model Year

Model Year	Gasoline and Diesel Production (000)	Car Production Share	Adj CO_2 (g/mi)	Adj Fuel Economy (MPG)	Weight (lb)	HP	Footprint (sq ft)
1975	1,977	19.3%	764	11.6	4073	142	-
1976	2,600	21.1%	726	12.2	4155	141	-
1977	2,805	19.9%	669	13.3	4136	147	-
1978	3,257	22.5%	687	12.9	4152	146	-
1979	3,072	22.1%	711	12.5	4257	138	-
1980	1,863	16.5%	565	15.8	3869	121	-
1981	1,821	17.2%	523	17.1	3806	119	-
1982	1,901	19.5%	516	17.4	3813	120	-
1983	2,267	22.0%	504	17.7	3773	118	-
1984	3,289	23.5%	512	17.4	3787	118	-
1985	3,581	24.8%	509	17.5	3803	124	-
1986	4,291	27.9%	489	18.2	3741	123	-
1987	4,039	27.2%	486	18.3	3718	131	-
1988	4,450	29.1%	498	17.8	3850	141	-
1989	4,327	29.9%	506	17.6	3932	146	-
1990	3,740	29.6%	512	17.4	4014	151	-
1991	3,825	30.4%	500	17.8	3961	150	-
1992	3,822	31.4%	512	17.3	4078	155	-
1993	4,281	32.4%	507	17.5	4098	160	-
1994	5,378	38.1%	518	17.2	4149	166	-
1995	5,529	36.5%	524	17.0	4201	168	-
1996	4,967	37.8%	518	17.2	4255	179	-
1997	5,762	39.9%	528	16.8	4394	189	-
1998	6,030	41.7%	521	17.1	4317	188	-
1999	6,350	41.7%	535	16.6	4457	199	-
2000	6,829	41.2%	528	16.8	4421	199	-
2001	6,458	41.4%	538	16.5	4543	212	-
2002	7,211	44.8%	539	16.5	4612	223	-
2003	7,277	46.1%	533	16.7	4655	224	-
2004	7,533	48.0%	538	16.5	4783	240	-
2005	7,053	44.4%	526	16.9	4763	242	-
2006	6,360	42.1%	518	17.2	4758	240	-
2007	6,275	41.1%	512	17.4	4871	254	-
2008	5,656	40.7%	499	17.8	4837	254	54.0
2009	3,071	33.0%	480	18.5	4753	252	54.0
2010	4,141	37.2%	474	18.8	4784	253	53.8
2011	5,069	42.2%	466	19.1	4824	271	54.4
2012	4,790	35.6%	461	19.3	4809	276	54.5
2013	5,458	35.9%	450	19.8	4824	277	54.7
2014	6,307	40.7%	437	20.4	4790	277	55.0
2015 (prelim)	-	*40.4%*	*430*	*20.7*	*4808*	*283*	*55.5*

Figure 3.5 includes summary charts showing long-term trends for adjusted CO_2 emissions, adjusted fuel economy, footprint, weight, and horsepower for the five vehicle types discussed above. Most of the long-term trends are similar across the various vehicle types, with the major exception being pickups, for which CO_2 emissions and fuel economy have not reached all-time records in recent years (unlike the other vehicle types) due to considerably greater increases in weight and horsepower relative to the other vehicle types.

Figure 3.5

Adjusted CO_2 Emissions, Adjusted Fuel Economy and Other Key Parameters by Vehicle Type

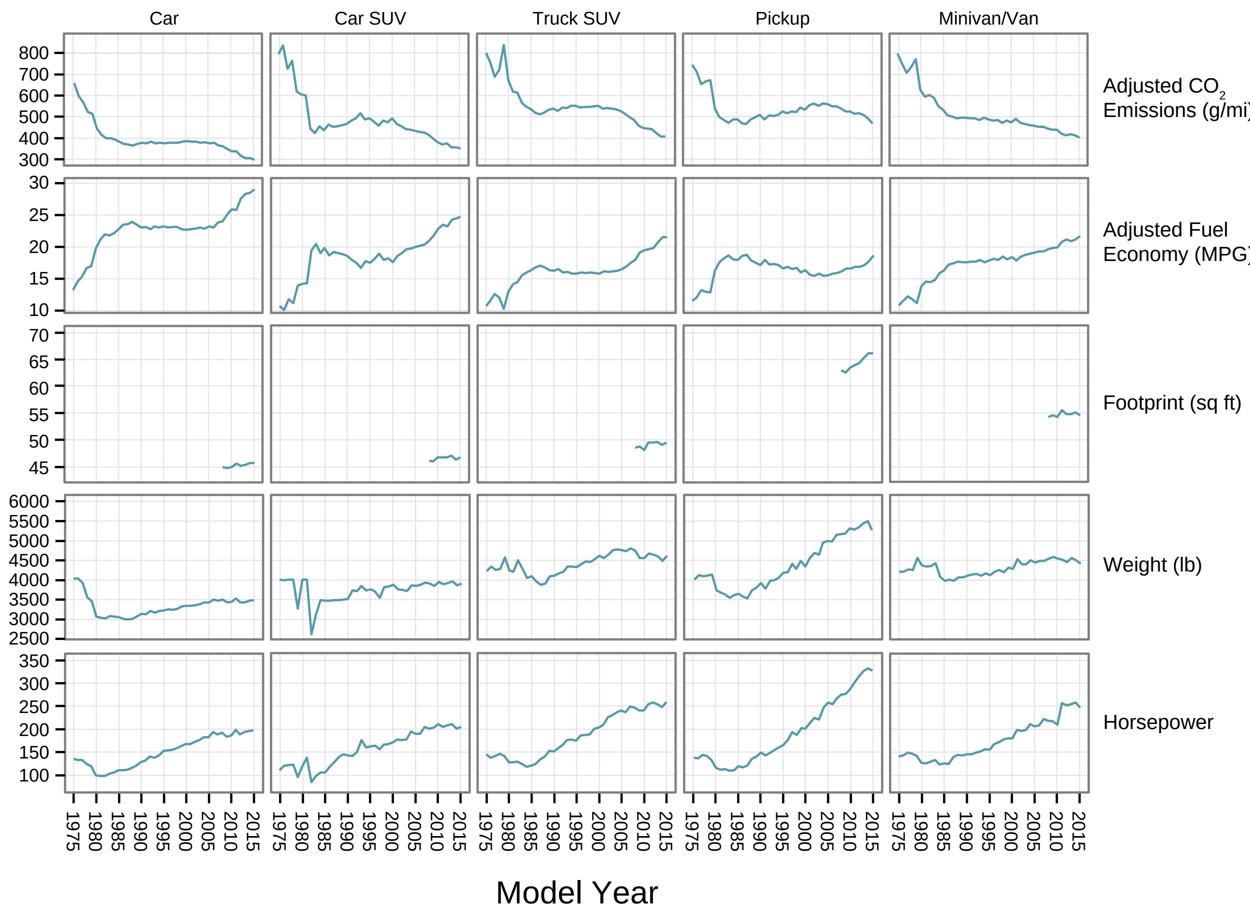
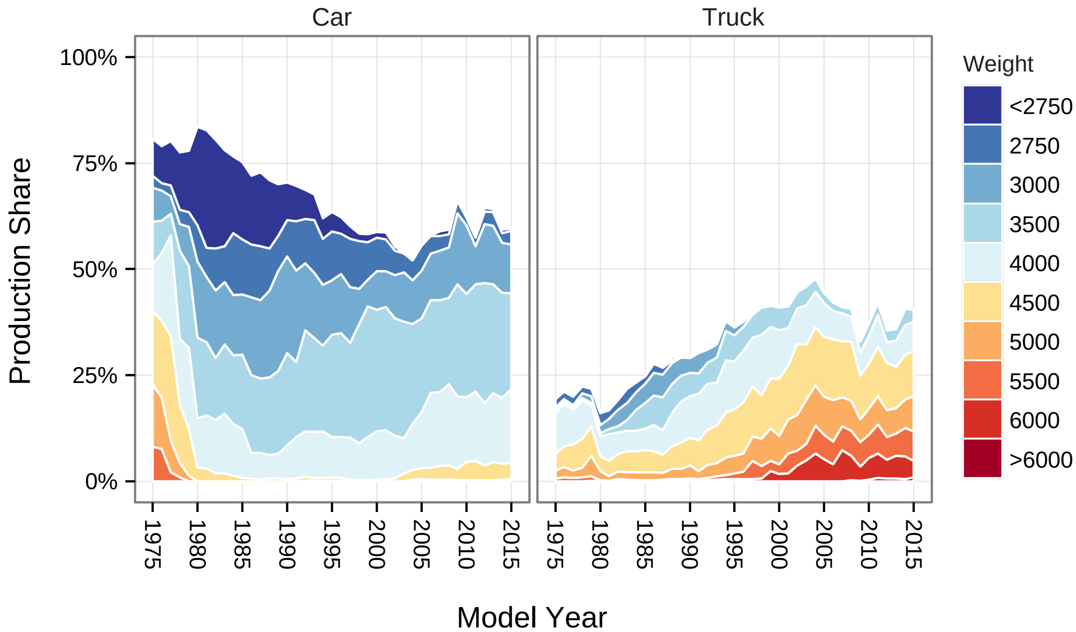


Figure 3.6 shows the annual production share of different inertia weight classes for cars and trucks. This figure again shows the “compression” on the car side that was also discussed with respect to interior volume—in the late 1970s there were significant car sales both in the <2750 pound class as well as in the 5500 pound class (interestingly, there were more 5500 pound cars sold in the late 1970s than there were 5500 pound trucks). Today, both the lightest and heaviest cars have largely disappeared from the market, and over 95% of all cars are in just three inertia weight classes (3000, 3500, and 4000 pounds). Conversely, the heavy end of the truck market has expanded markedly such that 4500 pounds and greater trucks now account for over 75% of the truck market.

Figure 3.6

Car and Truck Production Share by Vehicle Inertia Weight Class



The next three figures, Figures 3.7 through 3.9, address the engineering relationships between efficiency and three key vehicle attributes: footprint, weight, and interior volume (car type only). It is important to emphasize that, in order to best reflect the engineering relationships involved, these figures differ from most of the figures and tables presented so far in four important ways. One, they show ***fuel consumption*** (the inverse of fuel economy), because fuel consumption represents a linear relationship while fuel economy is non-linear (i.e., a 1 mpg difference at a lower fuel economy represents a greater change in fuel consumption than a 1 mpg difference at a higher fuel economy). The metric used for fuel consumption is gallons per 100 miles, also shown on new vehicle Fuel Economy and Environment Labels. Fuel consumption is an excellent surrogate for CO_2 emissions, as well. Two, Figures 3.7 through 3.9 show ***unadjusted, laboratory*** values (for fuel consumption), rather than the adjusted values shown primarily in this report, in order to exclude the impact of non-technology factors associated with the adjusted fuel economy values (e.g., changes in driving speeds or use of air conditioning over time). Three, there is no sales weighting in either the calculations of the individual data points or the regression lines as the purpose of these figures is to illustrate the technical relationships between fuel consumption and key vehicle attributes, independent of market success. The non-hybrid gasoline, diesel, and gasoline hybrid data points in these figures are averages for each integer footprint value, are plotted separately to illustrate the differences between these technologies, and the regression lines are based on the non-hybrid gasoline data points only. As would be expected, the conventional hybrid and diesel data points almost always reflect lower fuel consumption that the regression line representing non-hybrid gasoline vehicles. Finally, these figures exclude alternative fuel vehicles.

Figure 3.7 shows unadjusted, laboratory fuel consumption as a function of vehicle footprint for the MY 2014 car and truck fleets. On average, higher footprint values are correlated with greater fuel consumption. Car fuel consumption is more sensitive to footprint (i.e., greater slope for the regression line based on conventional gasoline vehicles) than truck fuel consumption, though this relationship is exaggerated somewhat by the fact that the highest footprint cars are low-volume luxury cars with very high fuel consumption. Most cars have footprint values below 55 square feet, and at these footprint levels, the average car has lower fuel consumption than the average truck. For the much smaller number of cars that have footprint values greater than 55 square feet (typically performance or luxury cars), these cars generally have higher fuel consumption than trucks of the same footprint.

Figure 3.7

Unadjusted, Laboratory Fuel Consumption vs. Footprint, Cars and Trucks, MY 2014, AFVs Excluded

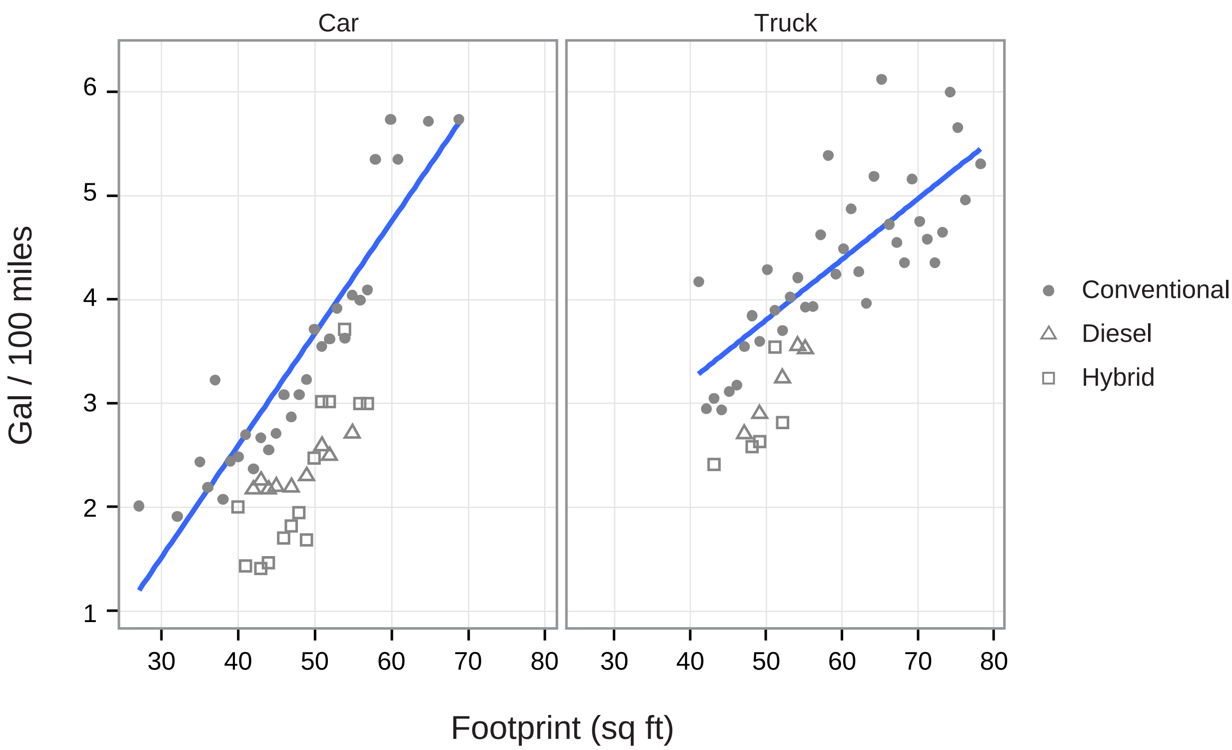
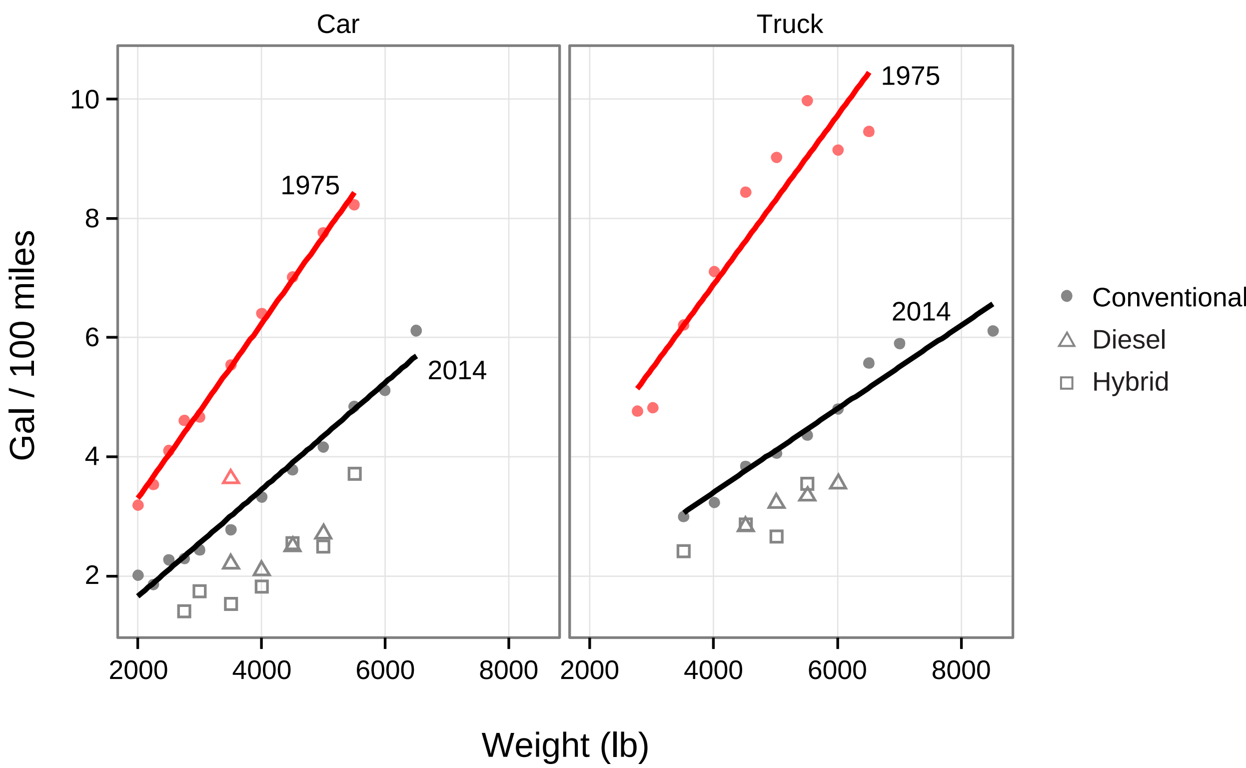


Figure 3.8 shows unadjusted, laboratory fuel consumption as a function of vehicle inertia weight for the MY 1975 and MY 2014 car and truck fleets. On average, fuel consumption increases linearly with vehicle weight, and the regressions are particularly tight for the data points representing non-hybrid gasoline vehicles. In 1975, trucks consistently had higher fuel consumption than cars for a given weight, but in 2014, the differences were much smaller, and at 5000 pounds and above, the average car had higher fuel consumption than the average truck, again likely due to the fact that very heavy cars are typically luxury and/or performance vehicles with high fuel consumption. At a given weight, most cars and trucks have reduced their fuel consumption by about 50% since 1975, with the major exception being the heaviest cars which have achieved more modest reductions in fuel consumption.

Figure 3.8

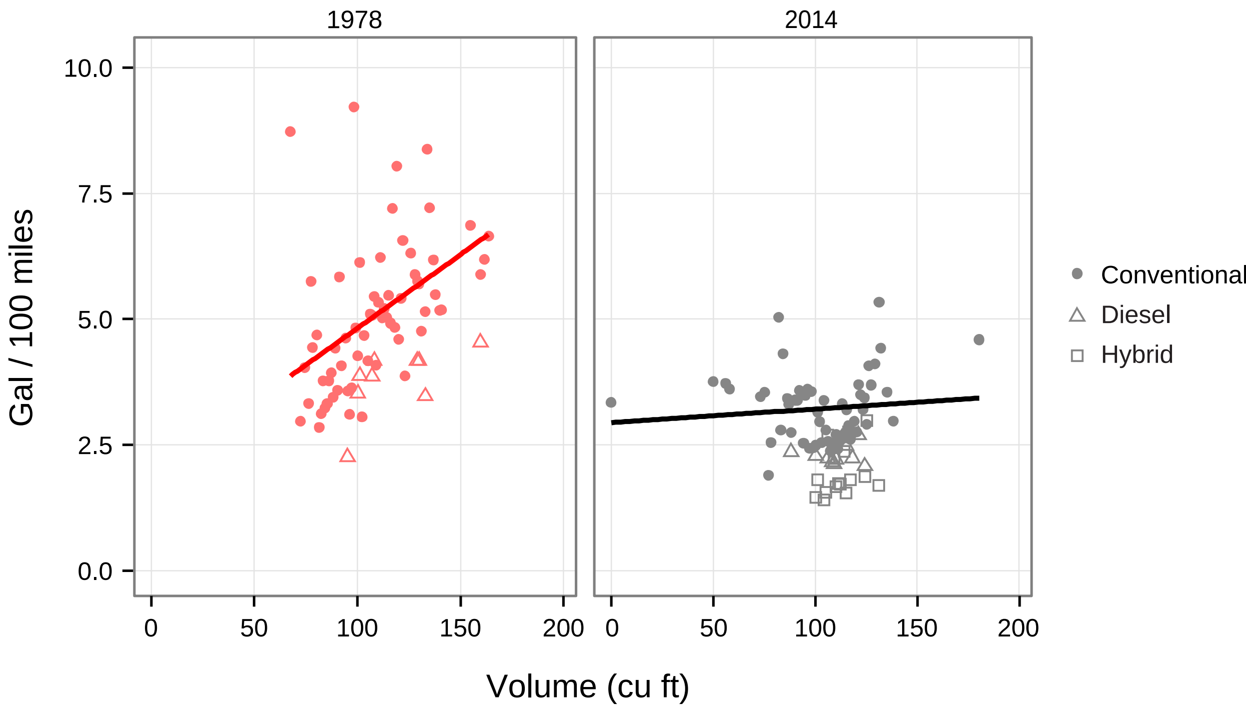
Unadjusted, Laboratory Fuel Consumption vs. Inertia Weight, Cars and Trucks, MY 1975 and MY 2014, AFVs Excluded



Finally, Figure 3.9 shows unadjusted, laboratory fuel consumption as a function of interior volume for MY 1978 and 2014 for the car type only. This figure excludes two-seater cars, as interior volume data is not reported for two-seaters. The data for MY 1978 is much more scattered than that for MY 2014. The slope of the regression line for non-hybrid gasoline vehicles in 2014 is nearly flat, suggesting that there is no longer much of a relationship between interior volume and fuel consumption within the car type. This MY 2014 data confirm the point made earlier in this section that interior volume is no longer a good attribute for differentiating among vehicles within the car type.

Figure 3.9

Unadjusted, Laboratory Fuel Consumption vs. Car Type Interior Volume, MY 1978 and MY 2014, AFVs Excluded



D. Vehicle Acceleration

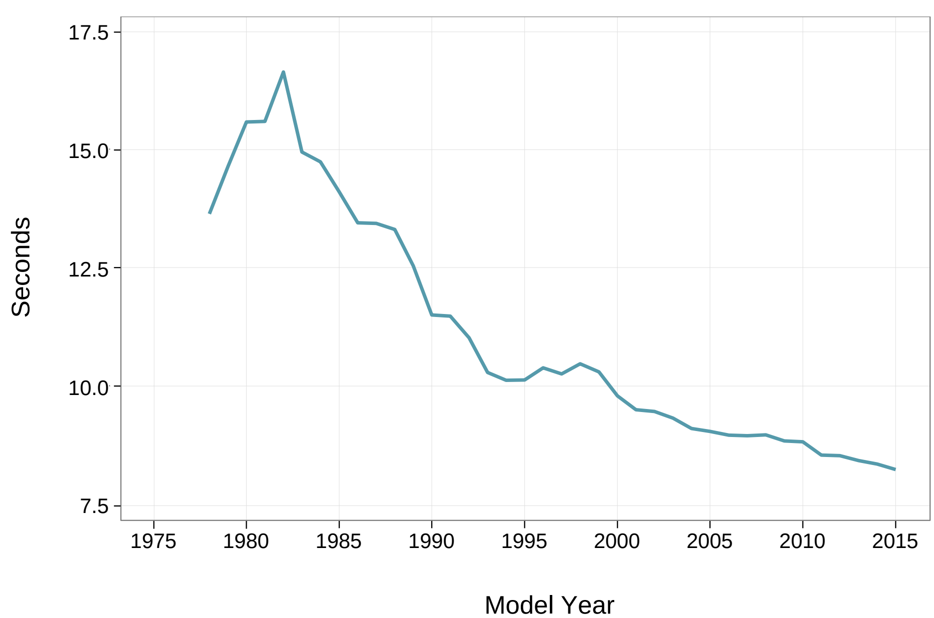
Vehicle performance can be evaluated in many ways, including vehicle handling, braking, and acceleration. In the context of this report, acceleration is an important metric because there is a general correlation between how quickly a vehicle can accelerate and fuel economy. The most common vehicle acceleration metric, and one of the most recognized vehicle metrics overall, is the time it takes a vehicle to accelerate from 0-to-60 miles per hour, also called the 0-to-60 time. There are other metrics that are relevant for evaluating vehicle acceleration, including the time to reach 30 miles per hour or the time to travel a quarter mile, but this section is limited to a discussion of 0-to-60 acceleration times and the methodology used to calculate 0-to-60 times. Acceleration times are calculated for most vehicles (obtained from external sources for conventional hybrids and alternative fuel vehicles) since this data is not reported by manufacturers to EPA.

Trends in 0-to-60 Times

Since the early 1980s, there has been a clear downward trend in 0-to-60 times. Figure 3.10 shows the average new vehicle 0-to-60 acceleration time from MY 1978 to MY 2015 based on a calculation methodology described below. The average new vehicle in MY 2015 is projected to have a 0-to-60 time of about 8.2 seconds, which is the fastest average 0-to-60 time since the database began in 1975. Average vehicle horsepower has also substantially increased since MY 1982, as shown in Figure 2.3, and clearly at least part of that increase in power has been focused on decreasing acceleration time (some has also been used to support larger, heavier vehicles).

Figure 3.10

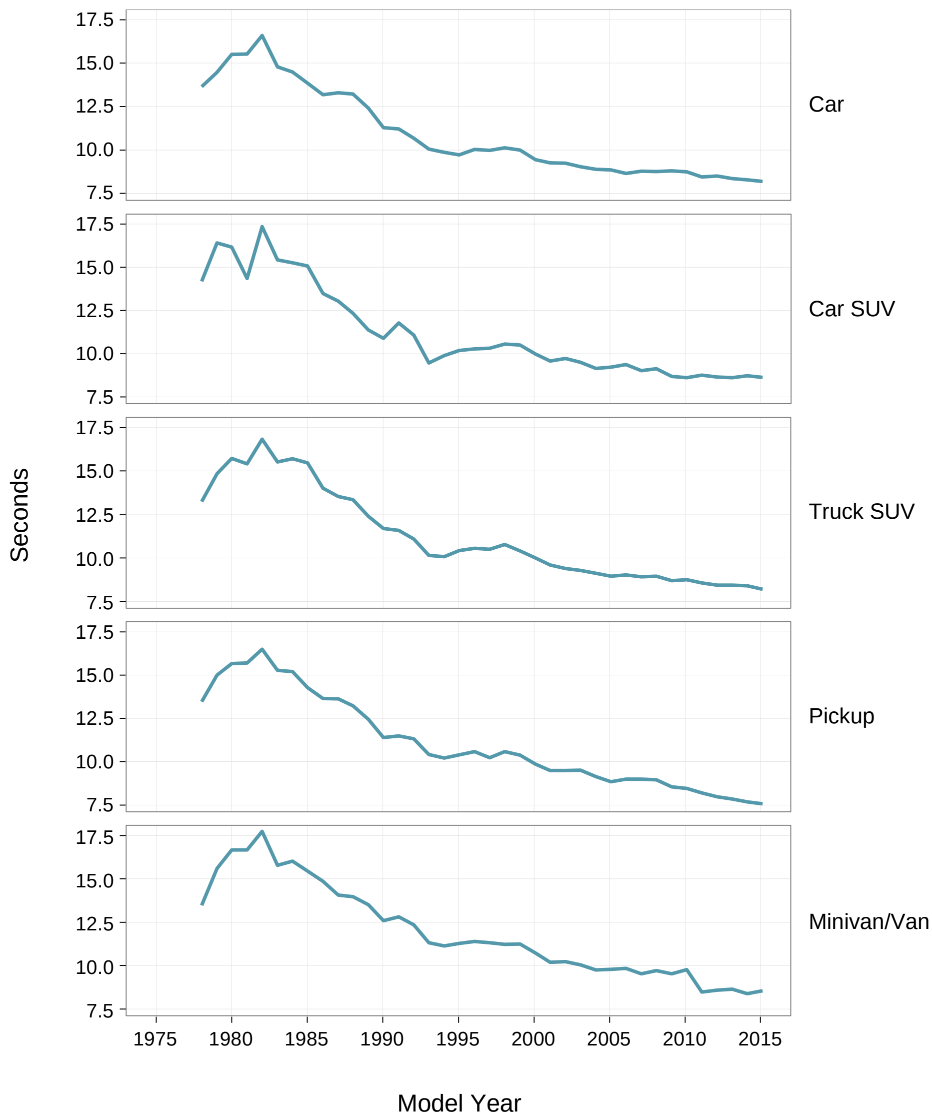
Calculated 0-to-60 Acceleration Performance



The decreasing long-term trend in 0-to-60 times is consistent across all vehicle types, as shown in Figure 3.11. The trend of decreasing acceleration time appears to be slowing somewhat in recent years for cars, car SUVs, and truck SUVs. The opposite is true for pickup trucks, where calculated 0-to-60 times continue to steadily decrease. Pickups are generally designed to emphasize towing and hauling capabilities, while maintaining adequate driving performance. The continuing decrease in pickup truck 0-to-60 times is likely due to the increasing towing and hauling capacity of pickups, which decreases the calculated 0-to-60 times of pickups.

Figure 3.11

Acceleration Performance by Vehicle Type



Vehicle acceleration is determined by many factors, including weight, horsepower, transmission design, engine technologies, and body style. The impacts of these, and other factors, on 0-to-60 times have been evaluated in the literature (MacKenzie, 2012). Many of the same factors that affect acceleration also influence vehicle fuel economy, the result being a general correlation between faster 0-to-60 times and lower fuel economy. All other things equal, a vehicle with more power will likely have faster 0-to-60 acceleration and lower fuel economy. However, there are factors that can improve *both* 0-to-60 acceleration and fuel economy, such as reducing weight.

Acceleration remains an important parameter that will be tracked in this report to evaluate vehicle performance. The 0-to-60 metric is only one of many performance metrics (e.g. stopping distance, skid pad g's, lane change maneuver speed, etc.), but it remains an important parameter that will be tracked in this report due to its strong association with vehicle fuel economy and emissions.

Methodology for Calculating 0-to-60 Times

Unlike most of the data presented in this report, 0-to-60 times are based on calculations and not directly submitted to the EPA by manufacturers. The 0-to-60 metric is a very commonly used automotive metric; however, there is no standard method of measuring 0-to-60 times. Nor, to our knowledge, is there a complete published list of measured vehicle 0-to-60 acceleration times. This report relies on calculated 0-to-60 times based on published methodologies.

This report has long reported 0-to-60 acceleration times for conventional gasoline vehicles calculated from vehicle weight and horsepower data reported to EPA. Pre-2014 versions of this report calculated 0-to-60 acceleration times for conventional gasoline vehicles based on the following equation:

$$t = F\,(HP/WT)^{-f}$$

where t is acceleration time; HP and WT reflect Trends data for horsepower and weight, respectively; and the coefficients F and f are empirical parameters determined in the literature by obtaining a least-squares fit for available test data. This approach uses .892 and .805 for the F and f coefficients, respectively, for vehicles with automatic transmissions and .967 and .775, respectively, for those with manual transmissions (Malliaris 1976). Since the equation form and coefficients were developed for vehicles with conventional gasoline powertrains, we have used published values from external sources to estimate 0-to-60 acceleration time for vehicles with hybrid powertrains or diesel engines. Given that the above equation and coefficients were initially developed in the 1970s, there has been increasing concern that the calculated 0-to-60 acceleration times associated with this methodology may not be representative of actual vehicle performance.

A newer study presented a much more in depth methodology for calculating 0-to-60 times. Mackenzie (MacKenzie 2012) used actual 0-to-60 test results from Consumer Reports, spanning from MY 1975 to MY 2010. This new approach includes weight and horsepower, but also captures the effects of many additional parameters, including engine type, transmission type, number of transmission gears, drive type, and body style. The results include estimates of fixed effects for each year to account for technology changes over time and for factors not directly accounted for in the defined parameters.

The 0-to-60 analysis presented above uses the method presented by MacKenzie for MY 1978-2015 for gasoline and diesel vehicles (0-to-60 acceleration times for conventional hybrids and alternative fuel vehicles were obtained from online sources). The authors believe that this new methodology is more accurate than the method historically used in this report, particularly for newer vehicles. MacKenzie's methodology also better differentiates between different technologies, which is important given the wide range of new technologies entering the market that affect both 0-to-60 times and fuel economy. The methodology is applied beginning in 1978, since prior to that there is not enough data to apply the methodology. Additionally, MacKenzie's method requires an annual factor that changes over time. The authors of this report assumed a constant annual factor for MY 2011 to MY 2015, which is consistent with the last several years of data examined by MacKenzie.

Changing methodologies for the 0-to-60 time calculation affects the results. For comparison, Figure 3.12 shows the overall trend in 0-to-60 acceleration times for new vehicles through MY 2015 using both calculation methodologies. The MacKenzie methodology suggests that overall, new vehicle 0-to-60 acceleration is almost a full second faster than projected by the Malliaris methodology for MY 1990-2015. Both of the methodologies show a downward trend in 0-to-60 acceleration times since at least MY 1982, however there are some clear differences between the two methods over time. The newer methodology shows a much faster reduction in 0-to-60 times from MY 1982 until about MY 1993 (in part due to a higher 0-to-60 times in the early 1980s). Since then, the rate of decrease in 0-to-60 times has been much more consistent between the two methods.

Figure 3.12

Comparison of Two Methods for Calculated 0-to-60 Acceleration Performance

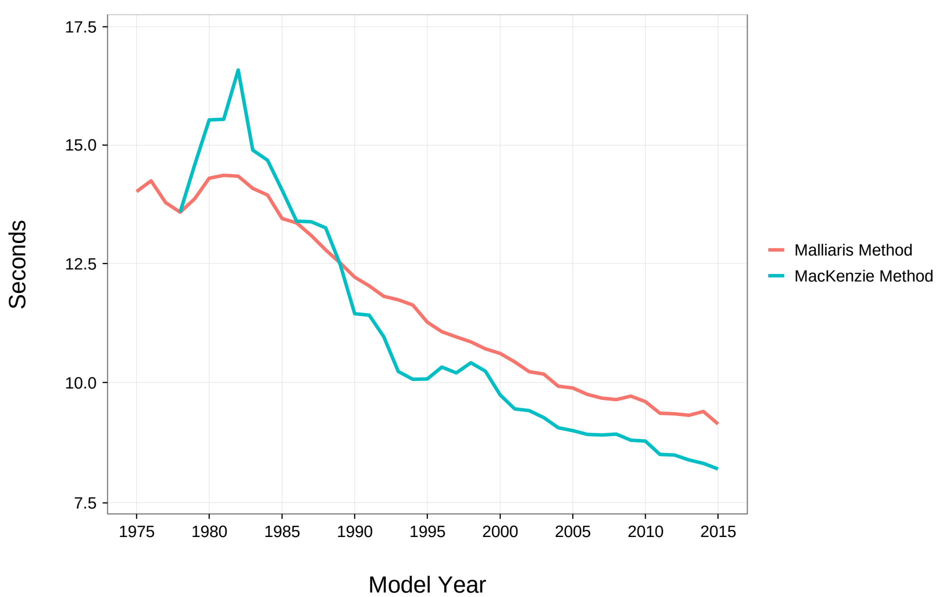


Table 3.5 provides the calculated 0-to-60 times for both methodologies, and the differences in values based on the two methods. For more information on each methodology, please see the cited references.

Table 3.5

Comparison Between 0-to-60 Acceleration Time Calculation Methods by Model Year (seconds)

	Car		Truck		All Vehicles			
Model Year	Malliaris Method	MacKenzie Method	Malliaris Method	MacKenzie Method	Malliaris Method	MacKenzie Method	Difference Between Methods	% Difference Between Methods
1975	14.2	-	13.6	-	14.1	-	-	-
1976	14.4	-	13.8	-	14.3	-	-	-
1977	14.0	-	13.3	-	13.8	-	-	-
1978	13.7	13.7	13.4	13.4	13.6	13.6	0.0	-
1979	13.8	14.5	14.3	15.0	13.9	14.6	0.7	5.1%
1980	14.3	15.5	14.5	15.7	14.3	15.6	1.2	8.6%
1981	14.4	15.6	14.6	15.7	14.4	15.6	1.2	8.2%
1982	14.4	16.6	14.5	16.6	14.4	16.6	2.2	15.6%
1983	14.0	14.8	14.6	15.3	14.1	14.9	0.8	5.7%
1984	13.8	14.5	14.7	15.3	14.0	14.7	0.7	5.3%
1985	13.3	13.9	14.1	14.7	13.5	14.1	0.6	4.5%
1986	13.2	13.2	14.0	13.9	13.4	13.4	0.0	0.3%
1987	13.0	13.3	13.4	13.6	13.1	13.4	0.3	2.2%
1988	12.8	13.3	13.0	13.3	12.8	13.3	0.5	3.6%
1989	12.4	12.5	12.8	12.7	12.5	12.5	0.0	-0.2%
1990	12.1	11.4	12.6	11.8	12.2	11.5	-0.8	-6.3%
1991	11.9	11.3	12.5	11.8	12.1	11.4	-0.6	-5.1%
1992	11.5	10.8	12.5	11.5	11.8	11.0	-0.9	-7.2%
1993	11.5	10.1	12.2	10.6	11.8	10.3	-1.5	-12.9%
1994	11.4	9.9	12.0	10.4	11.7	10.1	-1.6	-13.5%
1995	10.9	9.8	12.0	10.6	11.3	10.1	-1.2	-10.6%
1996	10.8	10.1	11.6	10.7	11.1	10.4	-0.7	-6.7%
1997	10.7	10.0	11.4	10.5	11.0	10.2	-0.8	-6.9%
1998	10.6	10.2	11.2	10.7	10.9	10.4	-0.4	-4.1%
1999	10.5	10.1	11.0	10.5	10.7	10.3	-0.5	-4.3%
2000	10.4	9.5	11.0	10.1	10.6	9.8	-0.9	-8.2%
2001	10.3	9.4	10.6	9.6	10.5	9.5	-1.0	-9.5%
2002	10.2	9.4	10.3	9.5	10.2	9.4	-0.8	-8.0%
2003	10.0	9.1	10.4	9.4	10.2	9.3	-0.9	-9.0%
2004	9.8	9.0	10.1	9.2	9.9	9.1	-0.9	-8.8%
2005	9.9	9.0	10.0	9.1	9.9	9.0	-0.9	-9.1%
2006	9.6	8.8	10.0	9.1	9.8	8.9	-0.8	-8.7%
2007	9.6	8.9	9.8	9.0	9.7	8.9	-0.8	-8.0%
2008	9.6	8.9	9.7	9.0	9.7	8.9	-0.7	-7.5%
2009	9.8	8.9	9.7	8.7	9.7	8.8	-0.9	-9.6%
2010	9.6	8.8	9.7	8.8	9.6	8.8	-0.8	-8.7%
2011	9.5	8.6	9.2	8.4	9.4	8.5	-0.9	-9.3%
2012	9.5	8.6	9.1	8.3	9.4	8.5	-0.9	-9.3%
2013	9.4	8.5	9.2	8.2	9.3	8.4	-0.9	-10.1%
2014	9.6	8.4	9.1	8.1	9.4	8.3	-1.1	-11.7%
2015 (prelim)	*9.3*	*8.3*	*8.9*	*8.0*	*9.1*	*8.2*	*-0.9*	*-10.3%*

4 Manufacturers and Makes

This section groups vehicles by "manufacturer" and "make." Manufacturer definitions are those used by both EPA and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for purposes of implementation of GHG emissions standards and the corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) program, respectively. Each year, the manufacturer definitions in the historical Trends database are updated, if necessary, to be consistent with the current definitions used for regulatory compliance.

Most of the tables in this section show adjusted CO_2 emissions and fuel economy data which are the best estimates for real world CO_2 emissions and fuel economy performance, but are not comparable to regulatory compliance values. Two tables in this section—Tables 4.4 and 4.5—show unadjusted, laboratory fuel economy and CO_2 emissions values, which form the basis for regulatory compliance values, though they do not reflect various compliance credits, incentives, and flexibilities available to automakers. Adjusted CO_2 values are, on average, about 25% higher than the unadjusted CO_2 values that form the starting point for GHG standards compliance. Adjusted fuel economy values are about 20% lower, on average, than unadjusted fuel economy values (note that these values differ because CO_2 emissions are proportional to fuel consumption, both expressed in units of "per mile," while fuel economy is the mathematical inverse of fuel consumption) that form the starting point for CAFE compliance.

For the first time, all 2011 and later values in this section include data from alternative fuel vehicles based on the mpge fuel economy metric and the tailpipe CO_2 emissions metric. Section 4.D shows that the impact of including alternative fuel vehicles is measureable for some manufacturers, and zero or negligible for others. Section 7 contains additional data for alternative fuel vehicles.

Information about compliance with EPA's GHG emissions standards, including EPA's Manufacturer Performance Report for the 2014 Model Year, is available at epa.gov/otaq/climate/ghg-report.htm. NHTSA's "Summary of Fuel Economy Performance," summarizing automaker compliance with fuel economy standards, is available at nhtsa.dot.gov/fuel-economy.

A. Manufacturer and Make Definitions

Table 4.1 lists the 13 manufacturers which had production of 100,000 or more vehicles in MY 2013 or MY 2014, and which cumulatively accounted for approximately 98% of total industry-wide production. There are no changes in the list of manufacturers in Table 4.1 included in this year's report, though we now use Fiat-Chrysler instead of Chrysler-Fiat and Mercedes instead of Daimler. Make is typically included in the model name and is generally equivalent to the "brand" of the vehicle. Table 4.1 also lists the 28 makes for which data are shown in subsequent tables. The production threshold for makes to be included in Tables 4.2 through 4.5 is 40,000 vehicles in MY 2013 or MY 2014.

Table 4.1

Manufacturers and Makes for MY 2013 - 2015

Manufacturer	Makes Above Threshold	Makes Below Threshold
General Motors	Chevrolet, Cadillac, Buick, GMC	
Toyota	Toyota, Lexus, Scion	
Ford	Ford, Lincoln	Roush, Shelby
Honda	Honda, Acura	
Fiat-Chrysler	Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram, Fiat	Ferrari, Maserati
Nissan	Nissan, Infiniti	
Hyundai	Hyundai	
Kia	Kia	
BMW	BMW, Mini	Rolls Royce
Volkswagen	Volkswagen, Audi, Porsche	Lamborghini, Bentley, Bugatti
Subaru	Subaru	
Mercedes	Mercedes	Smart, Maybach
Mazda	Mazda	
Others*		

*Note: Other manufacturers below the manufacturer threshold are Mitsubishi, Volvo, Rover, Suzuki, Jaguar Land Rover, Aston Martin, Lotus, VPG, BYD, McLaren, Quantum (which only produces one dual fuel CNG vehicle), and Tesla.

It is important to note that when a manufacturer or make grouping is modified to reflect a change in the industry's current financial structure, EPA makes the same adjustment to the entire historical database. This maintains consistent manufacturer and make definitions over time, which allows a better identification of long-term trends. On the other hand, this means that the current database does not necessarily reflect the actual corporate arrangements of the past. For example, the 2015 database no longer accounts for the fact that Chrysler was combined with Mercedes/Daimler for several years, and includes Chrysler in the Fiat-Chrysler manufacturer grouping for the entire database even though these other companies have been financially connected for only a few years.

Automakers submit vehicle production data, rather than vehicle sales data, in formal end-of-year CAFE and GHG emissions compliance reports to EPA. These vehicle production data are tabulated on a model year basis. Accordingly, the vehicle production data presented in this report often differ from similar data reported by press sources, which typically are based on vehicle sales data reported on a calendar basis. In years past, manufacturers typically used a more consistent approach for model year designations, i.e., from fall of one year to the fall of the following year. More recently, however, many manufacturers have used a more flexible approach, and it is not uncommon to see a new or redesigned model introduced with a new model year designation in the spring or summer, rather than the fall. This means that a model year for an individual vehicle can be either shortened or lengthened. Accordingly, year-to-year comparisons can be affected by these model year anomalies, though the overall trends even out over a multi-year period.

B. Manufacturer and Make Fuel Economy and CO_2 Emissions

Tables 4.2 through 4.5 provide comparative manufacturer- and make-specific data for fuel economy and CO_2 emissions for the three years from MY 2013-2015. Data are shown for cars only, trucks only, and cars and trucks combined. By including data from both MY 2013 and 2014, with formal end-of-year data for both years, it is possible to identify meaningful changes from year-to-year. Because of the uncertainty associated with the preliminary MY 2015 projections, changes from MY 2014 to MY 2015 are less meaningful.

In this section, tables are presented with both adjusted (Tables 4.2 and 4.3) and unadjusted, laboratory (Tables 4.4 and 4.5) data. Tables 4.2 and 4.3 provide adjusted data for fuel economy and CO_2 emissions, and therefore are consistent with tables presented earlier in the report. The data in these tables are very similar to the data used to generate the EPA/DOT Fuel Economy and Environment Labels and represent EPA's best estimate of nationwide real world fuel consumption and CO_2 emissions.

Tables 4.2 and 4.3 show rows with adjusted fuel economy and CO_2 emissions data for 12 manufacturers and 25 makes.

Two manufacturers, Hyundai and Kia, are included in these tables after having been addressed in table notes in recent years due to an investigation of test data. Subsequent to the settlement agreement between EPA and the companies, EPA has made some relatively minor corrections to the Trends database for MY 2011-2013 for these two companies.

On September 18, 2015, EPA issued a notice of violation of the Clean Air Act to Volkswagen alleging that certain MY 2009-2015 Volkswagen and Audi vehicles equipped with 4-cylinder diesel engines include "defeat device" software that results in up to 40 times higher oxides of nitrogen pollution in real world driving than on EPA emissions tests. On November 2, 2015, EPA issued a second Notice of Violation to Volkswagen alleging that certain MY 2014-2016 Volkswagen, Audi, and Porsche 6-cylinder diesel vehicles are similarly in violation of the Clean Air Act. See www.epa.gov/vw for more information. These alleged violations are now the subject of an ongoing EPA investigation. Oxides of nitrogen emissions are not directly related to tailpipe CO_2 emissions or fuel economy, but corrective actions taken by Volkswagen could impact CO_2 and fuel economy data. In this report, EPA uses the CO_2 emissions and fuel economy data from the initial certification of these vehicles. Should the investigation and corrective actions yield different CO_2 and fuel economy data, the revised data will be used in future reports. Because Volkswagen diesels account for less than 1% of industry production, data changes are expected to have a negligible impact on industry-wide values.

Of the 12 manufacturers shown in the body of Table 4.2, 8 manufacturers increased adjusted fuel economy (combined cars and trucks) from MY 2013 to MY 2014, and Mazda had the highest adjusted fuel economy in MY 2014 of 29.4 mpg. Four manufacturers were closely grouped behind Mazda—Subaru, Hyundai, Honda, and Nissan—with adjusted fuel economy values between 27.0 and 27.6 mpg. Fiat-Chrysler had the lowest adjusted fuel economy of 20.8 mpg, followed by General Motors and Ford. BMW achieved the largest increase in adjusted fuel economy from MY 2013-2014 of 1.9 mpg, followed by Mazda at 1.3 mpg.

Four manufacturers had lower adjusted fuel economy values in MY 2014. Two of these are Hyundai and Kia, which both reported significant decreases of about 1.5 mpg. As mentioned in last year's report, one key factor in this significant decrease is that several of these companies' most fuel efficient vehicles had very long MY 2013 production timeframes (on the order of 18 months) and very short MY 2014 production timeframes. The authors believe that these short MY 2014 production time frames were a major factor in the apparent worsened MY 2014 fuel economy and CO_2 values for Hyundai and Kia, and in turn also worsened the industry-wide values as well. Excluding Hyundai and Kia data from the MY 2013-to-MY 2014 comparison, industry-wide fuel economy would have increased by 0.3 mpg and fleetwide CO_2 emissions would have decreased by 4 g/mi in MY 2014, rather than being flat. The other two companies, Honda and Fiat-Chrysler, had decreases of 0.1 mpg. In both cases, the primary reason for the negligible decrease was an increase in truck share as, for example, Honda reported higher fuel economy for its individual car and truck fleets.

For MY 2014 cars only, Mazda and Toyota were the manufacturers with the highest adjusted fuel economy values of 31.8 and 30.8 mpg, respectively, while Fiat-Chrysler reported the lowest adjusted car fuel economy of 23.8 mpg. For MY 2014 trucks only, Subaru had the highest adjusted fuel economy of 27.5 mpg, while several manufacturers reported truck fuel economies between 19 and 20 mpg.

Table 4.2

*Adjusted Fuel Economy (MPG) by Manufacturer and Make for MY 2013 – 2015**

		Final MY 2013			Final MY 2014			*Preliminary MY 2015*		
Manufacturer	Make	Cars	Trucks	Cars and Trucks	Cars	Trucks	Cars and Trucks	*Cars*	*Trucks*	*Cars and Trucks*
Mazda	**All**	**30.2**	**23.8**	**28.1**	**31.8**	**24.5**	**29.4**	***32.8***	***23.7***	***30.1***
Subaru	**All**	**27.9**	**26.0**	**26.7**	**28.2**	**27.5**	**27.6**	***29.7***	***28.3***	***28.7***
Hyundai	**All**	**29.4**	**22.2**	**29.1**	**28.1**	**21.5**	**27.5**	***28.2***	***21.3***	***27.4***
Honda	Honda	30.8	23.0	27.9	30.8	23.8	27.8	*32.0*	*25.0*	*29.6*
Honda	Acura	25.8	20.4	23.5	25.5	22.9	23.9	*26.3*	*22.8*	*25.5*
Honda	**All**	**30.3**	**22.7**	**27.4**	**30.4**	**23.7**	**27.3**	***31.0***	***24.8***	***28.9***
Nissan	Nissan	30.9	21.1	27.5	31.0	21.4	27.6	*33.0*	*22.7*	*29.1*
Nissan	Infiniti	21.7	20.1	21.0	23.4	20.4	21.8	*23.5*	*21.2*	*22.5*
Nissan	**All**	**29.9**	**21.0**	**26.6**	**30.4**	**21.3**	**27.0**	***31.9***	***22.5***	***28.3***
BMW	BMW	25.0	20.7	23.5	27.3	22.9	26.0	*26.9*	*23.6*	*26.0*
BMW	Mini	30.2	-	30.2	29.3	-	29.3	*29.9*	*-*	*29.9*
BMW	**All**	**26.0**	**20.7**	**24.5**	**27.5**	**22.9**	**26.4**	***27.5***	***23.6***	***26.6***
Kia	**All**	**27.5**	**23.4**	**27.4**	**26.2**	**21.4**	**25.9**	***26.4***	***21.5***	***26.1***
Toyota	Toyota	32.1	20.1	25.4	32.2	19.6	25.9	*32.9*	*19.9*	*25.7*
Toyota	Lexus	25.3	20.4	23.6	25.2	19.2	23.6	*25.0*	*21.0*	*23.5*
Toyota	Scion	27.0	-	27.0	27.0	-	27.0	*26.5*	*-*	*26.5*
Toyota	**All**	**30.4**	**20.2**	**25.2**	**30.8**	**19.6**	**25.6**	***31.0***	***20.0***	***25.4***
Mercedes	Mercedes	23.3	19.2	21.8	24.5	19.3	22.9	*25.8*	*20.1*	*23.5*
Mercedes	**All**	**23.9**	**19.2**	**22.3**	**24.8**	**19.3**	**23.2**	***26.2***	***20.1***	***23.7***
Ford	Ford	27.6	19.1	22.4	27.5	19.1	22.8	*27.8*	*20.4*	*23.5*
Ford	Lincoln	23.5	18.2	21.2	24.8	17.8	21.9	*25.9*	*20.3*	*22.7*
Ford	**All**	**27.3**	**19.0**	**22.3**	**27.4**	**19.1**	**22.8**	***27.7***	***20.4***	***23.5***
GM	Chevrolet	26.9	18.2	22.9	27.2	19.4	23.6	*26.5*	*19.4*	*22.4*
GM	GMC	24.3	18.0	19.3	24.3	19.1	19.9	*24.6*	*19.1*	*19.8*
GM	Buick	24.8	20.5	23.6	25.5	20.8	23.5	*25.1*	*20.5*	*23.4*
GM	Cadillac	21.5	15.4	20.5	21.9	15.3	21.2	*22.2*	*17.5*	*21.1*
GM	**All**	**25.7**	**18.1**	**22.1**	**26.3**	**19.3**	**22.8**	***25.6***	***19.3***	***21.9***
Fiat-Chrysler	Jeep	24.8	18.6	19.1	25.1	20.3	21.1	*24.9*	*20.6*	*21.5*
Fiat-Chrysler	Dodge	24.4	20.2	22.4	23.0	20.6	21.7	*23.8*	*20.5*	*22.4*
Fiat-Chrysler	Ram	-	16.6	16.6	-	17.4	17.4	*-*	*18.8*	*18.8*
Fiat-Chrysler	Chrysler	23.5	20.6	22.3	23.6	20.9	22.1	*25.0*	*20.9*	*23.7*
Fiat-Chrysler	Fiat	32.7	-	32.7	31.1	-	31.1	*30.7*	*-*	*30.7*
Fiat-Chrysler	**All**	**24.5**	**18.8**	**20.9**	**23.8**	**19.6**	**20.8**	***24.8***	***20.2***	***21.8***
Other	**All**	**27.4**	**19.2**	**23.1**	**30.5**	**20.9**	**25.0**	***35.1***	***21.2***	***28.7***
All	**All**	**27.9**	**19.8**	**24.3**	**27.9**	**20.4**	**24.3**	***28.4***	***20.7***	***24.7***

* Note: Volkswagen is not included in this table due to an ongoing investigation. Based on the original compliance data, Volkswagen values for cars and trucks combined are 25.7 mpg for MY 2013, 26.2 mpg for MY 2014, and 27.6 mpg for preliminary MY 2015. Volkswagen data are included in industry-wide or "All" values. If corrective actions yield different fuel economy and CO_2 data, revised data will be used in future reports.

In terms of the makes shown in Table 4.2, the Fiat make achieved the highest combined car and truck fuel economy in MY 2014, of 31.1 mpg, followed by Mazda and Mini.

Preliminary projections suggest that 9 of the 12 manufacturers shown will improve adjusted fuel economy further in MY 2015, though EPA will not have final data for MY 2015 until next year's report.

Table 4.3 shows manufacturer-specific values for adjusted CO_2 emissions for the same manufacturers, makes and model years as shown in Table 4.2 for adjusted fuel economy. Of the 12 manufacturers shown, 8 manufacturers decreased adjusted CO_2 emissions from MY 2013 to MY 2014. Manufacturer rankings for CO_2 emissions are generally similar to those for fuel economy, though there can be some differences due to diesel vehicle production share (since diesel has a higher carbon content per gallon than gasoline). Of the 12 manufacturers shown in Table 4.3, Mazda had the lowest adjusted CO_2 emissions in MY 2014 of 302 g/mi, and Fiat-Chrysler had the highest adjusted CO_2 emissions of 428 g/mi. BMW achieved the largest decrease in adjusted CO_2 emissions from MY 2013-2014 of 26 g/mi, followed by Mercedes at 16 g/mi and Mazda at 14 g/mi. Preliminary values suggest that 9 of the 12 manufacturers could reduce CO_2 emissions in MY 2015. The make rankings for adjusted CO_2 emissions in Table 4.3 are also similar to those for adjusted fuel economy in Table 4.2.

Table 4.3

Adjusted CO_2 Emissions (g/mi) by Manufacturer and Make for MY 2013 – 2015*

		Final MY 2013			Final MY 2014			*Preliminary MY 2015*		
Manufacturer	Make	Cars	Trucks	Cars and Trucks	Cars	Trucks	Cars and Trucks	*Cars*	*Trucks*	*Cars and Trucks*
Mazda	**All**	**294**	**374**	**316**	**280**	**363**	**302**	***271***	***375***	***295***
Subaru	**All**	**319**	**342**	**332**	**315**	**323**	**321**	***300***	***314***	***309***
Hyundai	**All**	**302**	**400**	**305**	**316**	**414**	**323**	***315***	***416***	***325***
Honda	Honda	289	386	319	288	373	320	*278*	*355*	*301*
Honda	Acura	344	436	378	349	388	372	*337*	*390*	*348*
Honda	**All**	**293**	**391**	**324**	**293**	**375**	**326**	***287***	***358***	***307***
Nissan	Nissan	285	421	322	286	415	321	*266*	*391*	*303*
Nissan	Infiniti	409	441	424	380	436	407	*379*	*420*	*394*
Nissan	**All**	**295**	**424**	**332**	**292**	**418**	**329**	***275***	***394***	***312***
BMW	BMW	356	432	379	326	391	342	*330*	*384*	*344*
BMW	Mini	295	-	295	303	-	303	*297*	*-*	*297*
BMW	**All**	**342**	**432**	**364**	**323**	**391**	**338**	***323***	***384***	***335***
Kia	**All**	**323**	**380**	**324**	**339**	**415**	**343**	***336***	***413***	***341***
Toyota	Toyota	276	442	349	276	453	343	*270*	*447*	*346*
Toyota	Lexus	352	435	377	352	463	377	*356*	*423*	*378*
Toyota	Scion	329	-	329	330	-	330	*335*	*-*	*335*
Toyota	**All**	**292**	**441**	**352**	**289**	**453**	**347**	***287***	***444***	***350***
Mercedes	Mercedes	382	469	409	363	467	390	*341*	*452*	*380*
Mercedes	**All**	**371**	**469**	**401**	**358**	**467**	**385**	***336***	***452***	***375***
Ford	Ford	321	466	397	322	465	389	*319*	*436*	*377*
Ford	Lincoln	375	488	418	358	500	406	*343*	*439*	*392*
Ford	**All**	**324**	**467**	**397**	**324**	**466**	**389**	***320***	***436***	***378***
GM	Chevrolet	329	489	388	325	459	377	*334*	*459*	*397*
GM	GMC	366	494	460	366	464	447	*361*	*466*	*448*
GM	Buick	359	433	377	349	428	378	*354*	*434*	*379*
GM	Cadillac	413	577	434	404	581	419	*400*	*507*	*422*
GM	**All**	**344**	**490**	**401**	**338**	**460**	**390**	***346***	***461***	***406***
Fiat-Chrysler	Jeep	359	477	466	354	438	421	*356*	*432*	*414*
Fiat-Chrysler	Dodge	364	441	396	387	431	409	*374*	*434*	*397*
Fiat-Chrysler	Ram	-	535	535	-	510	510	*-*	*478*	*478*
Fiat-Chrysler	Chrysler	378	432	398	377	425	403	*355*	*425*	*376*
Fiat-Chrysler	Fiat	268	-	268	279	-	279	*285*	*-*	*285*
Fiat-Chrysler	**All**	**362**	**473**	**425**	**373**	**452**	**428**	***358***	***443***	***409***
Other	**All**	**310**	**463**	**377**	**275**	**425**	**346**	***223***	***419***	***290***
All	**All**	**319**	**450**	**366**	**318**	**437**	**366**	***312***	***430***	***360***

* Note: Volkswagen is not included in this table due to an ongoing investigation. Based on the original compliance data, Volkswagen values for cars and trucks combined are 353 g/mi CO_2 for MY 2013, 347 g/mi for MY 2014, and 329 g/mi for preliminary MY 2015. Volkswagen data are included in industry-wide or "All" values. If corrective actions yield different fuel economy and CO_2 data, revised data will be used in future reports.

Tables 4.4 and 4.5 provide unadjusted, laboratory data for both fuel economy and CO_2 emissions for MY 2013-2015 for manufacturers and makes. Unadjusted, laboratory data is particularly relevant in a manufacturer-specific context because it is the foundation for EPA CO_2 emissions and NHTSA CAFE regulatory compliance. It also provides a basis for comparing long-term trends from the perspective of vehicle design only, apart from the factors that affect real world performance that can change over time (i.e., driving behavior such as acceleration rates or the use of air conditioning).

In general, manufacturer rankings based on the unadjusted, laboratory fuel economy and CO_2 values in Tables 4.4 and 4.5 are very similar to those for the adjusted values in Tables 4.2 and 4.3. On average, in recent years, unadjusted, laboratory fuel economy values are about 25% greater than adjusted fuel economy values (slightly greater at higher mpg levels), and average unadjusted, laboratory CO_2 emissions values are about 20% less than adjusted CO_2 emissions (slightly greater at lower CO_2 emissions levels).

Table 4.4

*Unadjusted, Laboratory Fuel Economy (MPG) by Manufacturer and Make for MY 2013 – 2015**

		Final MY 2013			Final MY 2014			*Preliminary MY 2015*		
Manufacturer	Make	Cars	Trucks	Cars and Trucks	Cars	Trucks	Cars and Trucks	*Cars*	*Trucks*	*Cars and Trucks*
Mazda	**All**	**38.9**	**30.4**	**36.1**	**41.0**	**31.4**	**37.9**	***42.5***	***30.3***	***38.8***
Subaru	**All**	**35.7**	**33.3**	**34.2**	**36.1**	**35.4**	**35.5**	***38.1***	***36.5***	***37.0***
Hyundai	**All**	**37.4**	**28.1**	**37.0**	**35.8**	**27.3**	**35.1**	***35.8***	***27.1***	***34.8***
Honda	Honda	39.7	28.9	35.6	39.7	30.0	35.4	*41.4*	*31.7*	*38.0*
Honda	Acura	32.5	25.6	29.6	32.0	28.7	29.9	*33.6*	*28.5*	*32.4*
Honda	**All**	**39.0**	**28.5**	**34.9**	**39.0**	**29.8**	**34.7**	***40.0***	***31.4***	***37.1***
Nissan	Nissan	40.1	26.8	35.4	40.3	27.1	35.5	*42.9*	*29.1*	*37.6*
Nissan	Infiniti	27.2	25.3	26.3	29.3	25.6	27.4	*29.5*	*27.2*	*28.6*
Nissan	**All**	**38.6**	**26.5**	**34.1**	**39.3**	**26.9**	**34.6**	***41.3***	***28.9***	***36.5***
BMW	BMW	31.4	25.8	29.4	34.3	28.7	32.7	*33.8*	*29.8*	*32.7*
BMW	Mini	39.0	-	39.0	37.9	-	37.9	*38.6*	-	*38.6*
BMW	**All**	**32.9**	**25.8**	**30.8**	**34.7**	**28.7**	**33.2**	***34.8***	***29.8***	***33.7***
Kia	**All**	**35.3**	**29.5**	**35.1**	**33.4**	**26.9**	**33.0**	***33.5***	***27.1***	***33.1***
Toyota	Toyota	42.0	25.4	32.6	41.9	24.8	33.2	*43.1*	*25.1*	*32.9*
Toyota	Lexus	32.2	25.7	29.9	32.1	24.0	29.9	*31.9*	*26.5*	*30.0*
Toyota	Scion	34.6	-	34.6	34.6	-	34.6	*33.9*	-	*33.9*
Toyota	**All**	**39.5**	**25.4**	**32.3**	**39.9**	**24.7**	**32.8**	***40.3***	***25.2***	***32.5***
Mercedes	Mercedes	29.2	24.4	27.5	30.8	24.5	28.9	*32.7*	*25.3*	*29.7*
Mercedes	**All**	**30.1**	**24.4**	**28.1**	**31.2**	**24.5**	**29.2**	***33.1***	***25.3***	***30.0***
Ford	Ford	35.1	23.8	28.2	35.0	23.8	28.7	*35.2*	*25.5*	*29.6*
Ford	Lincoln	29.7	22.7	26.6	31.9	22.1	27.8	*34.2*	*25.6*	*29.2*
Ford	**All**	**34.8**	**23.8**	**28.1**	**34.8**	**23.8**	**28.7**	***35.2***	***25.5***	***29.6***
GM	Chevrolet	34.0	22.5	28.7	34.6	24.1	29.6	*33.6*	*24.1*	*28.1*
GM	GMC	31.0	22.4	24.2	31.0	23.8	24.9	*31.0*	*23.7*	*24.7*
GM	Buick	30.9	25.8	29.4	32.1	26.1	29.7	*32.0*	*25.9*	*29.8*
GM	Cadillac	26.7	19.9	25.6	27.4	19.9	26.6	*27.7*	*21.7*	*26.2*
GM	**All**	**32.5**	**22.6**	**27.7**	**33.3**	**24.1**	**28.6**	***32.4***	***24.0***	***27.4***
Fiat-Chrysler	Jeep	31.8	23.4	24.0	31.8	25.4	26.6	*31.7*	*25.9*	*27.1*
Fiat-Chrysler	Dodge	30.5	25.0	28.0	28.5	25.6	27.0	*29.5*	*25.0*	*27.6*
Fiat-Chrysler	Ram	-	20.5	20.5	-	21.6	21.6	-	*23.4*	*23.4*
Fiat-Chrysler	Chrysler	29.2	25.4	27.7	29.2	25.9	27.4	*31.1*	*25.9*	*29.3*
Fiat-Chrysler	Fiat	42.8	-	42.8	40.1	-	40.1	*39.5*	-	*39.5*
Fiat-Chrysler	**All**	**30.7**	**23.4**	**26.1**	**29.8**	**24.5**	**25.9**	***31.1***	***25.1***	***27.2***
Other	**All**	**34.5**	**23.9**	**28.9**	**38.9**	**26.3**	**31.6**	***44.6***	***26.7***	***36.3***
All	**All**	**35.5**	**24.8**	**30.7**	**35.6**	**25.5**	**30.7**	***36.2***	***26.0***	***31.2***

*Note: Volkswagen is not included in this table due to an ongoing investigation. Based on the original compliance data, Volkswagen values for cars and trucks combined are 32.2 mpg for MY 2013, 32.7 mpg for MY 2014, and 34.8 for preliminary MY 2015. Volkswagen data are included in industry-wide or "All" values. If corrective actions yield different fuel economy and CO_2 data, revised data will be used in future reports.

Table 4.5

*Unadjusted, Laboratory CO_2 Emissions (g/mi) by Manufacturer and Make for MY 2013 – 2015**

Manufacturer	Make	Final MY 2013 Cars	Final MY 2013 Trucks	Final MY 2013 Cars and Trucks	Final MY 2014 Cars	Final MY 2014 Trucks	Final MY 2014 Cars and Trucks	*Preliminary MY 2015 Cars*	*Preliminary MY 2015 Trucks*	*Preliminary MY 2015 Cars and Trucks*
Mazda	**All**	**229**	**293**	**246**	**217**	**283**	**234**	***209***	***294***	***229***
Subaru	**All**	**249**	**267**	**259**	**246**	**251**	**250**	***233***	***244***	***240***
Hyundai	**All**	**238**	**316**	**240**	**248**	**325**	**254**	***248***	***328***	***255***
Honda	Honda	224	307	250	224	296	251	*214*	*280*	*234*
Honda	Acura	273	347	300	278	310	297	*265*	*311*	*274*
Honda	**All**	**228**	**312**	**254**	**228**	**298**	**256**	***222***	***283***	***239***
Nissan	Nissan	220	332	250	220	328	250	*205*	*305*	*235*
Nissan	Infiniti	327	352	338	303	347	324	*301*	*327*	*311*
Nissan	**All**	**229**	**335**	**259**	**226**	**331**	**257**	***213***	***307***	***242***
BMW	BMW	283	346	302	259	311	272	*263*	*304*	*273*
BMW	Mini	228	-	228	234	-	234	*230*	*-*	*230*
BMW	**All**	**270**	**346**	**289**	**256**	**311**	**268**	***256***	***304***	***265***
Kia	**All**	**252**	**301**	**253**	**266**	**330**	**269**	***265***	***328***	***269***
Toyota	Toyota	211	350	272	212	359	268	*206*	*354*	*270*
Toyota	Lexus	276	346	297	277	370	298	*278*	*335*	*297*
Toyota	Scion	257	-	257	257	-	257	*262*	*-*	*262*
Toyota	**All**	**225**	**349**	**275**	**223**	**360**	**271**	***220***	***352***	***274***
Mercedes	Mercedes	305	371	326	289	370	309	*270*	*358*	*301*
Mercedes	**All**	**296**	**371**	**318**	**285**	**370**	**306**	***266***	***358***	***297***
Ford	Ford	252	374	315	254	373	309	*251*	*348*	*300*
Ford	Lincoln	299	391	334	278	402	319	*260*	*347*	*304*
Ford	**All**	**254**	**374**	**316**	**255**	**374**	**309**	***252***	***348***	***300***
GM	Chevrolet	260	394	309	256	369	299	*264*	*368*	*316*
GM	GMC	286	397	367	287	373	358	*286*	*375*	*360*
GM	Buick	288	344	302	277	340	300	*277*	*343*	*298*
GM	Cadillac	332	446	347	324	446	334	*321*	*409*	*339*
GM	**All**	**273**	**394**	**320**	**266**	**369**	**310**	***274***	***370***	***324***
Fiat-Chrysler	Jeep	279	379	370	279	349	335	*281*	*345*	*329*
Fiat-Chrysler	Dodge	292	355	318	312	347	330	*301*	*355*	*321*
Fiat-Chrysler	Ram	-	433	433	-	412	412	*-*	*385*	*385*
Fiat-Chrysler	Chrysler	305	349	321	304	343	325	*286*	*343*	*303*
Fiat-Chrysler	Fiat	205	-	205	217	-	217	*222*	*-*	*222*
Fiat-Chrysler	**All**	**289**	**380**	**341**	**298**	**363**	**343**	***286***	***355***	***328***
Other	**All**	**246**	**372**	**301**	**216**	**338**	**274**	***175***	***333***	***229***
All	**All**	**250**	**359**	**289**	**250**	**348**	**290**	***245***	***343***	***284***

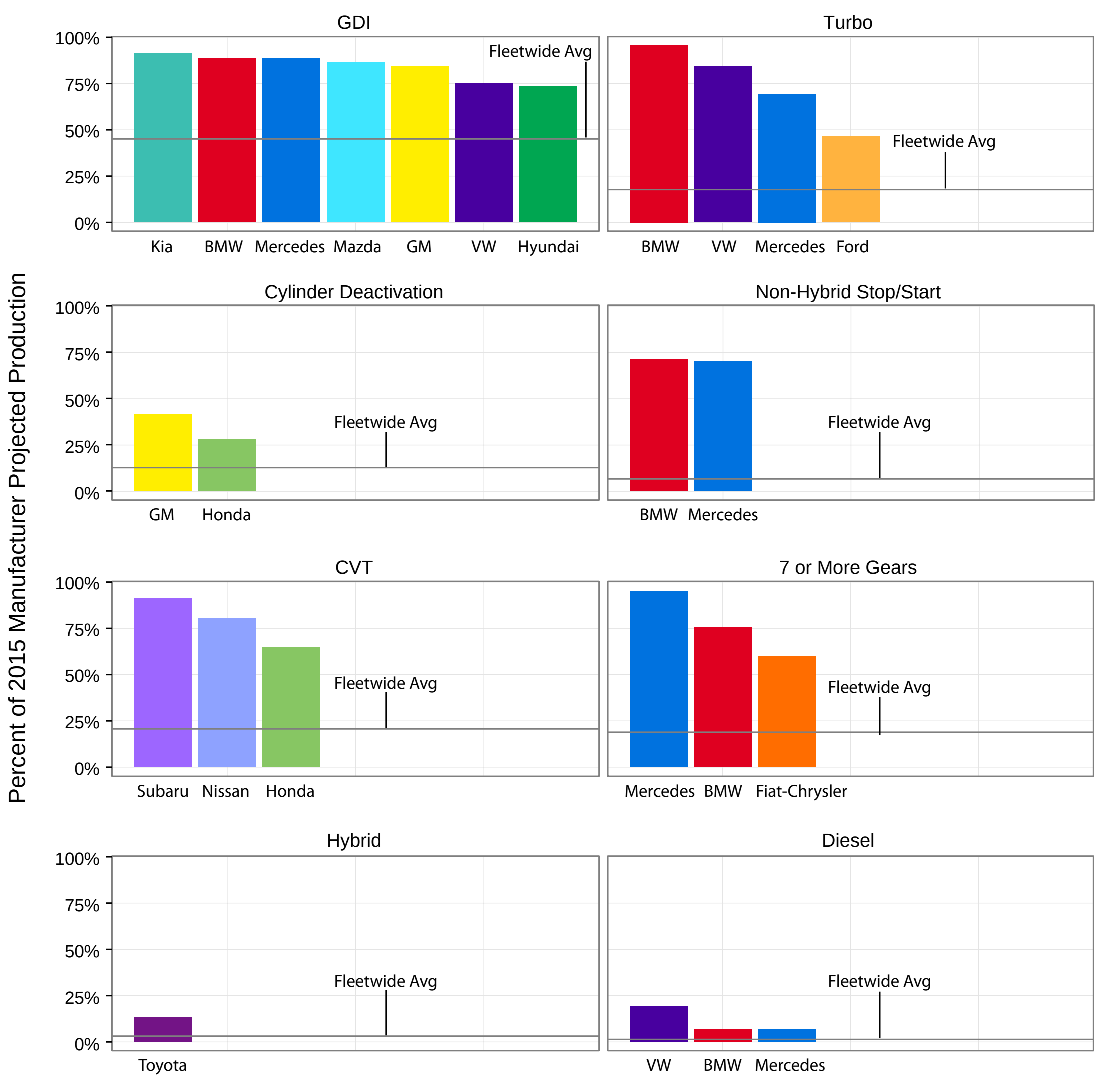
*Note: Volkswagen is not included in this table due to an ongoing investigation. Based on the original compliance data, Volkswagen values for cars and trucks combined are 281 g/mi CO_2 for MY 2013, 278 g/mi for MY 2014, and 261 g/mi for preliminary MY 2015. Volkswagen data are included in industry-wide or "All" values. If corrective actions yield different fuel economy and CO_2 data, revised data will be used in future reports.

C. Manufacturer Technology and Attribute Trends

Figure 4.1 shows manufacturers with the highest preliminary MY 2015 production shares for several technologies discussed in more detail in Section 5, as well as the projected industry-wide average production share for each technology in MY 2015. Manufacturers are shown in this figure if they meet at least one of the following two criteria: 1) a preliminary MY 2015 technology adoption rate at least 25% higher (in absolute terms) than the industry average, or 2) a technology adoption rate at least twice as high as the industry average.

Figure 4.1

Highest Technology Adoption Based on Projected MY 2015 Production



In terms of individual technologies, Kia had the highest projected production share for gasoline direct injection, BMW for turbocharging and non-hybrid stop/start, GM for cylinder deactivation, Subaru for continuously variable transmissions, Mercedes for transmissions with 7 or more gears, Toyota for hybrids, and Volkswagen for diesels.

There are 25 manufacturer-technology combinations shown in Figure 4.1. BMW and Mercedes are represented five times each, Volkswagen three times, Honda and General Motors two times each, and every other manufacturer is represented once. It is important to note that some manufacturers utilize technology approaches, such as Mazda's SKYACTIV design with higher engine compression ratios, which are not included in Figure 4.1.

Table 4.6 shows footprint by manufacturer for MY 2013-2015. In recent years, industry-wide footprint has fluctuated around 49 square feet, but rose to 49.7 square feet in MY 2014, the highest since data collection began in 2008. GM, Ford, and Fiat-Chrysler had the largest footprint values in MY 2014 in the 52 to 53.5 square feet range, and Subaru had the lowest footprint value of slightly more than 44 square feet. The remaining manufacturers had average footprint values in the 46 to 49 square feet range.

Table 4.6

Footprint (square feet) by Manufacturer for MY 2013 - 2015

Manufacturer	MY 2013			MY 2014			*Preliminary MY 2015*		
	Cars	Trucks	Cars and Trucks	Cars	Trucks	Cars and Trucks	*Cars*	*Trucks*	*Cars and Trucks*
GM	46.5	60.4	51.9	46.3	62.6	53.2	*46.8*	*63.0*	*55.3*
Ford	47.0	59.5	53.4	46.4	59.4	52.4	*46.6*	*59.0*	*52.8*
Toyota	45.1	52.5	48.1	45.6	54.1	48.6	*45.5*	*53.1*	*48.6*
Fiat-Chrysler	47.6	54.5	51.5	48.0	54.1	52.2	*46.9*	*53.4*	*50.8*
Honda	44.9	49.3	46.3	45.6	49.2	47.0	*45.3*	*49.4*	*46.4*
Nissan	45.8	50.8	47.2	45.4	51.6	47.2	*45.1*	*50.7*	*46.9*
VW	45.2	49.6	45.8	45.5	50.0	46.3	*45.0*	*48.5*	*45.5*
Hyundai	46.1	47.0	46.2	46.1	47.5	46.2	*46.8*	*47.5*	*46.9*
Kia	45.5	45.6	45.5	45.8	50.0	46.1	*46.1*	*51.1*	*46.4*
Subaru	44.0	44.6	44.4	44.1	44.4	44.3	*44.3*	*44.6*	*44.5*
BMW	46.2	50.8	47.4	47.1	50.4	47.8	*45.7*	*50.4*	*46.7*
Mercedes	45.4	51.5	47.3	46.6	51.4	47.8	*47.3*	*51.7*	*48.8*
Mazda	43.6	47.6	44.7	45.6	47.2	46.0	*45.6*	*47.6*	*46.1*
Other	47.0	47.8	47.3	45.3	49.2	47.1	*48.1*	*48.4*	*48.2*
All	**45.9**	**54.7**	**49.1**	**46.1**	**55.0**	**49.7**	***46.1***	***55.5***	***49.9***

Manufacturer-specific MY 2014 car footprint values varied little, within 44-48 square feet. MY 2014 truck footprint values were much more variable, ranging from 44 (Subaru) to 63 (General Motors) square feet.

In terms of change in footprint values from MY 2013 to MY 2014, nine manufacturers increased footprint, with GM and Mazda having the largest increases of 1.3 square feet. Two manufacturers decreased footprint, with Ford reducing footprint by 1.0 square feet. Industry-wide footprint is projected to increase slightly in MY 2015.

Table 4.7 shows manufacturer-specific values for adjusted fuel economy and production share for the two classes (cars and trucks) and the five vehicle types (cars, car SUVs, truck SUVs, pickups, and minivans/vans) for 13 manufacturers for MY 2014. Mazda had the highest adjusted fuel economy for both the car type and for car SUVs. For the truck types, Subaru reported the highest adjusted fuel economy for truck SUVs, GM had the highest pickup fuel economy, and Mazda had the highest adjusted fuel economy for minivans/vans. Subaru had the highest truck share of 77%, followed by Chrysler-Fiat at 69%, while Hyundai and Kia had truck shares below 10%.

Industry-wide, car type vehicles averaged 4.1 mpg higher than car SUVs in MY 2014, with this difference increasing by 0.3 mpg since MY 2013. Among truck types, for the first time, truck SUVs had the highest adjusted fuel economy of 21.7 mpg, followed by minivans/vans at 21.3 mpg, and pickups at 18.0 mpg. The vehicle types with the biggest fuel economy increases since MY 2013 were truck SUVs at 0.8 mpg and pickups at 0.6 mpg.

Table 4.7

*Adjusted Fuel Economy and Production Share by Vehicle Classification and Type for MY 2014**

	Cars		Car SUVs		All Cars		Truck SUVs		Pickups		Minivans/Vans		All Trucks	
Manufacturer	Adj FE (MPG)	Prod Share	Adj FE (MPG)	Prod Share	Adj FE (MPG)	Prod Share	Adj FE (MPG)	Prod Share	Adj FE (MPG)	Prod Share	Adj FE (MPG)	Prod Share	Adj FE (MPG)	Prod Share
GM	26.9	43.8%	24.4	13.4%	26.3	57.2%	19.8	16.6%	19.2	25.4%	15.4	0.8%	19.3	42.8%
Ford	28.4	41.3%	24.6	12.6%	27.4	53.9%	20.9	21.3%	17.5	23.1%	22.7	1.7%	19.1	46.1%
Toyota	31.4	59.4%	25.5	5.4%	30.8	64.8%	21.2	16.9%	17.3	12.6%	21.1	5.8%	19.6	35.2%
Fiat-Chrysler	23.5	22.2%	24.8	8.9%	23.8	31.0%	20.3	38.7%	17.3	15.8%	20.9	14.4%	19.6	69.0%
Honda	31.5	48.7%	26.3	11.3%	30.4	60.0%	24.1	29.4%	18.1	1.0%	23.2	9.6%	23.7	40.0%
Nissan	31.1	62.9%	25.4	7.6%	30.4	70.6%	22.3	22.1%	17.8	5.8%	23.4	1.4%	21.3	29.4%
Hyundai	29.8	73.8%	23.2	19.2%	28.1	93.0%	21.5	7.0%	-	-	-	-	21.5	7.0%
Kia	27.9	70.0%	22.3	24.6%	26.2	94.6%	22.6	2.8%	-	-	20.3	2.6%	21.4	5.4%
Subaru	28.2	23.4%	-	-	28.2	23.4%	27.5	76.6%	-	-	-	-	27.5	76.6%
BMW	27.5	78.4%	-	-	27.5	78.4%	22.9	21.6%	-	-	-	-	22.9	21.6%
Mercedes	24.9	71.0%	22.1	4.1%	24.8	75.1%	19.3	24.9%	-	-	-	-	19.3	24.9%
Mazda	32.9	56.5%	28.6	16.9%	31.8	73.4%	24.4	22.8%	-	-	24.8	3.8%	24.5	26.6%
Other	31.7	42.2%	26.5	10.0%	30.5	52.2%	20.9	47.8%	-	-	-	-	20.9	47.8%
All	28.7	49.2%	24.6	10.1%	27.9	59.3%	21.7	23.9%	18.0	12.4%	21.3	4.3%	20.4	40.7%

*Note: Volkswagen is not included in this table due to an ongoing investigation. Based on the original compliance data, Volkswagen values are 27.6 mpg at 80.1% production share for cars, 23.0 mpg at 2.4% production share for car SUVs, 27.4 mpg at 82.5% production share for all cars, and 21.7 mpg at 17.5% production share for both truck SUVs and all trucks. Volkswagen data are included in industry-wide or "All" values. If corrective actions yield different fuel economy and CO_2 data, revised data will be used in future reports.

Table 4.8 shows average MY 2014 manufacturer-specific values, for all cars and trucks, for three important vehicle attributes: footprint, weight, and horsepower. The footprint data in Table 4.8 were also shown in Table 4.6 and discussed above. Fiat-Chrysler had the highest average weight of 4475 pounds, followed by General Motors and Mercedes. Hyundai, Mazda, and Kia reported the lowest average weights of around 3400 pounds. Mercedes had the highest average horsepower level of 287 hp, followed by Fiat-Chrysler, and BMW. Subaru reported the lowest horsepower level of 172 hp, followed by Mazda.

Table 4.8

Vehicle Footprint, Weight, and Horsepower by Manufacturer for MY 2014

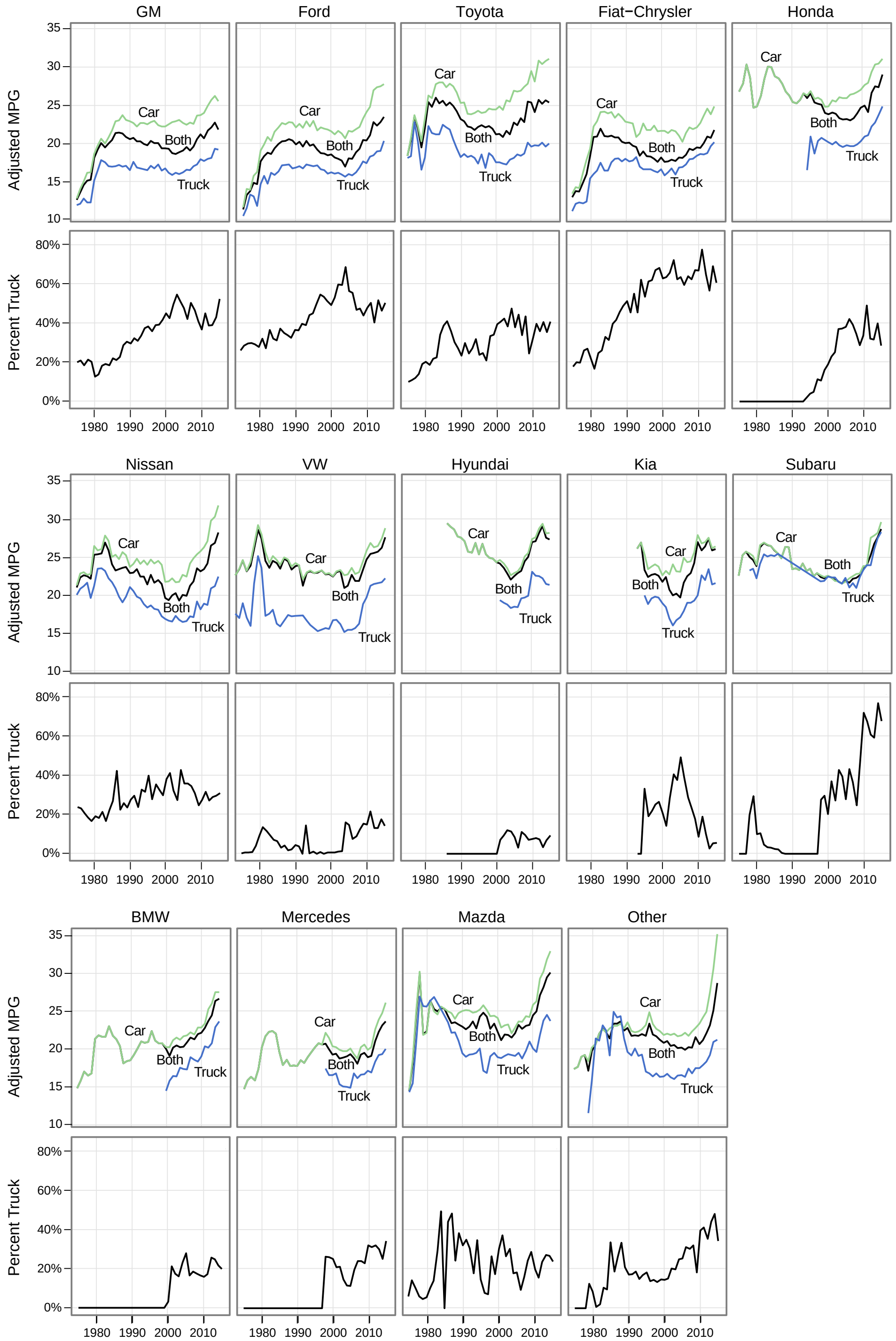
Manufacturer	Footprint (sq ft)	Weight (lb)	HP
GM	53.2	4410	255
Ford	52.4	4335	253
Toyota	48.6	3898	201
Fiat-Chrysler	52.2	4475	273
Honda	47.0	3701	201
Nissan	47.2	3684	198
VW	46.3	3841	211
Hyundai	46.2	3390	186
Kia	46.1	3438	187
Subaru	44.3	3632	172
BMW	47.8	4017	263
Mercedes	47.8	4369	287
Mazda	46.0	3433	175
All	**49.7**	**4060**	**230**

Finally, Figure 4.2 provides a historical perspective, for both adjusted fuel economy and truck share, for each of the top 13 manufacturers. Adjusted fuel economy is presented for cars only, trucks only, and cars and trucks combined. One noteworthy result in Figure 4.2 is that there is very little difference between the adjusted fuel economy values for Subaru cars and trucks, the only manufacturer for which this is the case.

More information for the historic Trends database stratified by manufacturer can be found in Appendices J and K.

Figure 4.2

Adjusted Fuel Economy and Percent Truck by Manufacturer for MY 1975 - 2015



D. Manufacturer Specific Impact of Alternative Fuel Vehicles

In the past, this report has treated alternative fuel vehicles separately from gasoline and diesel vehicles, with the vast majority of analysis limited to gasoline and diesel vehicles only. Since alternative fuel vehicle production has generally been less than 0.1% of total vehicle production until very recently, the impact of excluding alternative fuel vehicles was negligible. However, with alternative fuel vehicles now approaching 1% of new vehicle production, these vehicles are in fact beginning to have a measurable and meaningful impact on overall new vehicle fuel economy and CO_2 emissions, particularly for some individual manufacturers.

This section summarizes the impact of alternative fuel vehicles on individual manufacturer fuel economy and CO_2 emissions. In order for data from alternative fuel vehicles to be merged with data for gasoline and diesel vehicles, this report uses miles per gallon-equivalent (mpge), the number of miles that a vehicle travels on an amount of alternative fuel with the same energy content as a gallon of gasoline, and tailpipe CO_2 emissions data. These values are used on the EPA/DOT Fuel Economy and Environment Label and are the metrics that are most often associated with these vehicles. Of course, including net upstream CO_2 emissions for vehicles operating on electricity would change the impact of electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles on manufacturer-specific CO_2 emissions (see Section 7 for data on net upstream CO_2 emissions).

Table 4.9 shows the impact of alternative fuel vehicles on MY 2014 manufacturer-specific adjusted mpg and CO_2 emissions values. Nine of the thirteen largest manufacturers produced alternative fuel vehicles in MY 2014. Additionally, four smaller manufacturers also produced alternative fuel vehicles and are included in Table 4.9. The alternative fuel vehicle fuel economy and CO_2 emissions values were recalculated from label values (weighted 55% city/45% highway) to adjusted values (weighted 43% city/57% highway) to be consistent with the adjusted numbers presented in most of the sections of this report. For further discussion of the methodology behind the adjusted fuel economy and CO_2 values, see Section 10.

Table 4.9

*MY 2014 Alternative Fuel Vehicle Impact on Manufacturer Averages**

Manufacturer	Adj. Fuel Economy (MPG) Without AFVs	With AFVs	Difference with AFVs	Adjusted CO_2 Emissions (g/mi) Without AFVs	With AFVs	Difference with AFVs	Total AFV Production	Percent of Manufacturer Production
GM	22.6	22.8	+0.1	393	390	-3	25,847	0.9%
Ford	22.7	22.8	+0.1	391	389	-2	18,826	0.8%
Toyota	25.5	25.6	+0.1	348	347	-1	13,414	0.6%
Fiat-Chrysler	20.7	20.8	0.0	428	428	-1	3,404	0.2%
Honda	27.3	27.3	0.0	326	326	0	2,379	0.2%
Nissan	26.8	27.0	+0.2	332	329	-3	10,339	0.8%
BMW	25.9	26.4	+0.5	345	338	-8	9,895	2.6%
Mercedes	23.0	23.2	+0.2	389	385	-4	3,610	1.0%
Mitsubishi	29.0	29.1	+0.1	306	306	-1	219	0.2%
Tesla	-	90.2	-	-	0	-	17,791	100.0%
McLaren	18.2	18.1	-0.1	488	487	0	43	15.4%
BYD Motors	-	63.4	-	-	0	-	50	100.0%
All	**24.2**	**24.3**	**+0.1**	**368**	**366**	**-2**		**0.7%**

*Note: Volkswagen is not included in this table due to an ongoing investigation. Based on the original compliance data, Volkswagen values are 26.2 MPG and 347 g CO_2/mi, with and without AFVs, AFVs are 0.1% share of Volkswagen's production. These Volkswagen data are included in industry-wide or "All" values. If corrective actions yield different fuel economy and CO_2 data, revised data will be used in future reports.

Alternative fuel vehicles comprised 0.7% of new vehicle production in MY 2014. Including mpge and tailpipe CO_2 emissions from alternative fuel vehicles increased the overall MY 2014 adjusted fuel economy by 0.1 mpg compared to what it otherwise would have been, and reduced overall CO_2 emissions by 2 g/mi. Of the largest manufacturers with production of over 100,000 vehicles, BMW had the highest concentration of alternative fuel vehicle production at 2.6%, followed by Mercedes, GM, Ford, and Nissan at around 1%. Including alternative fuel vehicles improved BMW's performance the most, increasing MY 2014 fuel economy by 0.5 mpg overall, and decreasing CO_2 emissions by 8 g/mi. The inclusion of alternative fuel vehicles raised adjusted fuel economy by 0.1 - 0.2 mpg, and decreased tailpipe CO_2 emissions by 1-4 g/mi, for several other manufacturers.

Tesla, which exclusively sells EVs, was the one small manufacturer with significant alternative fuel vehicle production. Mitsubishi, McLaren, and BYD reported very low alternative fuel vehicle production.

The impact of alternative fuel vehicles on most manufacturer values is still relatively small, and does not result in major changes in the manufacturer rankings for either adjusted fuel economy or adjusted CO_2 emissions shown in Tables 4.2 and 4.3.

Section 7 of this report has further data on fuel economy, emissions, and other parameters for alternative fuel vehicles.

5 Powertrain Technologies

Technological innovation is a major driver of vehicle design in general, and vehicle fuel economy and CO_2 emissions in particular. Since its inception, this report has tracked the usage of key technologies as well as many major engine and transmission parameters. This section of the report will focus on the larger technology trends in engine and transmission production and the impact of those trends on vehicle fuel economy and CO_2 emissions.

Over the last 40 years, one trend is strikingly clear: automakers have consistently developed and commercialized new technologies that have provided increasing benefits to consumers. As discussed previously in Sections 2 and 3, the benefits provided by new technologies have varied over time. New technologies have been introduced for many reasons, including increasing fuel economy, reducing CO_2 emissions, increasing vehicle power and performance, increasing vehicle content and weight, or improving other vehicle attributes that are not easily quantifiable (e.g., handling, launch feel).

This year's report adds data on alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs). AFVs include electric vehicles (EVs), plug-in electric hybrids (PHEVs), and compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles. For the first time, AFVs are projected to surpass 1% of production in MY 2015. AFV production has increased in recent years and is enough to begin impacting some important trends in this report. However, making technical comparisons between AFVs and conventional vehicles is difficult due to the fact that many conventional metrics are no longer relevant for electrified vehicles (number of cylinders, for example), and that some AFVs have complex operating cycles based on multiple fuels. For these reasons, the analysis in part B of this section is limited to conventional vehicles (gasoline, diesel, and gasoline hybrid) only. Part C focuses exclusively on alternative fuel vehicles, without conventional vehicles. The rest of this section includes AFVs and conventional vehicles together. For a more detailed description of individual AFVs and the parameters used to measure fuel economy and emissions, see section 7.

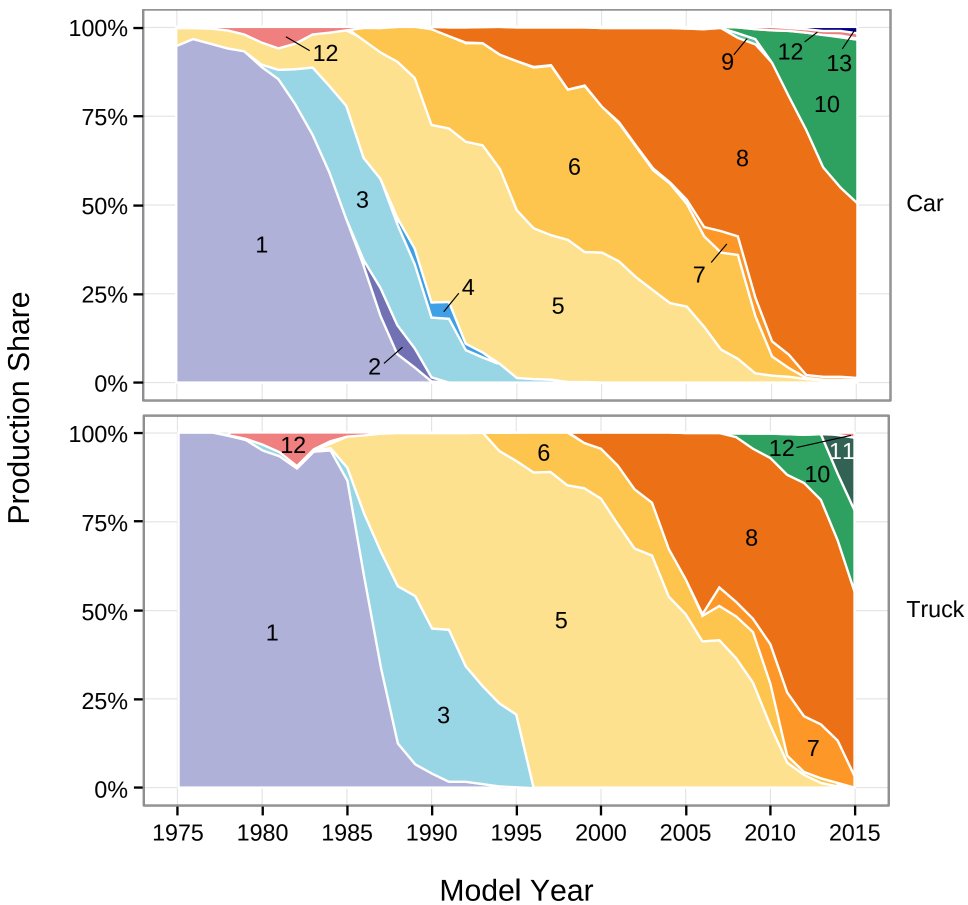
A. Overall Engine Trends

Engine technology has changed radically over the last 40 years. In 1975, the first year of this report, nearly all engines were carbureted with fixed valve timing and two valves per cylinder. In 2015, almost half of new vehicle production will feature engines with gasoline direct injection, variable valve timing, and multiple valves per cylinder. In addition, advanced AFVs, including PHEVs that can operate on electricity or gasoline, are in production today.

The evolution of vehicle engine technology over the last 40 years is shown in Figure 5.1. Engine technology has consistently changed as the industry evolved. One interesting aspect of Figure 5.1 is that engine technology has, at times, changed quite quickly. GDI engines were installed in less than 5% of vehicles produced in MY 2009, but are projected to reach about 46% of new vehicles in MY 2015. This is a quick change, but not unprecedented in the industry. For example, nearly all trucks moved from carburetors to fuel injection engines in the 5 year period from MY 1985 to MY 1990.

Figure 5.1

Production Share by Engine Technology



Fuel Delivery	Valve Timing	Number of Valves	Key
Carbureted	Fixed	Two-Valve	1
		Multi-Valve	2
Throttle Body Injection	Fixed	Two-Valve	3
		Multi-Valve	4
Port Fuel Injection	Fixed	Two-Valve	5
		Multi-Valve	6
	Variable	Two-Valve	7
		Multi-Valve	8
Gasoline Direct Injection (GDI)	Fixed	Multi-Valve	9
	Variable	Multi-Valve	10
		Two-Valve	11
Diesel	—	—	12
Alternative Fuel	—	—	13

Table 5.1

Production Share by Powertrain

Model Year	Gasoline	Hybrid	Diesel	Plug-in Hybrid Electric (PHEV)	Electric	Other
1975	99.8%	-	0.2%	-	-	-
1976	99.8%	-	0.2%	-	-	-
1977	99.6%	-	0.4%	-	-	-
1978	99.1%	-	0.9%	-	-	-
1979	98.0%	-	2.0%	-	-	-
1980	95.7%	-	4.3%	-	-	-
1981	94.1%	-	5.9%	-	-	-
1982	94.4%	-	5.6%	-	-	-
1983	97.3%	-	2.7%	-	-	-
1984	98.2%	-	1.8%	-	-	-
1985	99.1%	-	0.9%	-	-	-
1986	99.6%	-	0.4%	-	-	-
1987	99.7%	-	0.3%	-	-	-
1988	99.9%	-	0.1%	-	-	-
1989	99.9%	-	0.1%	-	-	-
1990	99.9%	-	0.1%	-	-	-
1991	99.9%	-	0.1%	-	-	-
1992	99.9%	-	0.1%	-	-	-
1993	100.0%	-		-	-	-
1994	100.0%	-	0.0%	-	-	-
1995	100.0%	-	0.0%	-	-	-
1996	99.9%	-	0.1%	-	-	-
1997	99.9%	-	0.1%	-	-	-
1998	99.9%	-	0.1%	-	-	-
1999	99.9%	-	0.1%	-	-	-
2000	99.8%	0.0%	0.1%	-	-	-
2001	99.7%	0.1%	0.1%	-	-	-
2002	99.6%	0.2%	0.2%	-	-	-
2003	99.5%	0.3%	0.2%	-	-	-
2004	99.4%	0.5%	0.1%	-	-	-
2005	98.6%	1.1%	0.3%	-	-	-
2006	98.1%	1.5%	0.4%	-	-	-
2007	97.7%	2.2%	0.1%	-	-	-
2008	97.4%	2.5%	0.1%	-	-	-
2009	97.2%	2.3%	0.5%	-	-	-
2010	95.5%	3.8%	0.7%	-	-	-
2011	97.0%	2.2%	0.8%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
2012	95.5%	3.1%	0.9%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%
2013	94.8%	3.6%	0.9%	0.4%	0.3%	0.0%
2014	95.7%	2.6%	1.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.0%
2015 (prelim)	*94.6%*	*2.9%*	*1.4%*	*0.3%*	*0.8%*	*0.0%*

Gasoline combustion engines have long dominated sales in the United States. As shown in Table 5.1, non-hybrid gasoline engines are projected to be installed in 94.6% of all new vehicles in MY 2015. Gasoline hybrid vehicles are projected to account for just under 3% of new vehicles in MY 2015, with electric vehicles (EVs) and plug-in electric hybrids (PHEVs) capturing 0.8% and 0.3% of production. Diesel vehicles are projected to account for 1.4% of production, which is their highest production share in recent years, but well below the 5.9% record high set in MY 1981. Hybrids are also slightly below their record production level of MY 2010.

B. Trends in Conventional Engines

Conventional engine technologies include gasoline vehicles, diesel vehicles, and gasoline hybrid vehicles. In MY 2015, these vehicles are projected to account for slightly less than 99% of vehicles produced. These vehicles all rely on combustion engines and either gasoline or diesel fuel to power the vehicle. Many of the metrics in this section, such as engine displacement, are not relevant for AFVs, so the analysis presented here excludes all AFVs. It is important to note that, because AFVs are excluded from this section, some values in this section will differ slightly from those cited elsewhere in this report where AFVs are included.

Horsepower and Displacement

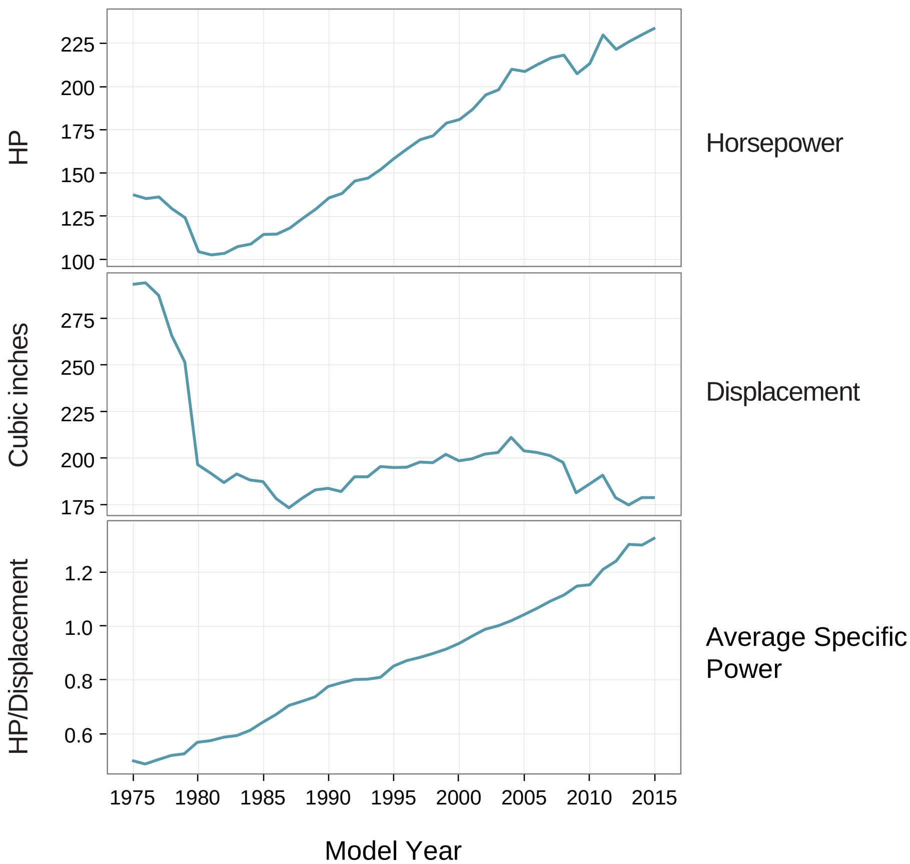
One of the most remarkable trends over the course of this report is the increase in vehicle horsepower since the early 1980s. From 1975 through the early 1980s, average horsepower decreased, in combination with lower vehicle weight (see Table 2.1 and Figure 2.3) and smaller engine displacement (see below). Since the early 1980s, the average new vehicle horsepower has more than doubled. Average horsepower climbed consistently from MY 1982 to MY 2008. Since MY 2008, horsepower trends have been less consistent, but is still generally increasing. Average horsepower for conventional vehicles is projected to reach a new high in MY 2015, at 234 hp. The trend in horsepower is mainly attributable to improvements in engine technology, but increasing production of larger vehicles and an increasing percentage of truck production have also influenced the increase of average new vehicle horsepower. The trend in average new vehicle horsepower is shown in Figure 5.2.

Engine size, as measured by total displacement, is also shown in Figure 5.2. Three general phases in engine displacement are discernible. From MY 1975 to 1987, the average engine displacement of new vehicles dropped dramatically by nearly 40%. From MY 1988 to 2004, displacement generally grew slowly, but the trend reversed in 2005 and engine displacement has been generally decreasing since. In MY 2014, engine displacement was only slightly above the lowest average displacement in MY 1987.

The contrasting trends in horsepower (all-time high) and engine displacement (near an all-time low) highlight the continuing improvement in engines due to introduction of new technologies (e.g., increasingly sophisticated fuel injection designs) and smaller engineering improvements that are not tracked by this report (e.g., reduced internal friction). One additional way to examine the relationship between engine horsepower and displacement is to look at the trend in *specific* power, which is a metric to compare the power output of an engine relative to its size. Here, engine specific power is defined as horsepower divided by displacement.

Figure 5.2

Engine Power and Displacement, AFVs Excluded



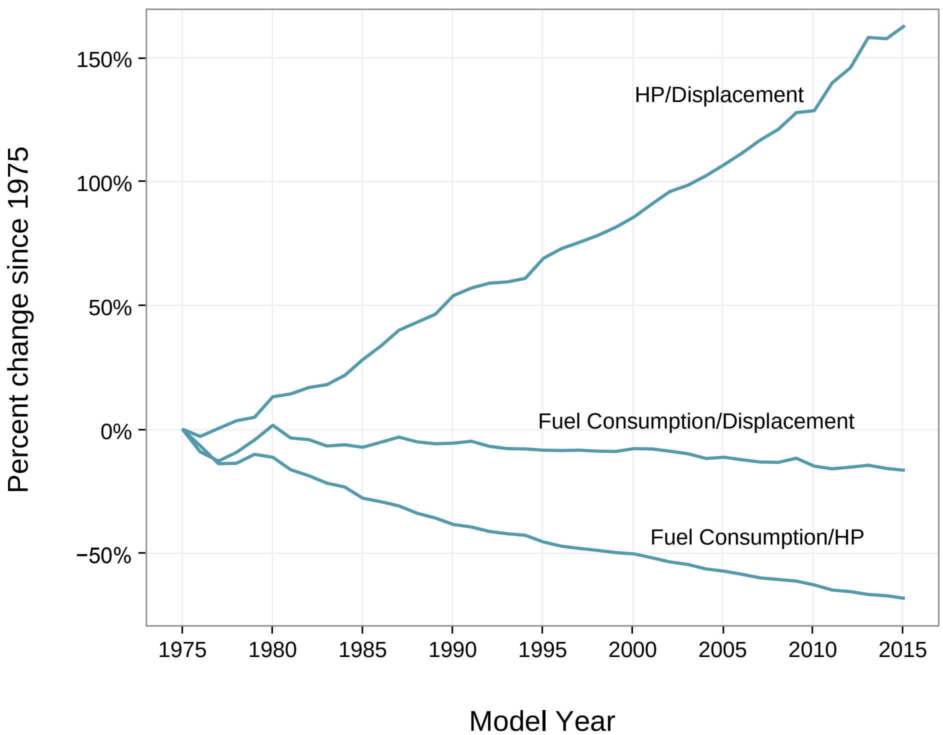
Since the beginning of this report, the average specific power of engines across the new vehicle fleet has increased at a remarkably steady rate, as shown in Figure 5.2. Since MY 1975, the specific power of new vehicle engines has increased by about 0.02 horsepower per cubic inch every year. Considering the numerous and significant changes to engines over this time span, changes in consumer preferences, and the external pressures on vehicle purchases, the long standing linearity of this trend is noteworthy. The roughly linear increase in specific power does not appear to be slowing. Turbocharged engines, direct injection, higher compression ratios, and many other engine technologies are likely to continue increasing engine specific power.

Figure 5.3 summarizes three important engine metrics, each of which has shown a remarkably linear change over time. Specific power, as discussed above, has increased more than 150%

since MY 1975 and at a very steady rate. The amount of fuel consumed by an engine, relative to the total displacement, has fallen about 15% since MY 1975, and fuel consumption relative to engine horsepower has fallen nearly 65% since MY 1975. Taken as a whole, the trend lines in Figure 5.3 clearly show that engine improvements over time have been steady, continual, and have resulted in impressive improvements to internal combustion engines.

Figure 5.3

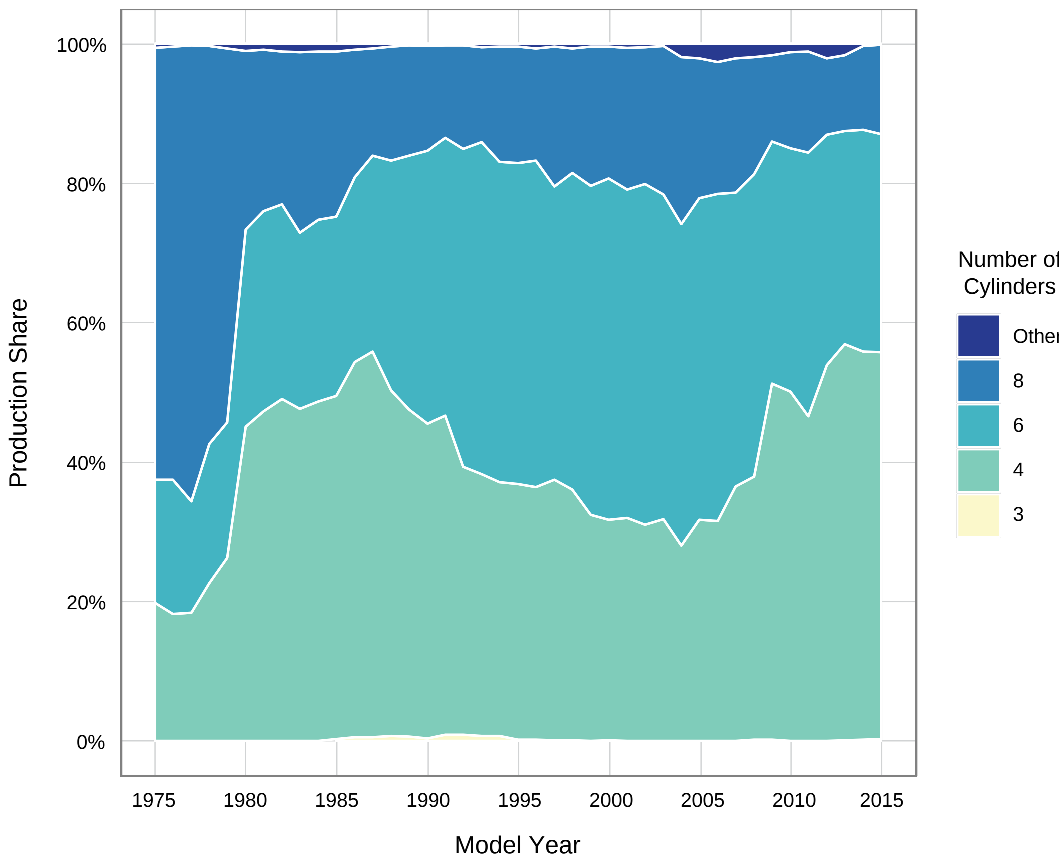
Percent Change for Specific Engine Metrics, AFVs Excluded



Another fundamental deign parameter for internal combustion engines is the number of cylinders. Since 1975, there have been significant changes to the number of cylinders in new vehicles, as shown in Figure 5.4. In the mid and late 1970s, the 8-cylinder engine was dominant, accounting for over half of new vehicle production. In MY 1980 there was a significant change in the market, as 8-cylinder engine production share dropped from 54% to 26% and 4-cylinder production share increased from 26% to 45%. The 4-cylinder engine then continued to lead the market until overtaken by 6-cylinder engines in MY 1992. Model year 2009 marked a second major shift in engine production, as 4-cylinder engines once again became the production leader with 51% of the market (an increase of 13% in a single year), followed by 6-cylinder engines with 35%, and 8-cyinder engines at an all-time low of 12%. Production of 4-cylinder engines decreased slightly in MY 2010 and MY 2011, but increased back to a new high of 56% in MY 2013. Engine displacement per cylinder has been relatively stable over the time of this report (around 35 cubic inches per cylinder since 1980), so the reduction in overall new vehicle engine displacement shown in Figure 5.2 is almost entirely due to the shift towards engines with fewer cylinders. In MY 2015, the sales of three cylinder engines are projected to be less than 50,000, but growing.

Figure 5.4

Production Share by Number of Engine Cylinders, AFVs Excluded



Fuel Delivery Systems

One aspect of engine design that has changed significantly over time is how fuel is delivered into the engine. In the 1970s and early 1980s, nearly all engines used carburetors to meter fuel delivered to the engine. Carburetors were replaced over time with throttle body injection systems (TBI) and port fuel injection systems. More recently, engines with gasoline direct injection (GDI) have begun to replace engines with port fuel injection. Engines using GDI were first introduced into the market in very limited amounts in MY 2007. Only 7 years later GDI engines were installed in about 38% of MY 2014 vehicles, and are projected to achieve a 46% market share in MY 2015.

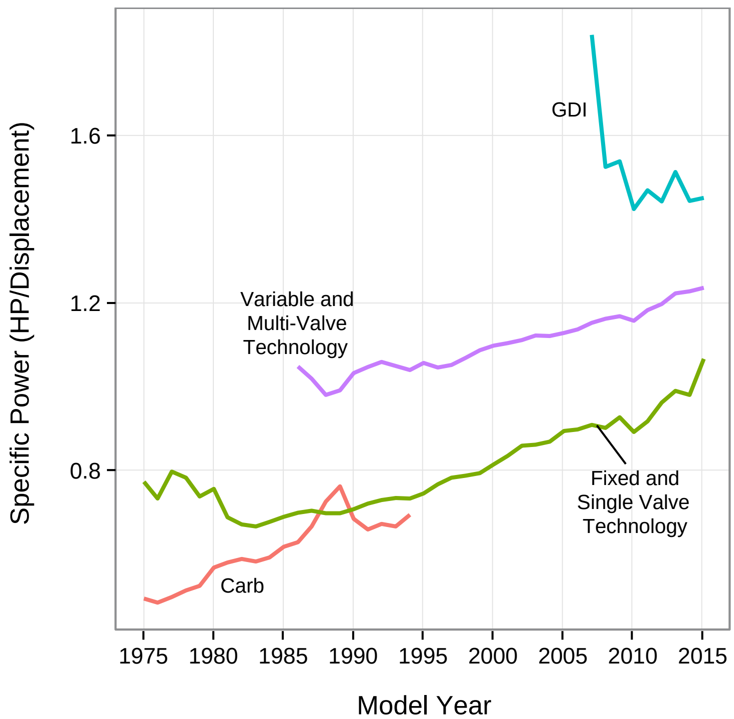
Another key aspect of engine design is the valvetrain. The number of valves per cylinder and the ability to alter valve timing during the combustion cycle can result in significant power and efficiency improvements. This report began tracking multi-valve engines (i.e., engines with more than 2 valves per cylinder) for cars in MY 1986 (and for trucks in MY 1994), and since that time nearly the entire fleet has converted to multi-valve design. While some three and five valve engines have been produced, the vast majority of multi-valve engines are based on 4 valves per cylinder. In addition to the number of valves per cylinder, engine designs have evolved that allow engine valves to vary the timing when they are opened or closed with respect to the combustion cycle, creating more flexibility to control engine efficiency, power, and emissions. This report began tracking variable valve timing (VVT) for cars in MY 1990 (and for trucks in MY 2000), and since then nearly the entire fleet has adopted this technology. Figure 5.1 shows the evolution of engine technology, including fuel delivery method and the introduction of VVT and multi-valve engines.

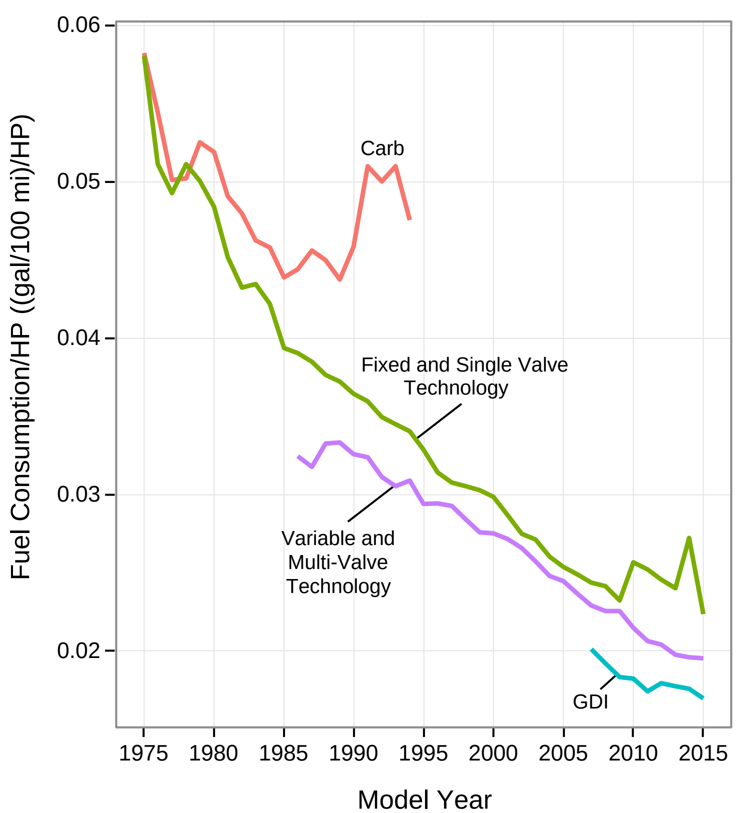
As clearly shown in Figure 5.1, fuel delivery and valve-train technologies have often developed over the same time frames. Nearly all carbureted engines relied on fixed valve timing and had two valves per cylinder, as did early port injected engines. Port injected engines largely developed into engines with both multi-valve and VVT technology. Engines with GDI are almost exclusively using multi-valve and VVT technology. These four engine groupings, or packages, represent a large share of the engines produced over the lifetime of the Trends database.

Figure 5.5 shows the changes in specific power and fuel consumption between each of these engine packages over time. There is a very clear increase in specific power of each engine package, as engines moved from carbureted engines, to two-valve port fixed engines, to multi-valve port VVT engines, and finally to GDI engines. Some of the increase for GDI engines may also be due to the fact that GDI engines are often paired with turbochargers to further increase power. Figure 5.5 also shows the reduction in fuel consumption per horsepower for each of the four engine packages.

Figure 5.5

Engine Metrics for Different Engine Technology Packages, AFVs Excluded





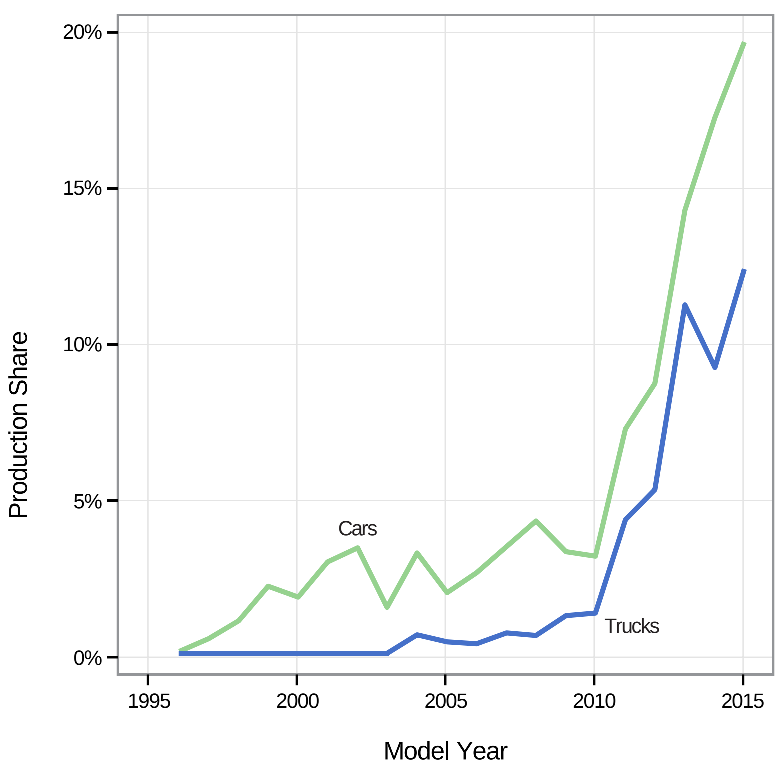
Turbo-Downsizing

Many manufacturers have introduced engines that are considered "turbo downsized" engines. This group of engines generally has three common features: a smaller displacement than the engines they are replacing, turbochargers, and (often, but not always) GDI. Turbo downsized engines are an approach to engine design that provides increased fuel economy by using a smaller engine for most vehicle operation, while retaining the ability to provide more power via the turbocharger, when needed.

Turbocharged engines are projected to capture approximately 18% of new vehicle production in MY 2015, with 11 of the 13 largest manufacturers (as discussed in Section 4) offering turbocharged engine packages. This is a significant increase in market penetration over the last decade, and it is a trend that appears to be accelerating rapidly, as shown in Figure 5.6. Prior to the last few years, turbochargers (and superchargers) were available, but generally only on high performance, low volume vehicles. It is only in the last few years that turbochargers have been available as part of a downsized turbo vehicle package, many of which are now available in mainstream vehicles. The sales of these vehicles are driving the increase in turbocharger market share. Both cars and trucks have rapidly added turbocharged engine packages, as shown in Figure 5.6.

Figure 5.6

Market Share of Gasoline Turbo Vehicles



Turbochargers are most frequently combined with 4-cylinder engines. Excluding diesel engines, 73% of turbocharged engines are combined with 4-cylinder engines and about 22% are combined with 6-cylinder engines. Over 60% of turbocharged engines are projected to be installed in 4-cylinder cars in MY 2015. The overall breakdown of turbocharger distribution in the new vehicle fleet is shown in Table 5.2.

In current engines, turbochargers are often being used in combination with GDI to allow for more efficient engine operation and to increase the resistance to engine knock (the use of variable valve timing also helps to reduce turbo lag). In MY 2015, 85% of new vehicles with gasoline turbocharged engines also use GDI.

Table 5.2

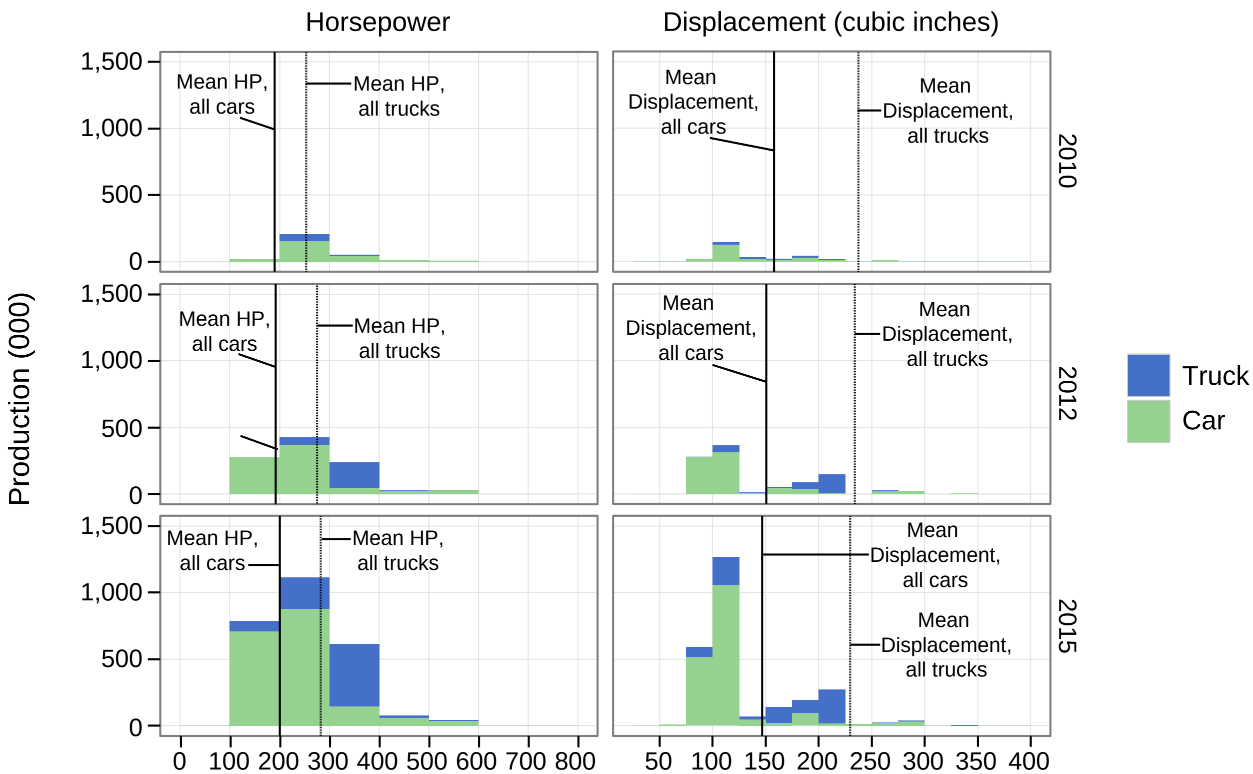
Distribution of MY 2015 (Preliminary) Gasoline Turbocharged Engines

Category	Turbo Share
Car	
4 cylinder Car	60.8%
6 cylinder Car	4.5%
8 cylinder Car	2.5%
Other Car	1.8%
Truck	
4 cylinder Truck	11.9%
6 cylinder Truck	17.9%
8 cylinder Truck	0.5%
Other Truck	0.1%

Figure 5.7 examines the distribution of engine displacement and power of turbocharged engines for MY 2010 (top) to MY 2015 (bottom). Note that the production values for cars and trucks in each bar are additive, e.g., there are projected to be about 875,000 gasoline cars with turbochargers in the 200-300 horsepower range in MY 2015, with another 235,000 gasoline trucks with turbochargers in the same horsepower range. In MY 2010, turbochargers were used mostly on cars, and were available on engines both above and below the average engine displacement. The biggest increase in turbocharger use over the last few years has been in cars with engine displacement well below the average displacement. Engine horsepower has been more distributed around the average, reflecting the higher power per displacement of turbocharged engines. This trend towards adding turbochargers to smaller, less powerful engines reinforces the conclusion that most turbochargers are currently being used for turbo downsizing, and not simply just to add power for performance vehicles.

Figure 5.7

Distribution of Gasoline Turbo Vehicles by Displacement and Horsepower, MY 2010 - 2015

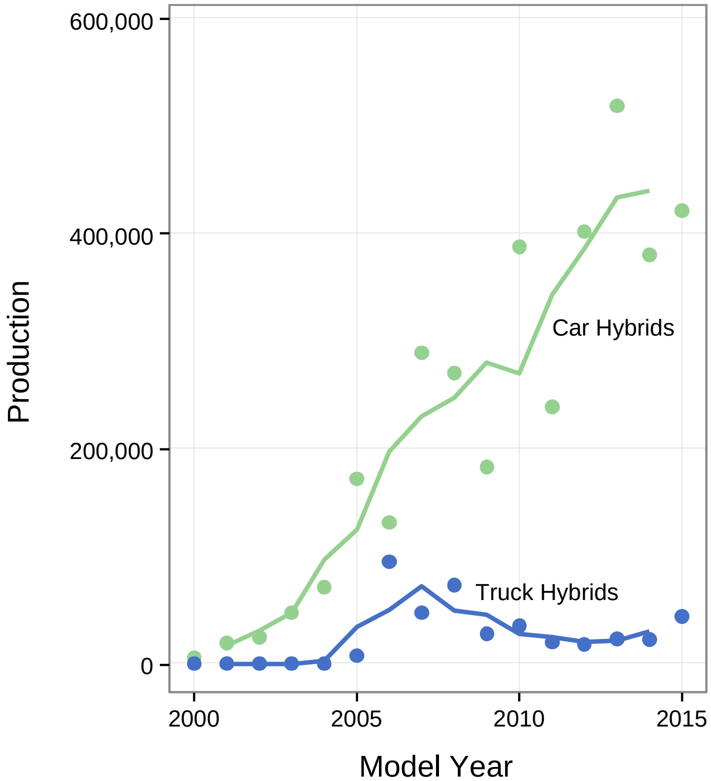


Hybrids

Hybrid vehicles utilize larger battery packs, electric motor(s), and other components that can increase vehicle fuel economy. Benefits of hybrids include: 1) regenerative braking which can capture energy that is otherwise lost in conventional friction braking to charge the battery, 2) availability of two sources of on-board power which can allow the engine to be operated at or near its peak efficiency more often, and 3) shutting off the engine at idle. The introduction of the first hybrid into the U.S. marketplace occurred in MY 2000 with the Honda Insight. Hybrid production and market share increased throughout the 2000s, with hybrid production peaking in MY 2013 at over 500,000 units, as shown in Figure 5.8, and market share peaking in MY 2010 at 3.8%. In the last few years, hybrid production has fluctuated, with hybrids accounting for 2.6% market share in MY 2014. Their market share is projected to reach 2.9% in MY 2015. A large factor in the fluctuating hybrid production is the fact that hybrid sales are still largely dominated by one vehicle, the Toyota Prius. Production of the Toyota Prius, like many other vehicles produced in Japan, was impacted by the earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan in 2011, as well as by a shortened model year in MY 2009 due to the introduction of a redesigned vehicle.

Figure 5.8

Hybrid Production MY 2000 - 2015 (With 3-Year Moving Average), Excludes AFVs

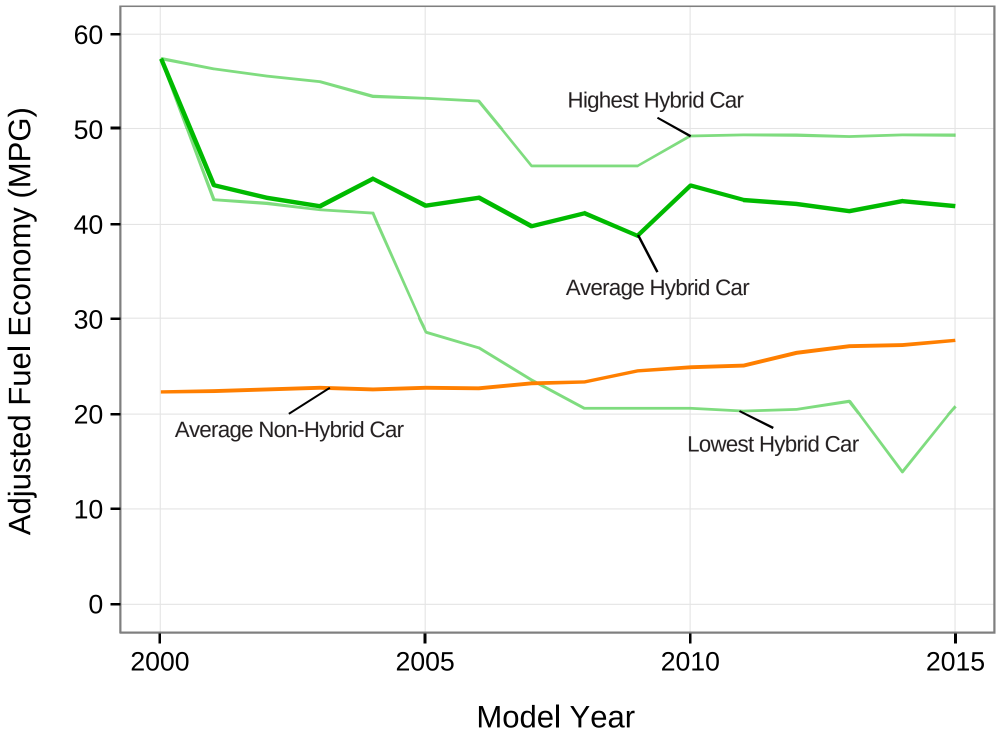


The first U.S. hybrid vehicle in MY 2000, the Honda Insight, was a low production, specialty vehicle with very high fuel economy (Table 10.2 shows various fuel economy metrics for the 2005 Insight). The Toyota Prius was first introduced in the U.S. market in MY 2001, and over time, more hybrid models were introduced. Hybrids now represent a much broader range of vehicle types and are now frequently offered as powertrain options on many popular models that are nearly indistinguishable from their non-hybrid counterparts. Most hybrids provide higher fuel economy than comparable vehicles, although some hybrids have been offered as more performance-oriented vehicles with more minor fuel economy improvements.

Figure 5.9 shows the production-weighted distribution of fuel economy for all hybrid cars by year. Hybrid cars, on average, have fuel economy more than 50% higher than the average non-hybrid car in MY 2015. As a production weighted average, hybrid cars achieved 42 mpg for MY 2015, while the average non-hybrid car achieved about 28 mpg. From MY 2000 to MY 2015, the number of hybrid models available has increased from 1 to 34. The increasing spread between the highest and lowest fuel economy of available hybrid cars is a reflection of the widening availability of hybrid models. Figure 5.9 is presented for cars only since the production of hybrid trucks has been limited.

Figure 5.9

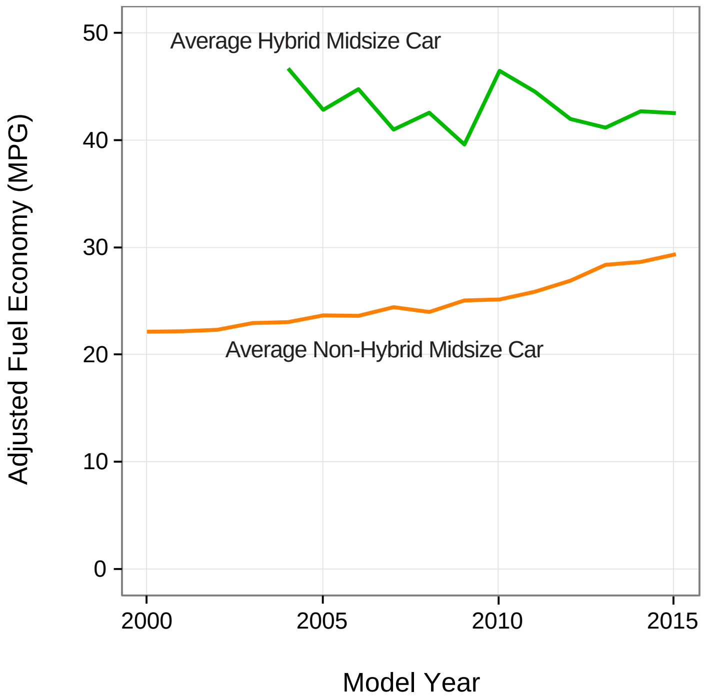
Hybrid Adjusted Fuel Economy Distribution by Year, Cars Only, Excludes AFVs



While the average fuel economy of hybrid cars remains higher than the average fuel economy of non-hybrid cars, the difference appears to be narrowing. Average hybrid car fuel economy has been relatively stable since MY 2001, while the fuel economy of the average non-hybrid car has increased almost 25%. Figure 5.10 further explores this trend by examining midsize cars. While generally this report has moved away from using vehicle sub-classes such as midsize sedans, it is a well-established and recognized category and about 60% of hybrid vehicles are in the midsize car class. Comparing average midsize hybrids to average midsize non-hybrid cars, gasoline only, is an apples-to-apples comparison.

Figure 5.10

Hybrid and Non-Hybrid Fuel Economy for Midsize Cars, MY 2000 - 2015, Gasoline only, Excludes AFVs

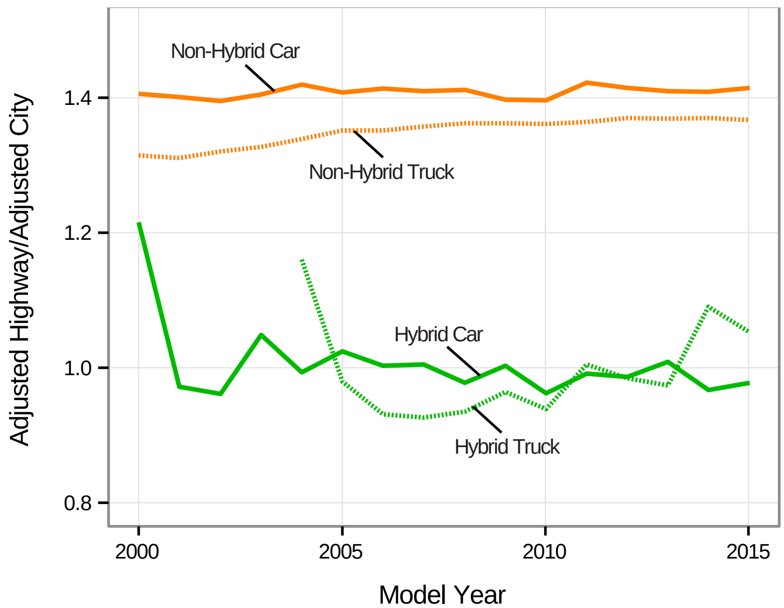


Since MY 2004, the difference in fuel economy between the average hybrid midsize car and the average non-hybrid midsize gasoline car has narrowed from about 24 mpg to about 13 mpg. The primary reason for this trend is continued improvements to the internal combustion engine. Additionally, many technologies introduced or emphasized in early hybrids, such as improved aerodynamics, low rolling resistance tires, and increased use of lightweight materials, have also become more common on non-hybrid vehicles. This lower fuel economy differential between midsize hybrid cars and midsize non-hybrid cars may be one reason why hybrid production share has fluctuated in recent years.

One unique design aspect of hybrids is the ability to use regenerative braking to capture some of the energy lost by a vehicle during braking. The recaptured energy is stored in a battery and is then used to help propel the vehicle, generally during vehicle acceleration. This process results in significantly higher city fuel economy ratings for hybrid vehicles compared to non-hybrid vehicles, and in fact the city fuel economy of many hybrids is typically similar to, if not higher than, their highway fuel economy. Figure 5.11 shows the ratio of highway to city fuel economy for hybrid cars and trucks. Hybrid models have a ratio of highway to city fuel economy near 1.0 (meaning the city and highway fuel economy are nearly equivalent) which is much lower than the 1.4 ratio of highway to city fuel economy for non-hybrid models. This is one aspect of operating a hybrid that is fundamentally different from a conventional vehicle and appears to be relatively steady over time.

Figure 5.11

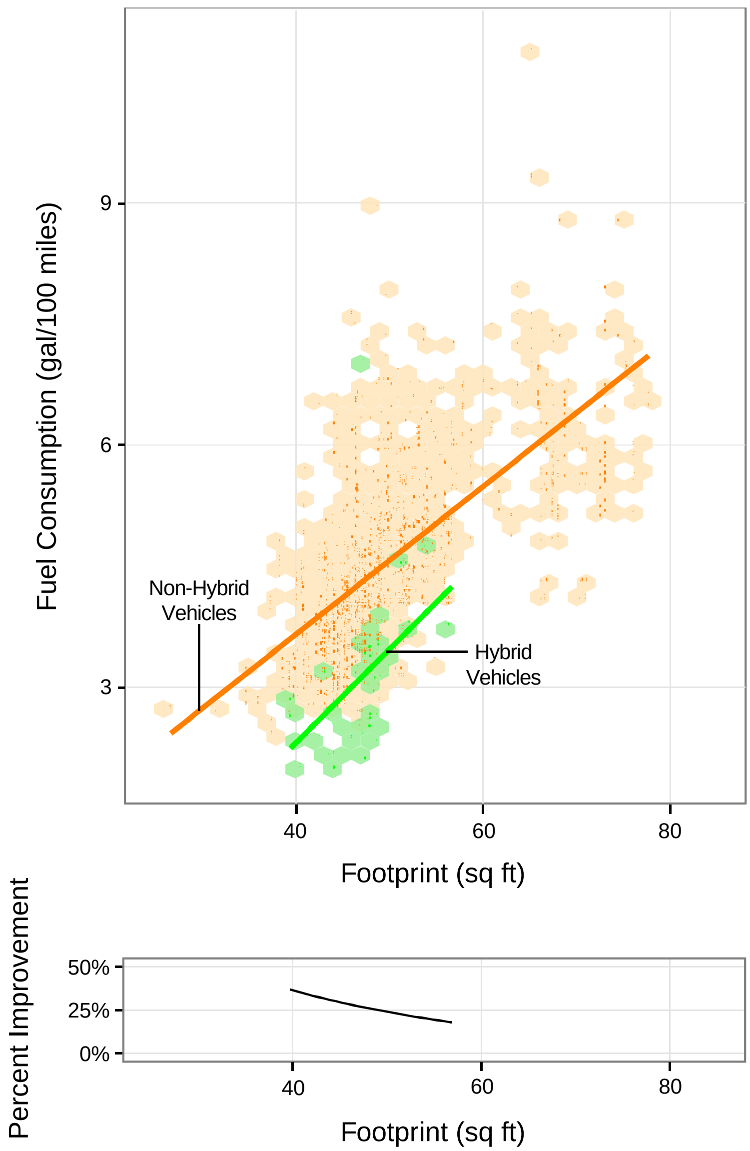
Highway/City Fuel Economy Ratio for Hybrids and Non-Hybrids, Excludes AFVs



The relationship between hybrids and non-hybrids is clearer if vehicles of the same footprint are compared directly. As shown in Figure 5.12, the fuel consumption of vehicles increases as the footprint increases at about the same rate for both hybrid and non-hybrid vehicles. Hybrids do achieve a higher percentage improvement in smaller vehicles, and achieve more than 30% lower fuel consumption, on average, for vehicles with a footprint of 45 square feet, which is about the size of a standard midsize sedan. The percent improvement figure at the bottom of Figure 5.12 describes the fuel consumption improvement for hybrid vehicles as compared to conventional vehicles over the range of footprints for which both hybrid and conventional vehicles are available. It depicts the percentage difference between the 'best fit' lines for hybrid vehicles and conventional vehicles shown in the upper part of Figure 5.12.

Figure 5.12

Percent Improvement in Adjusted Fuel Consumption for Hybrid Vehicles, MY 2014, Excludes AFVs



Diesels

While diesel engines are not a new technology, interest in diesel engines for light duty passenger applications has grown in recent years. Light duty diesel vehicles are projected to increase to about 1.5% of new vehicle production for MY 2015, the highest level since MY 1984. As with hybrid vehicles, diesels generally achieve higher fuel economy than non-diesel vehicles. The relationship between diesel vehicles and all new vehicles is shown in Figure 5.13.

While diesel engines generally achieve higher fuel economy than comparable gasoline vehicles, there is less of an advantage in terms of CO_2 emissions. Some of the fuel economy benefit of diesel engines is negated by the fact that diesel fuel contains about 15% more carbon per gallon, and thus emits more CO_2 per gallon burned than gasoline. Figure 5.14 shows the impact of diesel vehicles on CO_2 emissions by comparing the CO_2 emissions of MY 2014 diesel and gasoline vehicles by footprint.

It is important to note that EPA has issued notices of violation to Volkswagen alleging that certain MY 2009-2016 diesel vehicles are in violation of the Clean Air Act for excess oxides of nitrogen emissions (see www.epa.gov/vw). In this report, EPA uses the CO_2 emissions and fuel economy data from the initial certification of these vehicles. Should the investigation and corrective actions yield different CO_2 and fuel economy data, the revised data will be used in future reports.

Other Technologies

Table 5.3.1 presents comprehensive annual data for the historic MY 1975-2015 database for all of the engine technologies and parameters discussed above and several additional technologies. This report added engine stop/start technology (for non-hybrid vehicles) for the first time last year, and already stop/start technology is projected to be included on nearly 7% of new non-hybrid vehicle production in MY 2015 (note that total use of stop/start is nearly 9% of the market since hybrids typically utilize stop/start as well). Cylinder deactivation, another technology not discussed above, has also grown to capture a projected 13% of production in MY 2015. Tables 5.3.2 and 5.3.3 provide the same data for cars only and trucks only, respectively. This data, and additional data, is further broken down in Appendices E through I.

Figure 5.13

Percent Improvement in Adjusted Fuel Consumption for Diesel Vehicles, MY 2014, Excludes AFVs

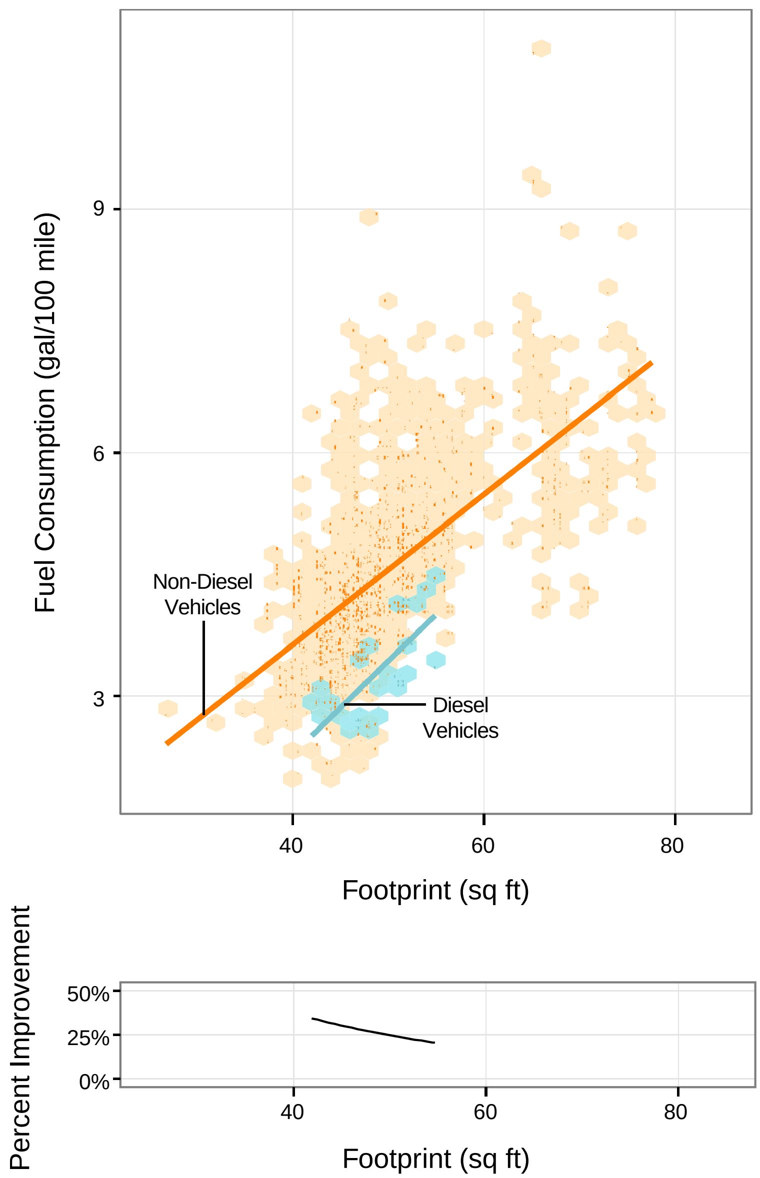


Figure 5.14

Percent Improvement in CO_2 Emissions for Diesel Vehicles, MY 2014, Excludes AFVs

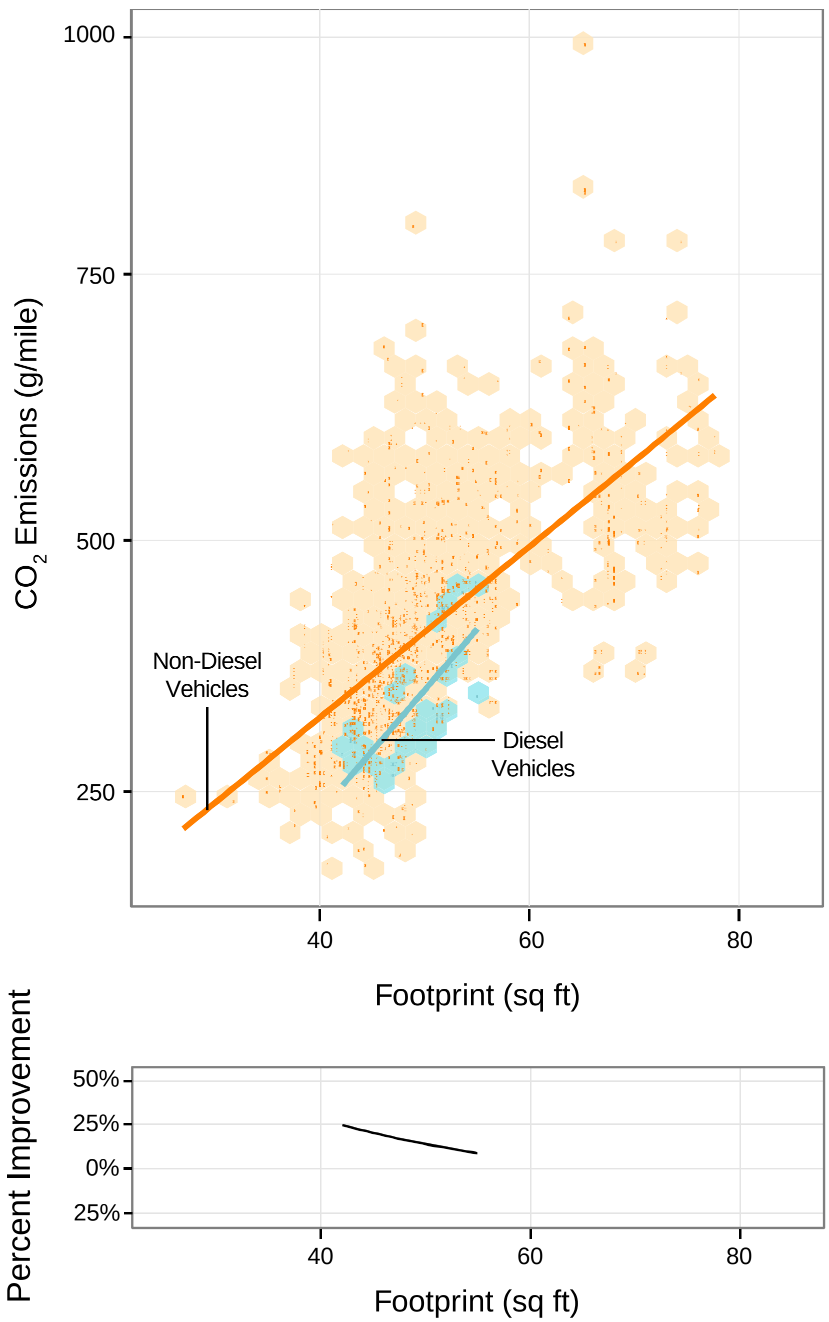


Table 5.3.1

Engine Technologies and Parameters, Both Cars and Trucks, Excludes AFVs

	Powertrain			Fuel Delivery Method												
Model Year	Gasoline	Gasoline Hybrid	Diesel	Carbureted	GDI	Port	TBI	Diesel	Avg. No. of Cylinders	CID	HP	Multi-Valve	VVT	CD	Turbo	Stop/ Start
1975	99.8%	-	0.2%	95.7%	-	4.1%	0.0%	0.2%	6.8	293	137	-	-	-	-	-
1976	99.8%	-	0.2%	97.3%	-	2.5%	0.0%	0.2%	6.9	294	135	-	-	-	-	-
1977	99.6%	-	0.4%	96.2%	-	3.4%	0.0%	0.4%	6.9	287	136	-	-	-	-	-
1978	99.1%	-	0.9%	95.2%	-	3.9%	0.0%	0.9%	6.7	266	129	-	-	-	-	-
1979	98.0%	-	2.0%	94.2%	-	3.7%	0.1%	2.0%	6.5	252	124	-	-	-	-	-
1980	95.7%	-	4.3%	89.7%	-	5.2%	0.8%	4.3%	5.6	198	104	-	-	-	-	-
1981	94.1%	-	5.9%	86.7%	-	5.1%	2.4%	5.9%	5.5	193	102	-	-	-	-	-
1982	94.4%	-	5.6%	80.6%	-	5.8%	8.0%	5.6%	5.4	188	103	-	-	-	-	-
1983	97.3%	-	2.7%	75.2%	-	7.3%	14.8%	2.7%	5.5	193	107	-	-	-	-	-
1984	98.2%	-	1.8%	67.6%	-	11.9%	18.7%	1.8%	5.5	190	109	-	-	-	-	-
1985	99.1%	-	0.9%	56.1%	-	18.2%	24.8%	0.9%	5.5	189	114	-	-	-	-	-
1986	99.6%	-	0.4%	41.4%	-	32.5%	25.7%	0.4%	5.3	180	114	3.4%	-	-	-	-
1987	99.7%	-	0.3%	28.4%	-	39.9%	31.4%	0.3%	5.2	175	118	10.6%	-	-	-	-
1988	99.9%	-	0.1%	15.0%	-	50.6%	34.3%	0.1%	5.3	180	123	14.0%	-	-	-	-
1989	99.9%	-	0.1%	8.7%	-	57.3%	33.9%	0.1%	5.4	185	129	16.9%	-	-	-	-
1990	99.9%	-	0.1%	2.1%	-	70.8%	27.0%	0.1%	5.4	185	135	23.1%	-	-	-	-
1991	99.9%	-	0.1%	0.6%	-	70.6%	28.7%	0.1%	5.3	184	138	23.1%	-	-	-	-
1992	99.9%	-	0.1%	0.5%	-	81.6%	17.8%	0.1%	5.5	191	145	23.3%	-	-	-	-
1993	100.0%	-	-	0.3%	-	85.0%	14.6%	-	5.5	191	147	23.5%	-	-	-	-
1994	100.0%	-	0.0%	0.1%	-	87.7%	12.1%	0.0%	5.6	197	152	26.7%	-	-	-	-
1995	100.0%	-	0.0%	-	-	91.6%	8.4%	0.0%	5.6	196	158	35.6%	-	-	-	-
1996	99.9%	-	0.1%	-	-	99.3%	0.7%	0.1%	5.6	197	164	39.3%	-	-	0.2%	-
1997	99.9%	-	0.1%	-	-	99.5%	0.5%	0.1%	5.7	199	169	39.6%	-	-	0.4%	-
1998	99.9%	-	0.1%	-	-	99.8%	0.1%	0.1%	5.6	199	171	40.9%	-	-	0.8%	-
1999	99.9%	-	0.1%	-	-	99.9%	0.1%	0.1%	5.8	203	179	43.4%	-	-	1.4%	-
2000	99.8%	0.0%	0.1%	-	-	99.8%	0.0%	0.1%	5.7	200	181	44.8%	15.0%	-	1.3%	-
2001	99.7%	0.1%	0.1%	-	-	99.9%	-	0.1%	5.8	201	187	49.0%	19.6%	-	2.0%	-
2002	99.6%	0.2%	0.2%	-	-	99.8%	-	0.2%	5.8	203	195	53.3%	25.3%	-	2.2%	-
2003	99.5%	0.3%	0.2%	-	-	99.8%	-	0.2%	5.8	204	199	55.5%	30.6%	-	1.2%	-
2004	99.4%	0.5%	0.1%	-	-	99.9%	-	0.1%	5.9	212	211	62.3%	38.5%	-	2.3%	-
2005	98.6%	1.1%	0.3%	-	-	99.7%	-	0.3%	5.8	205	209	65.6%	45.8%	0.8%	1.7%	-
2006	98.1%	1.5%	0.4%	-	-	99.6%	-	0.4%	5.7	204	213	71.7%	55.4%	3.6%	2.1%	-
2007	97.7%	2.2%	0.1%	-	-	99.8%	-	0.1%	5.6	203	217	71.7%	57.3%	7.3%	2.5%	-
2008	97.4%	2.5%	0.1%	-	2.3%	97.6%	-	0.1%	5.6	199	219	76.4%	58.2%	6.7%	3.0%	-
2009	97.2%	2.3%	0.5%	-	4.2%	95.2%	-	0.5%	5.2	183	208	83.8%	71.5%	7.3%	3.3%	-
2010	95.5%	3.8%	0.7%	-	8.3%	91.0%	-	0.7%	5.3	188	214	85.5%	83.8%	6.4%	3.3%	-
2011	97.1%	2.2%	0.8%	-	15.4%	83.8%	-	0.8%	5.4	192	230	86.4%	93.1%	9.5%	6.8%	-
2012	95.9%	3.1%	0.9%	-	22.6%	76.5%	-	0.9%	5.1	181	222	91.9%	96.7%	8.1%	8.4%	0.6%
2013	95.5%	3.6%	0.9%	-	30.7%	68.4%	-	0.9%	5.1	176	226	93.1%	97.7%	7.7%	14.0%	2.3%
2014	96.3%	2.6%	1.0%	-	37.7%	61.3%	-	1.0%	5.1	180	231	89.4%	97.9%	10.7%	14.9%	5.1%
2015 (prelim)	*95.6%*	*2.9%*	*1.5%*	-	*45.6%*	*52.9%*	-	*1.5%*	*5.1*	*180*	*234*	*89.4%*	*98.2%*	*12.8%*	*17.9%*	*6.6%*

Table 5.3.2

Engine Technologies and Parameters, Cars Only, Excludes AFVs

	Powertrain			Fuel Delivery Method												
Model Year	Gasoline	Gasoline Hybrid	Diesel	Carbureted	GDI	Port	TBI	Diesel	Avg. No. of Cylinders	CID	HP	Multi-Valve	VVT	CD	Turbo	Stop/Start
1975	99.8%	-	0.2%	94.6%	-	5.1%	-	0.2%	6.7	288	136	-	-	-	-	-
1976	99.7%	-	0.3%	96.6%	-	3.2%	-	0.3%	6.8	287	134	-	-	-	-	-
1977	99.5%	-	0.5%	95.3%	-	4.2%	-	0.5%	6.9	279	133	-	-	-	-	-
1978	99.1%	-	0.9%	94.0%	-	5.1%	-	0.9%	6.5	251	124	-	-	-	-	-
1979	97.9%	-	2.1%	93.2%	-	4.7%	-	2.1%	6.4	238	119	-	-	-	-	-
1980	95.6%	-	4.4%	88.7%	-	6.2%	0.7%	4.4%	5.5	188	100	-	-	-	-	-
1981	94.1%	-	5.9%	85.3%	-	6.1%	2.6%	5.9%	5.4	182	99	-	-	-	-	-
1982	95.3%	-	4.7%	78.4%	-	7.2%	9.8%	4.7%	5.2	175	99	-	-	-	-	-
1983	97.9%	-	2.1%	69.7%	-	9.4%	18.8%	2.1%	5.4	182	104	-	-	-	-	-
1984	98.3%	-	1.7%	59.1%	-	14.9%	24.3%	1.7%	5.3	179	106	-	-	-	-	-
1985	99.1%	-	0.9%	46.0%	-	21.3%	31.8%	0.9%	5.3	177	111	-	-	-	-	-
1986	99.7%	-	0.3%	34.4%	-	36.5%	28.7%	0.3%	5.1	167	111	4.7%	-	-	-	-
1987	99.8%	-	0.2%	26.5%	-	42.4%	30.8%	0.2%	5.0	162	113	14.6%	-	-	-	-
1988	100.0%	-	0.0%	16.1%	-	53.7%	30.2%	0.0%	5.0	161	116	19.7%	-	-	-	-
1989	100.0%	-	0.0%	9.6%	-	62.2%	28.1%	0.0%	5.1	163	121	24.1%	-	-	-	-
1990	100.0%	-	0.0%	1.4%	-	77.4%	21.2%	0.0%	5.1	163	129	32.8%	0.6%	-	-	-
1991	99.9%	-	0.1%	0.1%	-	77.2%	22.6%	0.1%	5.1	164	133	33.2%	2.4%	-	-	-
1992	99.9%	-	0.1%	0.0%	-	88.9%	11.0%	0.1%	5.2	171	141	34.0%	4.4%	-	-	-
1993	100.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	91.5%	8.5%	-	5.2	170	140	34.8%	4.5%	-	-	-
1994	100.0%	-	0.0%	-	-	94.8%	5.2%	0.0%	5.2	169	144	39.9%	7.7%	-	-	-
1995	99.9%	-	0.1%	-	-	98.6%	1.3%	0.1%	5.2	168	153	51.4%	9.6%	-	-	-
1996	99.9%	-	0.1%	-	-	98.8%	1.1%	0.1%	5.2	167	155	56.4%	11.3%	-	0.3%	-
1997	99.9%	-	0.1%	-	-	99.2%	0.8%	0.1%	5.1	165	156	58.4%	10.8%	-	0.7%	-
1998	99.8%	-	0.2%	-	-	99.7%	0.1%	0.2%	5.2	167	160	59.6%	17.4%	-	1.4%	-
1999	99.8%	-	0.2%	-	-	99.8%	0.1%	0.2%	5.2	168	164	63.2%	16.4%	-	2.5%	-
2000	99.7%	0.1%	0.2%	-	-	99.7%	0.1%	0.2%	5.2	168	168	63.2%	22.2%	-	2.2%	-
2001	99.5%	0.2%	0.2%	-	-	99.8%	-	0.2%	5.2	167	169	65.3%	26.9%	-	3.3%	-
2002	99.3%	0.3%	0.4%	-	-	99.6%	-	0.4%	5.1	167	173	69.9%	32.8%	-	3.9%	-
2003	99.1%	0.6%	0.3%	-	-	99.7%	-	0.3%	5.1	166	176	73.4%	39.8%	-	2.0%	-
2004	98.9%	0.9%	0.3%	-	-	99.7%	-	0.3%	5.2	170	184	77.1%	43.7%	-	3.6%	-
2005	97.6%	1.9%	0.4%	-	-	99.6%	-	0.4%	5.1	168	183	77.2%	49.4%	1.0%	2.4%	-
2006	97.9%	1.5%	0.6%	-	-	99.4%	-	0.6%	5.2	173	194	81.3%	58.2%	2.0%	3.2%	-
2007	96.7%	3.2%	0.0%	-	-	99.7%	-	0.0%	5.0	167	191	84.6%	63.3%	0.9%	3.6%	-
2008	96.7%	3.3%	0.1%	-	3.1%	96.9%	-	0.1%	5.0	166	194	88.0%	62.7%	2.0%	4.5%	-
2009	96.4%	2.9%	0.6%	-	4.2%	95.2%	-	0.6%	4.7	157	186	92.2%	79.1%	1.8%	4.0%	-
2010	93.5%	5.6%	0.9%	-	9.2%	89.9%	-	0.9%	4.7	158	190	93.8%	91.8%	2.1%	4.1%	-
2011	95.6%	3.4%	0.9%	-	18.4%	80.7%	-	0.9%	4.7	161	200	94.6%	94.9%	1.3%	8.2%	-
2012	94.3%	4.7%	1.0%	-	27.6%	71.4%	-	1.0%	4.6	151	192	98.2%	97.7%	1.7%	9.7%	0.9%
2013	93.5%	5.4%	1.1%	-	37.7%	61.2%	-	1.1%	4.5	147	197	98.5%	98.1%	1.9%	15.3%	3.0%
2014	94.5%	4.2%	1.3%	-	43.2%	55.5%	-	1.3%	4.5	148	198	98.1%	97.9%	2.2%	18.4%	6.8%
2015 (prelim)	*94.1%*	*4.5%*	*1.4%*	-	*47.3%*	*51.3%*	-	*1.4%*	*4.5*	*147*	*201*	*98.4%*	*98.0%*	*2.7%*	*20.8%*	*7.4%*

Table 5.3.3

Engine Technologies and Parameters, Trucks Only, Excludes AFVs

	Powertrain			Fuel Delivery Method												
Model Year	Gasoline	Gasoline Hybrid	Diesel	Carbureted	GDI	Port	TBI	Diesel	Avg. No. of Cylinders	CID	HP	Multi-Valve	VVT	CD	Turbo	Stop/ Start
1975	100.0%	-	-	99.9%	-	-	0.1%	-	7.3	311	142	-	-	-	-	-
1976	100.0%	-	-	99.9%	-	-	0.1%	-	7.3	320	141	-	-	-	-	-
1977	100.0%	-	-	99.9%	-	-	0.1%	-	7.3	318	147	-	-	-	-	-
1978	99.2%	-	0.8%	99.1%	-	-	0.1%	0.8%	7.3	315	146	-	-	-	-	-
1979	98.2%	-	1.8%	97.9%	-	-	0.3%	1.8%	7.1	299	138	-	-	-	-	-
1980	96.5%	-	3.5%	94.9%	-	-	1.7%	3.5%	6.2	248	121	-	-	-	-	-
1981	94.4%	-	5.6%	93.3%	-	-	1.1%	5.6%	6.2	247	119	-	-	-	-	-
1982	90.6%	-	9.4%	89.9%	-	-	0.7%	9.4%	6.3	244	120	-	-	-	-	-
1983	95.2%	-	4.8%	94.6%	-	-	0.6%	4.8%	6.1	232	118	-	-	-	-	-
1984	97.6%	-	2.4%	95.0%	-	2.0%	0.6%	2.4%	6.0	225	118	-	-	-	-	-
1985	98.9%	-	1.1%	86.5%	-	8.9%	3.5%	1.1%	6.0	225	124	-	-	-	-	-
1986	99.3%	-	0.7%	59.4%	-	22.1%	17.8%	0.7%	5.7	212	123	-	-	-	-	-
1987	99.7%	-	0.3%	33.6%	-	33.3%	32.8%	0.3%	5.7	211	131	-	-	-	-	-
1988	99.8%	-	0.2%	12.4%	-	43.2%	44.3%	0.2%	6.0	228	141	-	-	-	-	-
1989	99.8%	-	0.2%	6.5%	-	45.9%	47.5%	0.2%	6.0	234	146	-	-	-	-	-
1990	99.8%	-	0.2%	3.8%	-	55.0%	40.9%	0.2%	6.2	237	151	-	-	-	-	-
1991	99.9%	-	0.1%	1.7%	-	55.3%	42.8%	0.1%	6.0	229	150	-	-	-	-	-
1992	99.9%	-	0.1%	1.6%	-	65.7%	32.6%	0.1%	6.1	236	155	-	-	-	-	-
1993	100.0%	-	-	1.0%	-	71.5%	27.5%	-	6.1	235	160	-	-	-	-	-
1994	100.0%	-	-	0.4%	-	76.2%	23.4%	-	6.2	241	166	5.2%	-	-	-	-
1995	100.0%	-	-	-	-	79.4%	20.6%	-	6.2	245	168	8.0%	-	-	-	-
1996	99.9%	-	0.1%	-	-	99.9%	-	0.1%	6.3	245	179	11.2%	-	-	-	-
1997	100.0%	-	0.0%	-	-	100.0%	-	0.0%	6.5	251	189	11.1%	-	-	-	-
1998	100.0%	-	0.0%	-	-	100.0%	-	0.0%	6.3	244	188	14.8%	-	-	-	-
1999	100.0%	-	0.0%	-	-	100.0%	-	0.0%	6.5	252	199	15.7%	-	-	-	-
2000	100.0%	-	-	-	-	100.0%	-	-	6.5	245	199	18.6%	4.6%	-	-	-
2001	100.0%	-	-	-	-	100.0%	-	-	6.6	249	212	25.9%	9.3%	-	-	-
2002	100.0%	-	-	-	-	100.0%	-	-	6.6	249	223	32.8%	16.0%	-	-	-
2003	100.0%	-	-	-	-	100.0%	-	-	6.6	248	224	34.6%	19.7%	-	0.2%	-
2004	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	100.0%	-	0.0%	6.7	258	240	46.2%	32.9%	-	0.8%	-
2005	99.8%	0.1%	0.1%	-	-	99.9%	-	0.1%	6.6	251	242	51.1%	41.2%	0.5%	0.7%	-
2006	98.4%	1.5%	0.1%	-	-	99.9%	-	0.1%	6.5	247	240	58.4%	51.5%	5.9%	0.6%	-
2007	99.1%	0.8%	0.1%	-	-	99.9%	-	0.1%	6.6	253	254	53.3%	48.7%	16.4%	1.0%	-
2008	98.5%	1.3%	0.2%	-	1.1%	98.7%	-	0.2%	6.4	246	254	59.5%	51.6%	13.5%	1.0%	-
2009	98.8%	0.9%	0.3%	-	4.2%	95.4%	-	0.3%	6.2	236	252	66.7%	56.0%	18.3%	1.7%	-
2010	98.8%	0.9%	0.4%	-	6.8%	92.9%	-	0.4%	6.2	237	253	71.5%	70.5%	13.8%	1.8%	-
2011	99.1%	0.4%	0.5%	-	11.3%	88.1%	-	0.5%	6.2	236	271	75.2%	90.7%	20.6%	4.9%	-
2012	98.9%	0.4%	0.7%	-	13.5%	85.8%	-	0.7%	6.2	234	276	80.6%	94.9%	19.6%	6.1%	0.2%
2013	99.1%	0.4%	0.5%	-	18.4%	81.1%	-	0.5%	6.1	228	277	83.5%	96.9%	18.0%	11.7%	1.1%
2014	99.0%	0.4%	0.6%	-	29.7%	69.6%	-	0.6%	6.0	227	277	76.9%	98.0%	22.9%	9.9%	2.5%
2015 (prelim)	*97.8%*	*0.7%*	*1.5%*	*-*	*43.2%*	*55.2%*	*-*	*1.5%*	*6.1*	*229*	*283*	*76.4%*	*98.5%*	*27.4%*	*13.8%*	*5.5%*

C. Trends in Alternative Fuel Vehicles

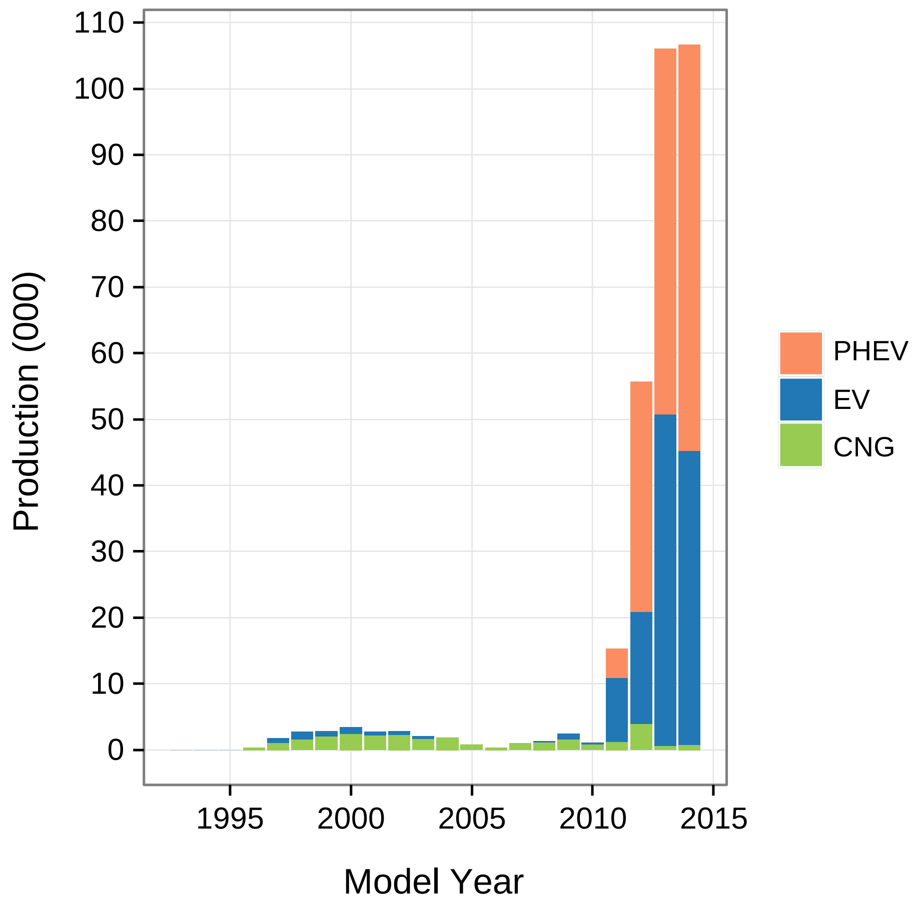
Alternative fuel vehicles have a long history in the U.S. automotive market. Electric vehicles, for example, were available at least as far back as the early 1900s. Gasoline and diesel vehicles, however, have long dominated new light vehicles sales. Over the course of this report, OEM vehicles that operate frequently on alternative fuels have been available only in small numbers,[3] though those limited production vehicles have in some cases created significant consumer and media interest. For the first time on record, AFVs are projected to surpass 1% of production in MY 2015 (see Table 5.1), though we will not have final production data until next year's report. Accordingly, AFVs have been integrated into this report for the first time.

As shown in Figure 5.15, the production of AFVs has increased dramatically in recent years. Prior to MY 2011, the AFVs available to consumers were only available in small numbers, and generally only as lease vehicles. The AFV market began to change in MY 2011, with the introduction of several new vehicles, including the high profile launches of the Chevrolet Volt plug in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV) and the Nissan Leaf electric vehicle (EV). In MY 2015, there are now 11 PHEVs available, and 11 EVs. Dedicated CNG vehicles have been available from at least one OEM with some regularity, but have never sold more than a few thousand vehicles in any year. Figure 5.15 shows the historical sales of EVs, PHEVs, and dedicated CNG vehicles since 1995 (we do not have reliable data on alternative fuel vehicles back to 1975).

[3] Millions of ethanol FFVs have been sold in recent years, but these vehicles have operated primarily on gasoline.

Figure 5.15

Historical Production of EVs, PHEVs, and CNG Vehicles, MY 1995 - 2014



Consistent with the rest of this report, Figure 5.15 was largely compiled from manufacturer CAFE submissions. Some of the historical production data was supplemented with data from Ward's and other publically available production data. Figure 5.15 includes dedicated CNG vehicles, but not dual fuel CNG vehicles as sales data were not available for dual fuel vehicles. The data only includes offerings from OEMs, and does not include data on vehicles converted to alternative fuels in the aftermarket. For a more detailed description of individual AFVs and the parameters used to measure fuel economy and emissions, see section 7.

D. Trends in Transmission Types

Transmission technologies have been rapidly evolving in new light duty vehicles. New transmission technologies have been gaining market share, and nearly all transmission types have been increasing the number of gears. Dual clutch transmission (DCTs), continuously variable transmissions (CVTs), and automatic transmissions with greater numbers of gears are increasing production shares across the fleet. This section presents analysis of trends in transmission technologies, including AFVs.

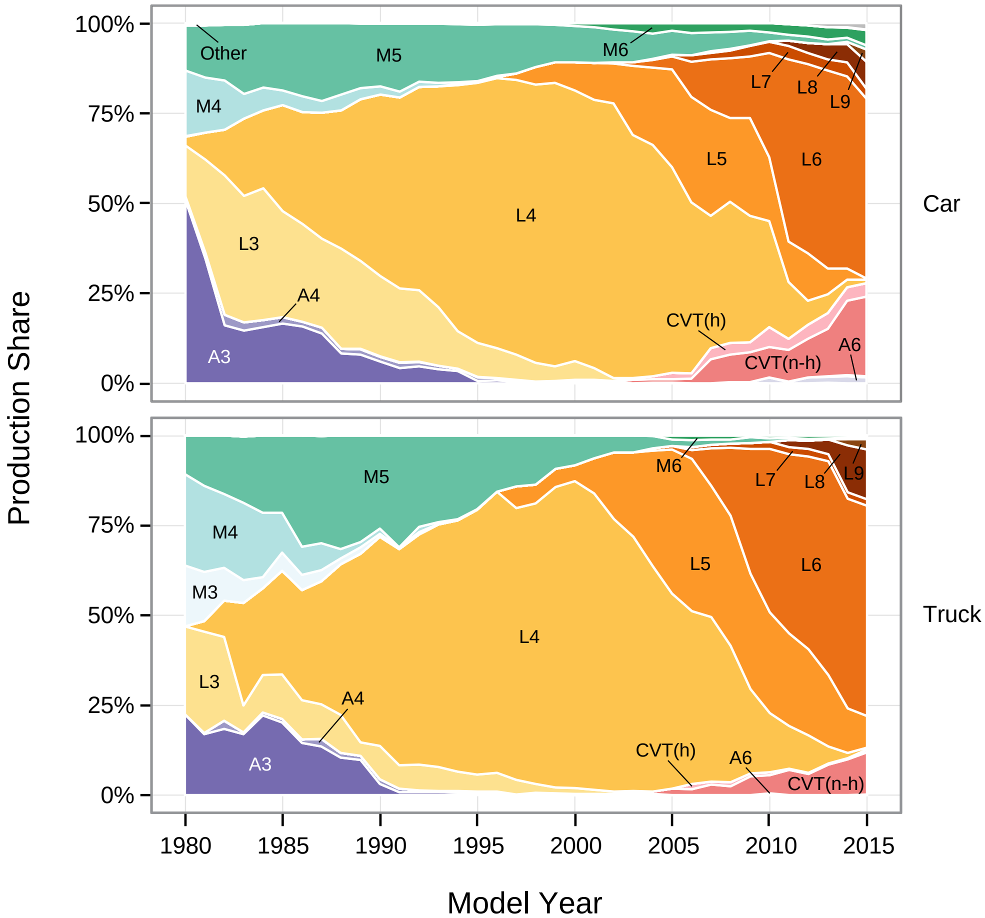
Figure 5.16 shows the evolution of transmission production share for cars and trucks since MY 1980. For this analysis, transmissions are separated into manual transmissions, CVTs, and automatic transmissions. Automatic transmissions are further separated into those with and without lockup mechanisms, which can lock up the torque converter in an automatic transmission under certain driving conditions and improve efficiency. This year, CVT transmissions have also been split into hybrid and non-hybrid versions to reflect the fact that hybrid CVT transmissions are generally very different mechanically from traditional CVT transmissions.

Dual clutch transmissions (DCTs) are essentially automatic transmissions that operate internally much more like traditional manual transmissions. The two main advantages of DCTs are that they can shift very quickly and they can avoid some of the internal resistance of a traditional automatic transmission by eliminating the torque converter. Currently, automaker submissions to EPA do not explicitly identify DCTs as a separate transmission category. Thus, the introduction of DCTs shows up in Tables 5.4.1 through 5.4.3 as a slight increase in automatic transmissions without torque converters (although some DCTs may still be reported as traditional automatic transmissions). EPA's long-term goal is to improve DCT data collection, and transmission classifications in general, to be able to quantify DCTs in future Trends reports.

Figure 5.16 shows transmission production share for the individual car and truck fleets, beginning with MY 1980 because EPA has incomplete data on the number of transmission gears for MY 1975 through 1978. In the early 1980s, 3 speed automatic transmissions, both with and without lockup torque converters (shown as L3 and A3 in Figure 5.16) were the most popular transmissions, but by MY 1985, the 4 speed automatic transmission with lockup (L4) became the most popular transmission, a position it would hold for 25 years. Over 80% of all new vehicles produced in MY 1999 were equipped with an L4 transmission. After MY 1999, the production share of L4 transmissions slowly decreased as L5 and L6 transmissions were introduced into the market. Production of L5 and L6 transmissions combined passed the production of L4 transmissions in MY 2007. Interestingly, 5 speed transmissions were never the leading transmission technology in terms of production share.

Figure 5.16

Transmission Production Share



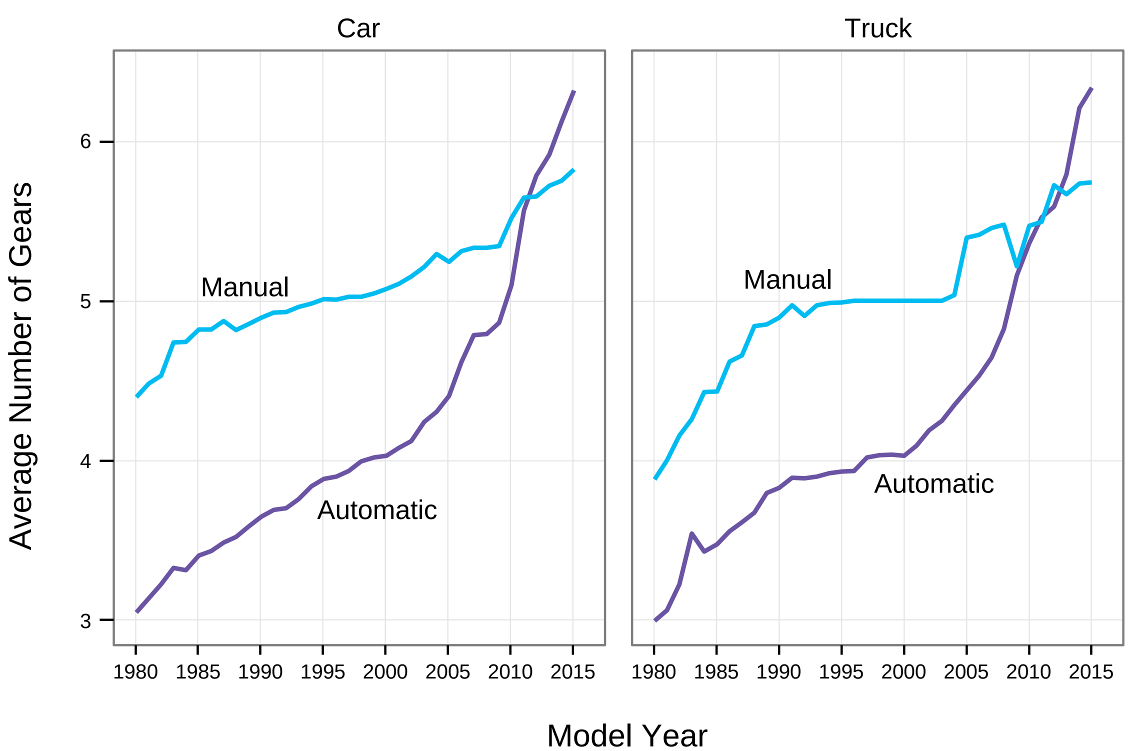
Transmission	Lockup?	Number of Gears	Key
Automatic Semi-Automatic Automated Manual	No	3	A3
		4	A4
		5	A5
		6	A6
		7	A7
	Yes	3	L3
		4	L4
		5	L5
		6	L6
		7	L7
		8	L8
		9	L9
Manual	–	3	M3
		4	M4
		5	M5
		6	M6
Continuously Variable (non-hybrid)	–	–	CVT(n-h)
Continuously Variable (hybrid)	–	–	CVT(h)
Other	–	–	Other

Six speed transmissions became the most popular transmission choice in MY 2010 and reached 60% of new vehicle production in MY 2013. However, six speed transmissions may already have peaked, as transmissions with more than six speeds and CVTs have begun to expand quickly. CVTs are projected to be installed in over 20% of all new vehicles in MY 2015 (including hybrids). This is a significant increase considering that, as recently as MY 2006, CVTs were installed on less than 3% of vehicles produced. Transmissions with 7 or more speeds are projected to be installed in almost 16% of vehicles in MY 2015, and are also quickly increasing. Manufacturers are publicly discussing the development of transmissions with as many as 10 or more gears, so this is a trend that the authors also expect to continue.

Figure 5.17 shows the average number of gears in new vehicle transmissions since MY 1980 for automatic and manual transmissions. During that time, the average number of gears in a new vehicle has grown from 3.5 to a projected level of 6.3 in MY 2015. The average number of gears in new vehicles is climbing for car, trucks, automatic transmissions, and manual transmissions.

Figure 5.17

Average Number of Transmission Gears for New Vehicles

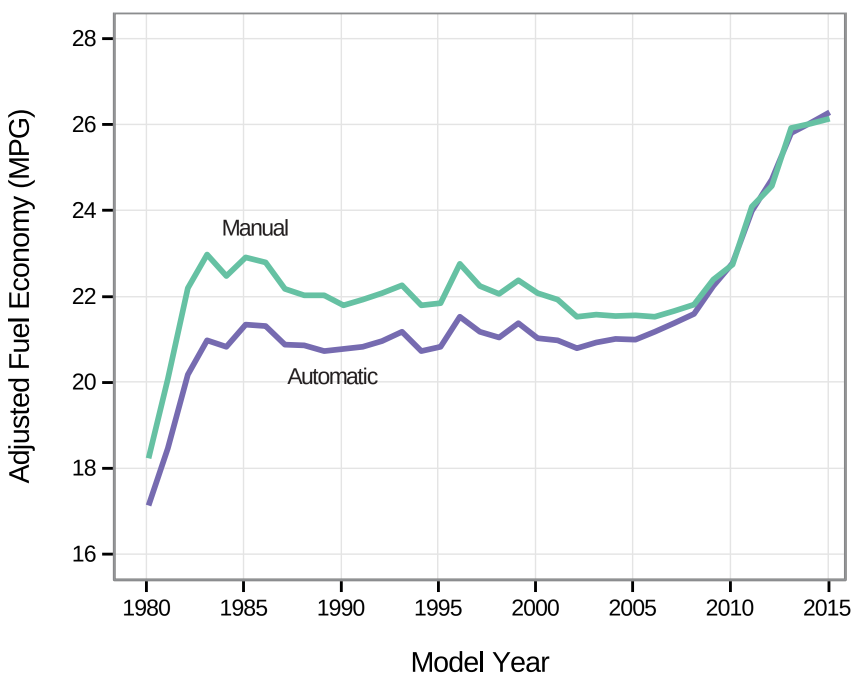


In MY 1980, automatic transmissions, on average, had fewer gears than manual transmissions. However, automatic transmissions have added gears faster than manual transmissions and now the average automatic transmission has more gears than the average manual transmission. There has also been a large shift away from manual transmissions. Manual transmission production peaked in MY 1980 at nearly 35% of production, and has since fallen to 2.8% in MY 2014. Today, manual transmissions are used primarily in small vehicles, some sports cars, and a few pickups.

In the past, automatic transmissions have generally been less efficient than manual transmissions, largely due to inefficiencies in the automatic transmission torque converter. Figure 5.18 examines this trend over time by comparing the fuel economy of automatic and manual transmission options where both transmissions were available in one model with the same engine. The average fuel economy of vehicles with automatic transmissions appears to have increased to a point where it is now slightly higher than the average fuel economy of vehicles with manual transmissions. Two contributing factors to this trend are that automatic transmission design has become more efficient (using earlier lockup and other strategies), and the number of gears used in automatic transmissions has increased faster than in manual transmissions.

Figure 5.18

Comparison of Manual and Automatic Transmission Adjusted Fuel Economy



E. Trends in Drive Types

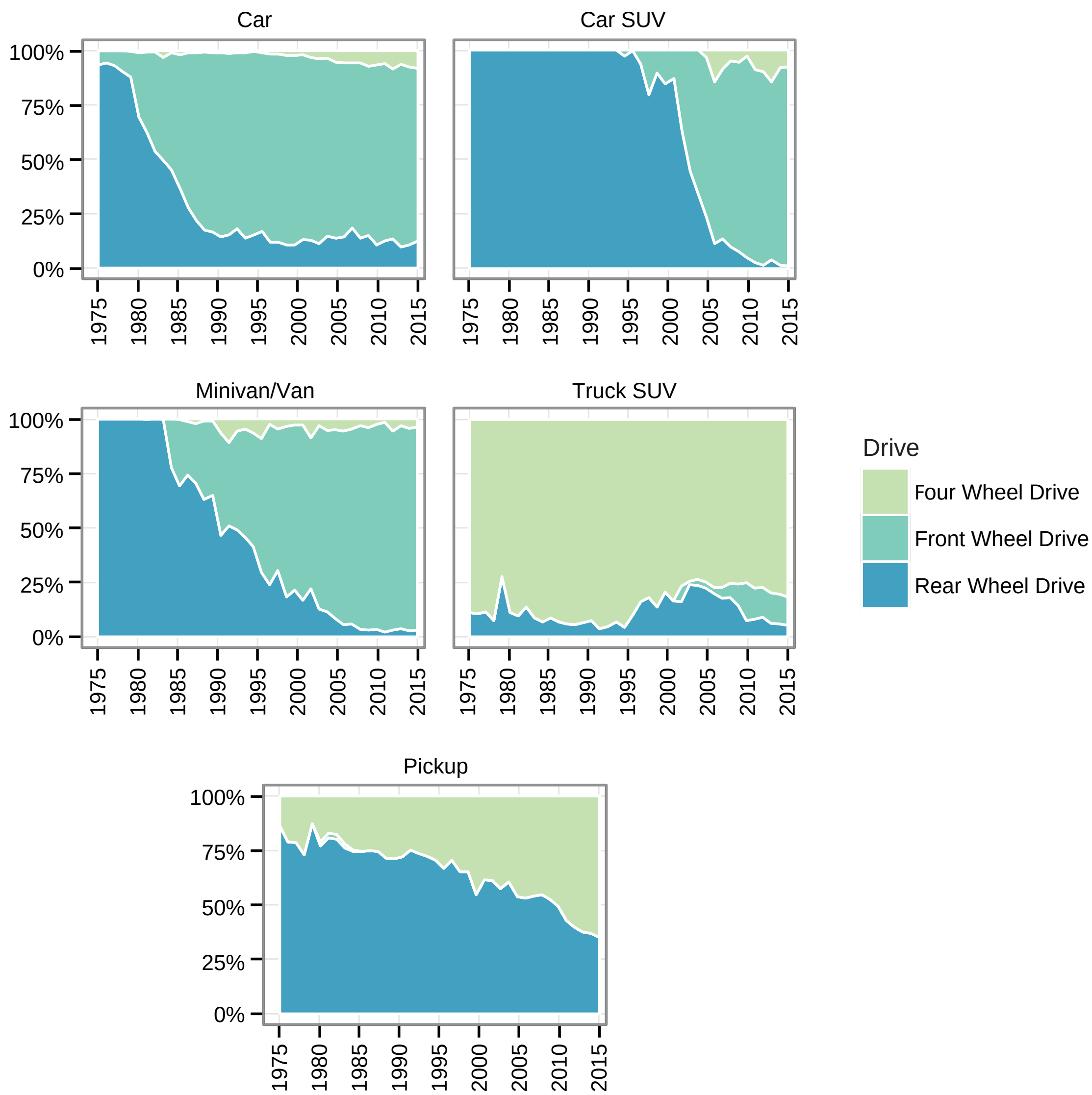
There has been a long and steady trend in new vehicle drive type away from rear wheel drive vehicles towards front wheel drive and four wheel drive vehicles, as shown in Figure 5.19. In MY 1975, over 91% of new vehicles were produced with rear wheel drive. During the 1980s, production of rear wheel drive vehicles fell rapidly, to 26% in MY 1990. Since then, production of rear wheel drive vehicles has continued to decline, albeit at a slower rate, to a projected 13% for MY 2015. Current production of rear wheel drive vehicles is mostly limited to pickup trucks and some performance vehicles.

As production of rear wheel drive vehicles declined, production of front wheel drive vehicles increased. Front wheel drive vehicle production was only 5.3% of new vehicle production in MY 1975, but it became the most popular drive technology across new vehicles in MY 1985, and has remained so to date. Since MY 1986, production of front wheel drive vehicles has remained, on average, at approximately 55% of production.

Four wheel drive vehicles (including all wheel drive), have slowly but steadily grown across new vehicle production. From 3.3% in MY 1975 to a projected 34% in MY 2015, four wheel drive production has steadily grown at approximately 0.6% per year, on average. The majority of four wheel drive vehicles are pickup trucks and truck SUVs, but there is also a small but slowly growing number of cars featuring four wheel drive (or more likely) all-wheel drive systems.

Figure 5.19

Front, Rear, and Four Wheel Drive Usage - Production Share by Vehicle Type



There are noticeable differences in fuel economy between vehicles with different drive types. Figure 5.20 shows the fuel consumption of MY 2014 vehicles separated by drive type and footprint. Rear wheel drive vehicles and four wheel drive vehicles have on average the same fuel consumption for equivalent footprint vehicles. Front wheel drive vehicles have much lower fuel consumption than rear wheel drive or four wheel drive vehicles of the same footprint. For 45 square foot vehicles, front wheel drive vehicles have fuel consumption about 22% lower. There are certainly other factors involved (rear wheel drive vehicles are likely more performance oriented, for example), but this is a noticeable trend across new vehicle production. The points in Figure 5.20 are generated for each combination of adjusted fuel consumption and footprint.

Tables 5.4.1, 5.4.2, and 5.4.3 summarize transmission production data by year for the combined car and truck fleet, cars only, and trucks only, respectively. Tables 5.5 summarizes the drive characteristics by year for the combined car and truck fleet, cars only, and trucks only, respectively.

Figure 5.20

Differences in Adjusted Fuel Consumption Trends for FWD, RWD, and 4WD/AWD Vehicles, MY 2014

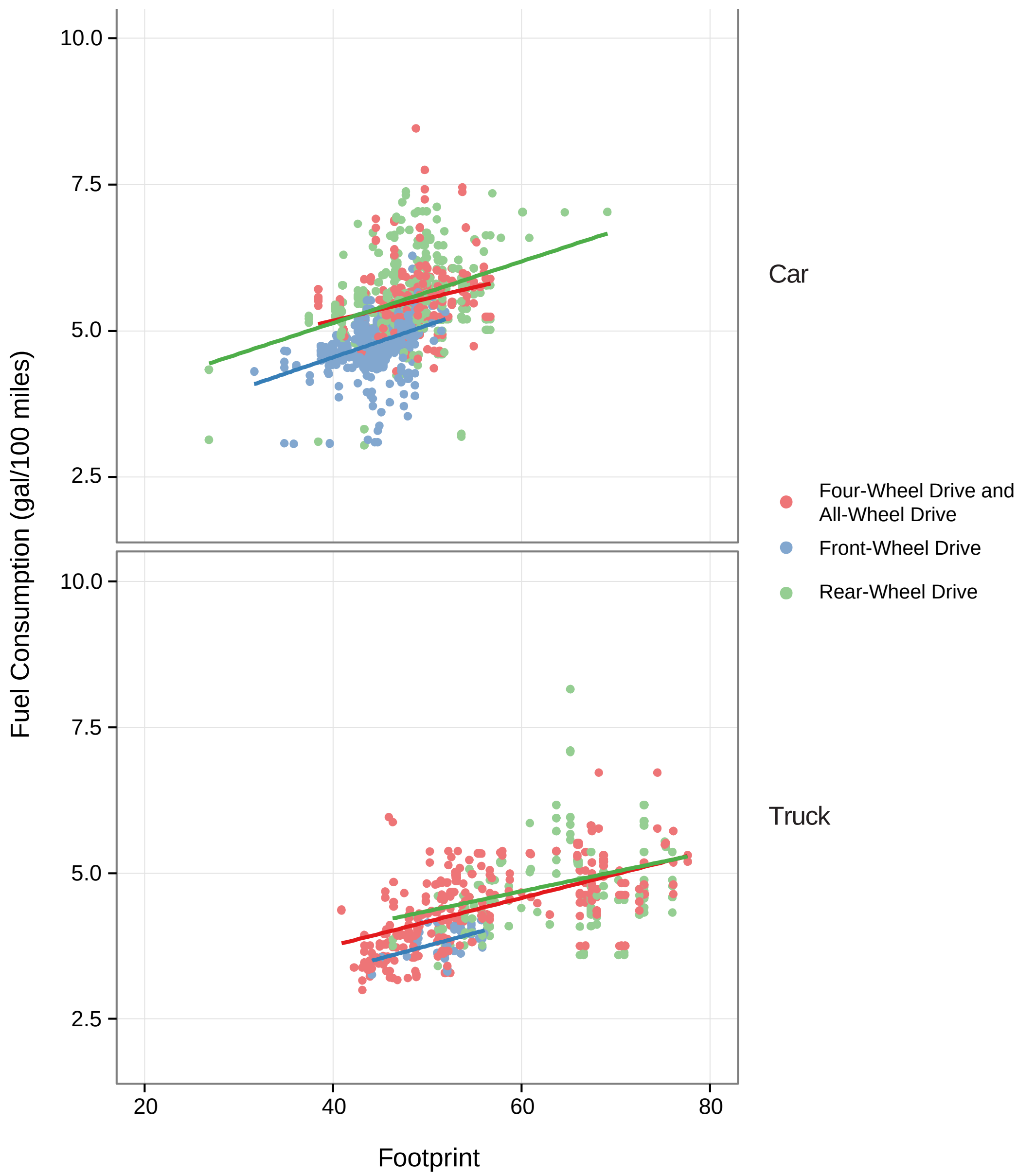


Table 5.4.1

Transmission Technologies, Both Cars and Trucks

Model Year	Manual	Automatic with Lockup	Automatic without Lockup	CVT (Hybrid)	CVT (Non-Hybrid)	Other	4 Gears or Fewer	5 Gears	6 Gears	7 Gears	8 Gears	9+ Gears	CVT (Hybrid)	CVT (Non-Hybrid)	Average Number of Gears
1975	23.0%	0.2%	76.8%	-	-	-	99.0%	1.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1976	20.9%	-	79.1%	-	-	-	100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1977	19.8%	-	80.2%	-	-	-	100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1978	22.7%	5.5%	71.9%	-	-	-	92.7%	7.3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1979	24.2%	7.3%	68.1%	-	-	0.4%	93.8%	6.2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3
1980	34.6%	18.1%	46.8%	-	-	0.5%	87.9%	12.1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5
1981	33.6%	33.0%	32.9%	-	-	0.5%	85.6%	14.4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5
1982	32.4%	47.8%	19.4%	-	-	0.4%	84.4%	15.6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6
1983	30.5%	52.1%	17.0%	-	-	0.4%	80.9%	19.1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.7
1984	28.4%	52.8%	18.8%	-	-	0.0%	81.3%	18.7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.7
1985	26.5%	54.5%	19.1%	-	-	-	80.7%	19.3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.8
1986	29.8%	53.5%	16.7%	-	-	-	76.8%	23.2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.8
1987	29.1%	55.4%	15.5%	-	-	0.0%	76.2%	23.8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.9
1988	27.6%	62.2%	10.2%	-	-	-	76.8%	23.2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.9
1989	24.6%	65.5%	9.9%	-	0.1%	0.0%	78.5%	21.4%	0.0%	-	-	-	-	0.1%	3.9
1990	22.2%	71.2%	6.5%	-	0.0%	0.0%	79.9%	20.0%	0.1%	-	-	-	-	0.0%	4.0
1991	23.9%	71.6%	4.5%	-	0.0%	-	77.3%	22.6%	0.0%	-	-	-	-	0.0%	4.0
1992	20.7%	74.8%	4.5%	-	0.0%	-	80.8%	19.2%	0.1%	-	-	-	-	0.0%	4.0
1993	19.8%	76.5%	3.7%	-	0.0%	-	80.9%	19.0%	0.1%	-	-	-	-	0.0%	4.0
1994	19.5%	77.6%	3.0%	-	-	-	80.8%	19.0%	0.2%	-	-	-	-	-	4.1
1995	17.9%	80.7%	1.4%	-	-	-	82.0%	17.7%	0.2%	-	-	-	-	-	4.1
1996	15.2%	83.5%	1.3%	-	0.0%	0.0%	84.7%	15.1%	0.2%	-	-	-	-	0.0%	4.1
1997	14.0%	85.5%	0.5%	-	0.0%	-	82.4%	17.3%	0.2%	-	-	-	-	0.0%	4.1
1998	12.8%	86.7%	0.5%	-	0.0%	-	82.1%	17.7%	0.2%	-	-	-	-	0.0%	4.1
1999	10.1%	89.4%	0.5%	-	0.0%	-	84.4%	15.3%	0.3%	-	-	-	-	0.0%	4.1
2000	9.7%	89.5%	0.7%	-	0.0%	-	83.7%	15.8%	0.5%	-	-	-	-	0.0%	4.1
2001	9.0%	90.3%	0.6%	0.1%	0.0%	-	80.7%	18.5%	0.7%	-	-	-	0.1%	0.0%	4.2
2002	8.2%	91.4%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	-	77.1%	21.6%	1.1%	-	-	-	0.1%	0.1%	4.2
2003	8.0%	90.8%	0.1%	0.3%	0.8%	-	69.2%	28.1%	1.7%	-	-	-	0.3%	0.8%	4.3
2004	6.8%	91.8%	0.3%	0.4%	0.7%	-	63.9%	31.8%	3.0%	0.2%	-	-	0.4%	0.7%	4.4
2005	6.2%	91.5%	0.1%	1.0%	1.3%	-	56.0%	37.3%	4.1%	0.2%	-	-	1.0%	1.3%	4.5
2006	6.5%	90.6%	0.0%	1.5%	1.4%	-	47.7%	39.2%	8.8%	1.4%	-	-	1.5%	1.4%	4.6
2007	5.6%	87.1%	0.0%	2.1%	5.1%	-	40.5%	36.1%	14.4%	1.5%	0.2%	-	2.1%	5.1%	4.8
2008	5.2%	86.8%	0.2%	2.4%	5.5%	-	38.8%	31.9%	19.4%	1.8%	0.2%	-	2.4%	5.5%	4.8
2009	4.8%	85.6%	0.2%	2.1%	7.3%	-	31.2%	32.2%	24.5%	2.5%	0.1%	-	2.1%	7.3%	5.0
2010	3.8%	84.1%	1.2%	3.8%	7.2%	-	24.6%	23.5%	38.1%	2.7%	0.2%	-	3.8%	7.2%	5.2
2011	3.2%	86.5%	0.3%	2.0%	8.0%	-	14.2%	18.7%	52.3%	3.1%	1.7%	-	2.0%	8.0%	5.5
2012	3.6%	83.4%	1.1%	2.7%	9.2%	-	8.1%	18.2%	56.3%	2.8%	2.6%	-	2.7%	9.2%	5.7
2013	3.5%	80.4%	1.4%	2.9%	11.8%	-	5.4%	12.8%	60.1%	2.8%	4.1%	-	2.9%	11.8%	5.8
2014	2.8%	76.7%	1.6%	2.3%	16.6%	-	2.2%	7.8%	58.4%	3.3%	8.4%	1.1%	2.3%	16.6%	6.1
2015 (prelim)	*3.6%*	*74.0%*	*1.7%*	*2.5%*	*18.2%*	-	*1.6%*	*4.5%*	*57.2%*	*2.7%*	*10.0%*	*3.2%*	*2.5%*	*18.2%*	*6.3*

Table 5.4.2

Transmission Technologies, Cars Only

Model Year	Manual	Automatic with Lockup	Automatic without Lockup	CVT (Hybrid)	CVT (Non-Hybrid)	Other	4 Gears or Fewer	5 Gears	6 Gears	7 Gears	8 Gears	9+ Gears	CVT (Hybrid)	CVT (Non-Hybrid)	Average Number of Gears
1975	19.7%	0.3%	80.0%	-	-	-	98.7%	1.3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1976	17.2%	-	82.8%	-	-	-	100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1977	16.9%	-	83.1%	-	-	-	100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1978	19.9%	7.1%	73.0%	-	-	-	90.7%	9.3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1979	21.1%	8.8%	69.6%	-	-	0.5%	93.1%	6.9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3
1980	30.9%	16.8%	51.6%	-	-	0.6%	87.6%	12.4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5
1981	29.9%	33.3%	36.2%	-	-	0.6%	85.5%	14.5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5
1982	29.2%	51.3%	19.1%	-	-	0.5%	84.6%	15.4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6
1983	26.0%	56.7%	16.8%	-	-	0.5%	80.8%	19.2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.7
1984	24.1%	58.3%	17.5%	-	-	0.0%	82.1%	17.9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.7
1985	22.8%	58.9%	18.4%	-	-	-	81.4%	18.6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.7
1986	24.7%	58.1%	17.1%	-	-	-	79.7%	20.3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.8
1987	24.8%	59.7%	15.5%	-	-	-	78.4%	21.6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.8
1988	24.3%	66.2%	9.5%	-	-	-	80.2%	19.8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.8
1989	21.1%	69.3%	9.5%	-	0.1%	-	81.9%	17.9%	0.0%	-	-	-	-	0.1%	3.9
1990	19.8%	72.8%	7.4%	-	0.0%	-	82.4%	17.5%	0.1%	-	-	-	-	0.0%	3.9
1991	20.6%	73.7%	5.7%	-	0.0%	-	81.0%	18.9%	0.1%	-	-	-	-	0.0%	3.9
1992	17.6%	76.4%	6.0%	-	0.0%	-	83.6%	16.3%	0.1%	-	-	-	-	0.0%	3.9
1993	17.5%	77.6%	4.9%	-	0.0%	-	83.2%	16.6%	0.2%	-	-	-	-	0.0%	4.0
1994	16.9%	78.9%	4.1%	-	-	-	83.4%	16.3%	0.3%	-	-	-	-	-	4.0
1995	16.3%	81.9%	1.8%	-	-	-	83.4%	16.2%	0.4%	-	-	-	-	-	4.1
1996	14.9%	83.6%	1.5%	-	0.0%	-	84.9%	14.7%	0.3%	-	-	-	-	0.0%	4.1
1997	13.9%	85.2%	0.8%	-	0.1%	-	84.1%	15.5%	0.3%	-	-	-	-	0.1%	4.1
1998	12.2%	87.4%	0.3%	-	0.1%	-	82.8%	16.8%	0.3%	-	-	-	-	0.1%	4.1
1999	10.8%	88.6%	0.6%	-	0.0%	-	83.4%	16.1%	0.5%	-	-	-	-	0.0%	4.1
2000	10.8%	88.1%	1.0%	-	0.0%	-	81.3%	17.9%	0.8%	-	-	-	-	0.0%	4.1
2001	11.0%	88.0%	0.8%	0.2%	0.0%	-	78.5%	20.2%	1.2%	-	-	-	0.2%	0.0%	4.2
2002	10.9%	88.4%	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	-	77.4%	20.3%	1.9%	-	-	-	0.3%	0.1%	4.2
2003	10.9%	87.7%	-	0.5%	1.0%	-	67.5%	27.9%	3.1%	-	-	-	0.5%	1.0%	4.3
2004	9.8%	88.2%	0.2%	0.8%	0.9%	-	64.5%	28.4%	5.0%	0.4%	-	-	0.8%	0.9%	4.4
2005	8.8%	88.4%	0.1%	1.7%	1.1%	-	57.3%	33.7%	5.8%	0.4%	-	-	1.7%	1.1%	4.5
2006	8.8%	88.4%	0.1%	1.5%	1.2%	-	47.5%	35.4%	12.5%	1.9%	-	-	1.5%	1.2%	4.7
2007	7.8%	82.5%	0.0%	3.0%	6.7%	-	36.8%	34.7%	16.5%	1.9%	0.4%	-	3.0%	6.7%	4.8
2008	7.2%	81.7%	0.3%	3.2%	7.7%	-	39.3%	28.2%	19.0%	2.2%	0.4%	-	3.2%	7.7%	4.8
2009	6.2%	82.4%	0.3%	2.8%	8.3%	-	35.1%	31.4%	19.3%	2.9%	0.2%	-	2.8%	8.3%	4.9
2010	5.0%	79.4%	1.6%	5.5%	8.4%	-	29.5%	20.2%	33.0%	3.1%	0.3%	-	5.5%	8.4%	5.1
2011	4.6%	83.0%	0.5%	3.1%	8.8%	-	15.9%	12.9%	53.7%	3.9%	1.6%	-	3.1%	8.8%	5.6
2012	4.9%	78.4%	1.8%	4.0%	11.0%	-	6.9%	14.8%	57.2%	3.2%	2.9%	-	4.0%	11.0%	5.8
2013	4.8%	75.0%	2.2%	4.3%	13.7%	-	5.8%	8.6%	60.0%	3.3%	4.2%	-	4.3%	13.7%	5.9
2014	4.0%	68.4%	2.7%	3.7%	21.3%	-	2.6%	4.4%	58.0%	4.3%	5.2%	0.6%	3.7%	21.3%	6.1
2015 (prelim)	*5.5%*	*65.4%*	*2.8%*	*3.7%*	*22.6%*	-	*2.3%*	*1.5%*	*55.8%*	*3.4%*	*7.4%*	*3.4%*	*3.7%*	*22.6%*	*6.3*

Table 5.4.3

Transmission Technologies, Trucks Only

Model Year	Manual	Automatic with Lockup	Automatic without Lockup	CVT (Hybrid)	CVT (Non-Hybrid)	Other	4 Gears or Fewer	5 Gears	6 Gears	7 Gears	8 Gears	9+ Gears	CVT (Hybrid)	CVT (Non-Hybrid)	Average Number of Gears
1975	36.9%	-	63.1%	-	-	-	100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1976	34.7%	-	65.3%	-	-	-	100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1977	31.6%	-	68.4%	-	-	-	100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1978	32.1%	-	67.9%	-	-	-	99.3%	0.7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1979	35.1%	2.1%	62.8%	-	-	-	96.0%	4.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3
1980	53.0%	24.5%	22.4%	-	-	-	89.2%	10.8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5
1981	51.6%	31.1%	17.3%	-	-	-	86.1%	13.9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6
1982	45.9%	33.4%	20.7%	-	-	-	83.8%	16.2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.7
1983	46.3%	36.0%	17.4%	-	-	0.3%	81.6%	18.4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.9
1984	42.5%	34.6%	22.9%	-	-	0.0%	78.6%	21.4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.9
1985	37.6%	41.1%	21.2%	-	-	-	78.6%	21.4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.8
1986	43.0%	41.5%	15.5%	-	-	-	69.1%	30.9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0
1987	40.5%	43.8%	15.7%	-	-	0.1%	70.1%	29.9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0
1988	35.8%	52.5%	11.7%	-	-	-	68.4%	31.6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.1
1989	32.8%	56.4%	10.8%	-	-	0.0%	70.3%	29.7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.1
1990	28.1%	67.5%	4.4%	-	-	0.0%	74.1%	25.9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.1
1991	31.5%	66.8%	1.7%	-	-	-	69.0%	31.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.2
1992	27.5%	71.3%	1.2%	-	-	-	74.6%	25.4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.2
1993	24.7%	74.2%	1.1%	-	-	-	76.0%	24.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.2
1994	23.7%	75.3%	1.0%	-	-	-	76.7%	23.3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.2
1995	20.7%	78.5%	0.9%	-	-	-	79.6%	20.4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.2
1996	15.6%	83.4%	1.0%	-	-	0.0%	84.4%	15.6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.1
1997	14.1%	85.8%	0.1%	-	-	-	79.9%	20.1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.2
1998	13.6%	85.8%	0.6%	-	-	-	81.1%	18.9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.2
1999	9.2%	90.4%	0.4%	-	-	-	85.8%	14.2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.1
2000	8.2%	91.5%	0.3%	-	-	-	87.3%	12.7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.1
2001	6.3%	93.4%	0.3%	-	-	-	84.0%	16.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.2
2002	4.7%	94.9%	0.3%	-	0.0%	-	76.7%	23.3%	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	4.2
2003	4.6%	94.4%	0.3%	-	0.6%	-	71.1%	28.2%	-	-	-	-	-	0.6%	4.3
2004	3.5%	95.6%	0.3%	-	0.6%	-	63.2%	35.5%	0.8%	-	-	-	-	0.6%	4.4
2005	2.9%	95.3%	-	0.1%	1.7%	-	54.3%	41.9%	2.1%	-	-	-	0.1%	1.7%	4.5
2006	3.3%	93.7%	-	1.5%	1.6%	-	48.0%	44.3%	3.8%	0.8%	-	-	1.5%	1.6%	4.6
2007	2.6%	93.8%	-	0.7%	2.9%	-	45.8%	38.0%	11.5%	1.0%	-	-	0.7%	2.9%	4.7
2008	2.2%	94.1%	-	1.3%	2.3%	-	37.9%	37.4%	19.9%	1.2%	-	-	1.3%	2.3%	4.8
2009	2.0%	92.0%	-	0.9%	5.1%	-	23.4%	33.7%	35.2%	1.6%	-	-	0.9%	5.1%	5.2
2010	1.8%	91.9%	0.4%	0.8%	5.1%	-	16.4%	29.1%	46.7%	1.9%	-	-	0.8%	5.1%	5.4
2011	1.3%	91.4%	0.0%	0.4%	6.9%	-	11.9%	26.5%	50.5%	1.9%	1.9%	-	0.4%	6.9%	5.5
2012	1.4%	92.4%	-	0.3%	5.9%	-	10.4%	24.4%	54.6%	2.2%	2.2%	-	0.3%	5.9%	5.6
2013	1.1%	90.2%	-	0.4%	8.4%	-	4.7%	20.2%	60.3%	2.0%	4.0%	-	0.4%	8.4%	5.8
2014	0.9%	88.9%	-	0.3%	9.8%	-	1.5%	12.7%	59.1%	1.8%	13.0%	1.8%	0.3%	9.8%	6.2
2015 (prelim)	*0.9%*	*86.6%*	*0.1%*	*0.7%*	*11.8%*	-	*0.6%*	*9.0%*	*59.3%*	*1.8%*	*13.9%*	*3.0%*	*0.7%*	*11.8%*	*6.3*

Table 5.5

Production Share by Drive Technology

	Car			Truck			Both		
Model Year	**Front Wheel Drive**	**Rear Wheel Drive**	**Four Wheel Drive**	**Front Wheel Drive**	**Rear Wheel Drive**	**Four Wheel Drive**	**Front Wheel Drive**	**Rear Wheel Drive**	**Four Wheel Drive**
1975	6.5%	93.5%	-	-	82.8%	17.2%	5.3%	91.4%	3.3%
1976	5.8%	94.2%	-	-	77.0%	23.0%	4.6%	90.6%	4.8%
1977	6.8%	93.2%	-	-	76.2%	23.8%	5.5%	89.8%	4.7%
1978	9.6%	90.4%	-	-	70.9%	29.1%	7.4%	86.0%	6.6%
1979	11.9%	87.8%	0.3%	-	81.9%	18.1%	9.2%	86.5%	4.3%
1980	29.7%	69.4%	0.9%	1.4%	73.6%	25.0%	25.0%	70.1%	4.9%
1981	37.0%	62.2%	0.7%	1.9%	78.0%	20.1%	31.0%	65.0%	4.0%
1982	45.6%	53.6%	0.8%	1.7%	78.1%	20.2%	37.0%	58.4%	4.6%
1983	47.1%	49.9%	3.1%	1.4%	72.5%	26.1%	37.0%	54.8%	8.1%
1984	53.5%	45.5%	1.0%	5.0%	63.5%	31.5%	42.1%	49.8%	8.2%
1985	61.1%	36.8%	2.1%	7.3%	61.4%	31.3%	47.8%	42.9%	9.3%
1986	70.7%	28.2%	1.0%	5.9%	63.4%	30.7%	52.6%	38.0%	9.3%
1987	76.4%	22.6%	1.1%	7.6%	60.2%	32.2%	57.7%	32.8%	9.6%
1988	80.9%	18.3%	0.8%	9.2%	56.7%	34.1%	60.0%	29.5%	10.5%
1989	81.6%	17.4%	1.0%	10.1%	57.1%	32.8%	60.2%	29.3%	10.5%
1990	84.0%	15.0%	1.0%	15.8%	52.4%	31.8%	63.8%	26.1%	10.1%
1991	81.1%	17.5%	1.3%	10.3%	52.3%	37.3%	59.6%	28.1%	12.3%
1992	78.4%	20.5%	1.1%	14.5%	52.1%	33.4%	58.4%	30.4%	11.2%
1993	80.6%	18.3%	1.1%	16.8%	50.6%	32.7%	59.9%	28.8%	11.3%
1994	81.3%	18.3%	0.4%	13.8%	47.0%	39.2%	55.6%	29.2%	15.2%
1995	80.1%	18.8%	1.1%	18.4%	39.3%	42.3%	57.6%	26.3%	16.2%
1996	83.7%	14.8%	1.4%	20.9%	39.8%	39.2%	60.0%	24.3%	15.7%
1997	83.8%	14.5%	1.7%	14.2%	40.6%	45.2%	56.1%	24.9%	19.0%
1998	82.9%	15.0%	2.1%	19.3%	35.5%	45.1%	56.4%	23.5%	20.1%
1999	83.2%	14.7%	2.1%	17.5%	34.4%	48.1%	55.8%	22.9%	21.3%
2000	80.4%	17.7%	2.0%	20.0%	33.8%	46.3%	55.5%	24.3%	20.2%
2001	80.3%	16.7%	3.0%	16.3%	34.8%	48.8%	53.8%	24.2%	22.0%
2002	82.9%	13.5%	3.6%	15.4%	33.1%	51.6%	52.7%	22.3%	25.0%
2003	80.9%	15.9%	3.2%	15.4%	34.1%	50.4%	50.7%	24.3%	25.0%
2004	80.2%	14.5%	5.3%	12.5%	31.0%	56.5%	47.7%	22.4%	29.8%
2005	79.2%	14.2%	6.6%	20.1%	27.7%	52.2%	53.0%	20.2%	26.8%
2006	75.9%	18.0%	6.0%	18.9%	28.0%	53.1%	51.9%	22.3%	25.8%
2007	81.0%	13.4%	5.6%	16.1%	28.4%	55.5%	54.3%	19.6%	26.1%
2008	78.8%	14.1%	7.1%	18.4%	24.8%	56.8%	54.2%	18.5%	27.3%
2009	83.5%	10.2%	6.3%	21.0%	20.5%	58.5%	62.9%	13.6%	23.5%
2010	82.5%	11.2%	6.3%	20.9%	18.0%	61.0%	59.6%	13.7%	26.7%
2011	80.1%	11.3%	8.6%	17.7%	17.3%	65.0%	53.8%	13.8%	32.4%
2012	83.8%	8.8%	7.5%	20.9%	14.8%	64.3%	61.4%	10.9%	27.7%
2013	83.0%	9.3%	7.7%	18.1%	14.5%	67.5%	59.7%	11.1%	29.1%
2014	81.3%	10.6%	8.2%	17.5%	14.2%	68.3%	55.3%	12.1%	32.6%
2015 (prelim)	*79.1%*	*11.0%*	*9.8%*	*13.9%*	*15.9%*	*70.2%*	*52.7%*	*13.0%*	*34.3%*

6 Technology Adoption Rates

Technology in new vehicles is continually changing and evolving. Innovative new technologies are regularly being introduced, replacing older and less effective technologies. This continuous cycle of improvement and re-invention has been the driving force behind nearly all of the trends examined in this report. Section 5 detailed many specific technological changes that have taken place since 1975. This section provides a detailed look at the rate at which the automotive industry as a whole has adopted new technology, the rate at which individual manufacturers have adopted technology, and the differences between the overall industry and manufacturer adoption rates. In recent years, several other studies have examined technology penetration trends in the automotive industry, notably researchers at Argonne National Laboratory (Plotkin, et al. 2013), MIT's Sloan Automotive Laboratory (Zoepf and Heywood 2013), EPA, and The University of Michigan (DeCicco 2010).

It is important to note that this section focuses on technologies that have achieved widespread use by multiple manufacturers and, in some cases, by all or nearly all manufacturers. This section does not look at narrowly-adopted technologies which never achieved widespread use. One consequence of a competitive and technology-driven enterprise like the automobile industry is that there will certainly be many technologies which do not achieve widespread use. A technology may not achieve widespread use for one or more of many reasons: cost, effectiveness, tradeoffs with other vehicle attributes, consumer acceptance, or, in some cases, the technology may be successful for a time but later displaced by a newer and better technology. The Trends database does not provide data on why technologies do not achieve widespread adoption, but it does provide data on how quickly successful technologies can penetrate the marketplace, and the latter is the subject of this section.

One inherent limitation in using the Trends database to track the introduction of new technologies is that there is often a lag between the introduction of a new technology and the modifications to the formal EPA vehicle compliance information system that are necessary to ensure proper tracking of the new technology. Accordingly, for many of the technologies discussed in this section, the Trends database did not begin tracking production share data until after the technologies had achieved some limited market share. For example, as shown in Tables 5.3.2 and 5.3.3, Trends did not begin to track multi-valve engine data until MY 1986 for cars and MY 1994 for trucks, and in both cases multi-valve engines had captured about 5% market share by that time. Likewise, turbochargers were not tracked in Trends until MY 1996 for cars and MY 2003 for trucks, and while turbochargers had less than a 1% market share in both cases at that time, it is likely that turbochargers had exceeded 1% market share in the late 1980s. Cylinder deactivation was utilized by at least one major manufacturer in the 1980s, well before being tracked by Trends.

Accordingly, this section best addresses the question, "How quickly have successful technologies moved from limited use to widespread use," for both industry-wide and for individual manufacturers, and does not address other important issues such as how long it takes for technologies to be developed or to achieve limited market share, or why many technologies fail to ever achieve widespread use.

A. Industry-Wide Technology Adoption Since 1975

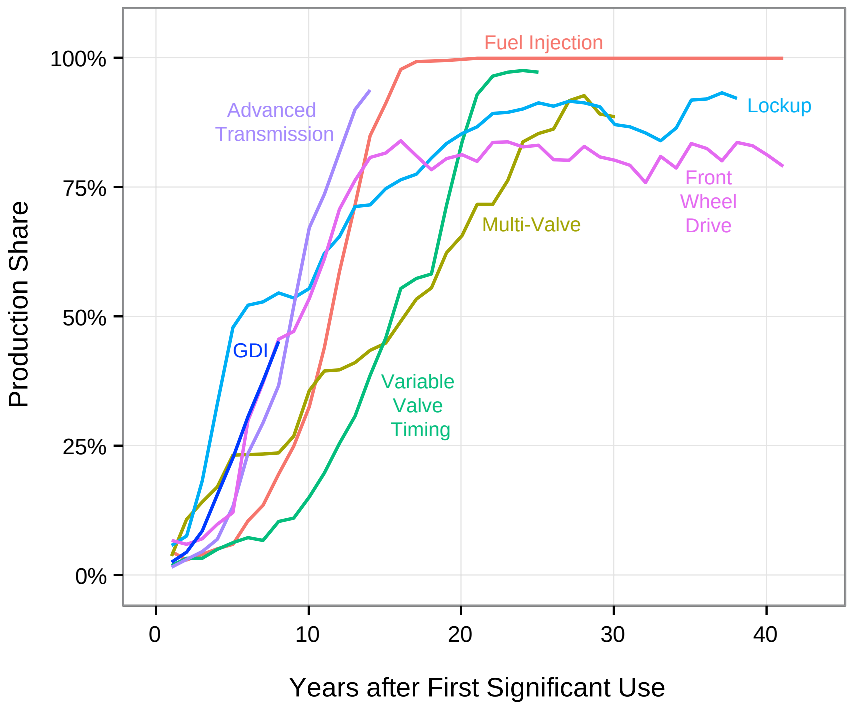
Automotive technology has continually evolved since 1975, resulting in vehicles that have better fuel economy, more power, and more content. One of the most notable examples of this continual improvement is the evolution of fuel delivery in gasoline engines. Carburetors, the dominant fuel delivery system in the late 1970s and early 1980s, were replaced by port fuel injection systems, which in turn are being replaced by direct injection systems. This trend, and the substantial impact on engine fuel economy and performance, is explored in Figures 5.1 and 5.5.

Figure 6.1 has been published in this report for many years, and has been widely cited in the literature. This figure shows industry-wide adoption rates for seven technologies in passenger cars. Six of these technologies have achieved wide adoption across the entire industry, and one newer technology appears to be quickly headed towards widespread adoption. To provide a common scale, the adoption rates are plotted in terms of the number of years after the technology achieved first significant use in the industry. First significant use generally represents a production threshold of 1%, though in some cases, where full data is not available, first significant use represents a slightly higher production share. The seven technologies included in Figure 6.1 are fuel injection (including throttle body, port, and direct injection), front wheel drive, multi-valve engines (i.e., engines with more than two valves per cylinder), engines with variable valve timing, lockup transmissions, advanced transmissions (transmissions with 6 or more speeds, and CVTs), and gasoline direct injection engines (GDI).

The technology adoption pattern shown in Figure 6.1 is roughly similar for each of the seven technologies, even though they vary widely in application, complexity, and when they were initially introduced. It has taken, on average, approximately 15-20 years for new technologies to reach maximum penetration across the industry. GDI is a newer technology that has likely not reached maximum penetration across the industry, but appears to be following the adoption trend of other more mature technologies. While some of these technologies may eventually be adopted in 100% of new vehicles, there may be reasons that other technologies, like front-wheel drive, will likely never be adopted in all vehicles. Adoption rates for these technologies in trucks are similar, with the exception of front wheel drive.

Figure 6.1

Industry-Wide Car Technology Penetration after First Significant Use



B. Technology Adoption by Manufacturers

The rate at which the overall industry adopts technology, as shown in Figure 6.1, is actually determined by how quickly, and at what point in time, individual manufacturers adopt the technology. While it is important to understand the industry-wide adoption rates over time, the trends in Figure 6.1 mask the fact that not all manufacturers introduced these technologies at the same time, or at the same rate. The "sequencing" of manufacturers introducing new technologies is an important aspect of understanding the overall industry trend of technology adoption.

Figure 6.2 begins to disaggregate the industry-wide trends shown in Figure 6.1 to examine how individual manufacturers have adopted new technologies. The first four technologies shown in Figure 6.2, which are also shown in Figure 6.1, have reached (or are near) full market penetration for all manufacturers. Also included in Figure 6.2 are three additional technologies that are quickly increasing penetration in new vehicle production, and are projected to be installed on at least 15% of all MY 2015 vehicles. These technologies are advanced transmissions (defined here as transmissions with 6 or more speeds and CVTs), gasoline direct injection (GDI) systems, and turbocharged engines. Figure 6.2 shows the percent penetration of each technology over time for the industry as a whole, and individually for the top seven manufacturers by sales. Figure 6.2 focuses on the length of time each manufacturer required to move from initial introduction to 80% penetration for each technology. After 80% penetration, the technology is assumed to be largely incorporated into the manufacturer's fleet and changes between 80% and 100% are not highlighted.

The technologies shown in Figure 6.2 vary widely in terms of complexity, application, and when they were introduced into the market. For each technology, there are clearly variations between manufacturers, both in terms of when they began to adopt a technology, and the rate with which they adopted the technology. The degree of variation between the manufacturers also varies by technology.

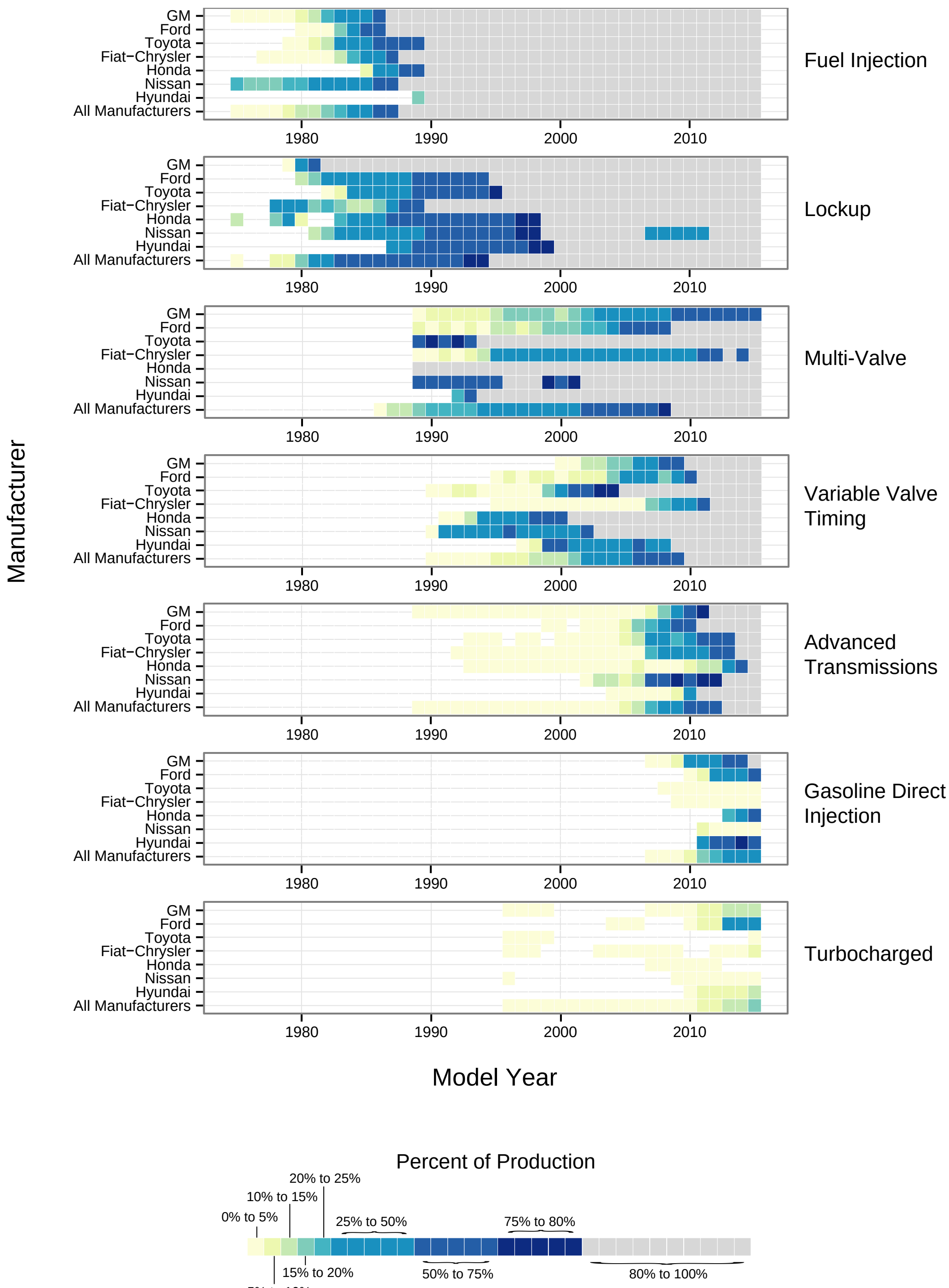
The data for variable valve timing (VVT), for example, shows that several manufactures were able to adopt the technology much faster than the overall industry rate might suggest. As shown in Figure 6.1, it took a little over 20 years for VVT to reach 80% penetration across the industry as a whole. However, Figure 6.2 shows that several individual manufacturers were able to implement at least 80% VVT in significantly less time than the overall industry. Therefore, it was not the rate of technology adoption alone, but rather the staggered implementation time frames among manufacturers that resulted in the longer industry-wide average.

Fuel injection systems show the least amount of variation in initial adoption timing between manufacturers, which resulted in a faster adoption by the industry overall (see Figure 6.1) than technologies like VVT. One important driver for adoption of fuel injection was increasingly stringent emissions standards. Advanced transmissions, and turbocharged engines, have been available in small numbers for some time, but have very rapidly increased market penetration in recent years. Turbocharged engines and GDI systems are only recently beginning to reach significant parts of the market, and while both technologies are showing variation in adoption between manufacturers, it is too early to tell whether, and how quickly, they will ultimately be adopted industry-wide.

A different way to look at technology adoption patterns is to look at the maximum rate of change that manufacturers have been able to achieve for each technology. Figure 6.3 uses this approach to look at technology adoption for the same manufacturers and technologies examined in Figure 6.2. For each technology and manufacturer, Figure 6.3 shows the maximum change in technology penetration that each manufacturer achieved over any 3-year and 5-year period.

Figure 6.2

*Manufacturer Specific Technology Adoption over Time for Key Technologies**



* This figure is based on available data. Some technologies may have been introduced into the market before this report began tracking them. Generally these omissions are limited, with the exception of multi-valve engine data for Honda. Honda had already achieved 70% penetration of multi-valve engines when this report began tracking multi-valve engines in 1986, so this figure does not illustrate Honda's increase prior to 1986.

There are many examples of manufacturers that were able to apply new technology to a large percentage of their new vehicles in only 3 to 5 years. For example, each of the manufacturers was able to increase the percentage of their new vehicles with fuel injection systems by over 50% in 5 years, and three manufacturers were able to increase the percentage of their new vehicles with VVT by more than 85% in that time. For VVT, all of the manufacturers achieved close to or above a 70% penetration change in a 5-year period, but the industry as a whole only achieved a 40% change over any 5 years. This data reinforces the conclusion that the staggered timing of VVT adoption by individual manufacturers resulted in an overall industry adoption period that is longer than actually required by many (if not most) individual manufacturers.

One important note for Figure 6.3 is that, in some cases, individual manufacturers were already at high rates of adoption of some technologies before Trends started collecting data for that technology (for example, Honda was using multi-valve engines throughout its fleet when EPA starting monitoring multi-valve data in the mid-1980s). Data for "rates of increase" in such cases are artificially low.

Figure 6.4 takes a more detailed look at the introduction of VVT by individual manufacturers by combining aspects of both Figure 6.2 and Figure 6.3. For each manufacturer, Figure 6.4 shows the actual percent penetration of VVT over time (solid red line) versus the average for all manufacturers (dotted grey line), and compared to the maximum penetration by any manufacturer (solid grey line) over time. Figure 6.4 also shows when the largest increase in VVT penetration over any 1, 3, and 5 year period occurred as green, orange, and yellow boxes.

VVT was first tracked in this report for cars in MY 1990 and for trucks in MY 2000. Between MY 1990 and MY 2000, there may be a small number of trucks with VVT that are not accounted for in the data. However, the first trucks with VVT produced in larger volumes (greater than 50,000 vehicles) were produced in MY 1999 and MY 2000, so the discrepancy is not enough to noticeably alter the trends in the previous figures.

Figure 6.3

Maximum Three- and Five-Year Adoption for Key Technologies

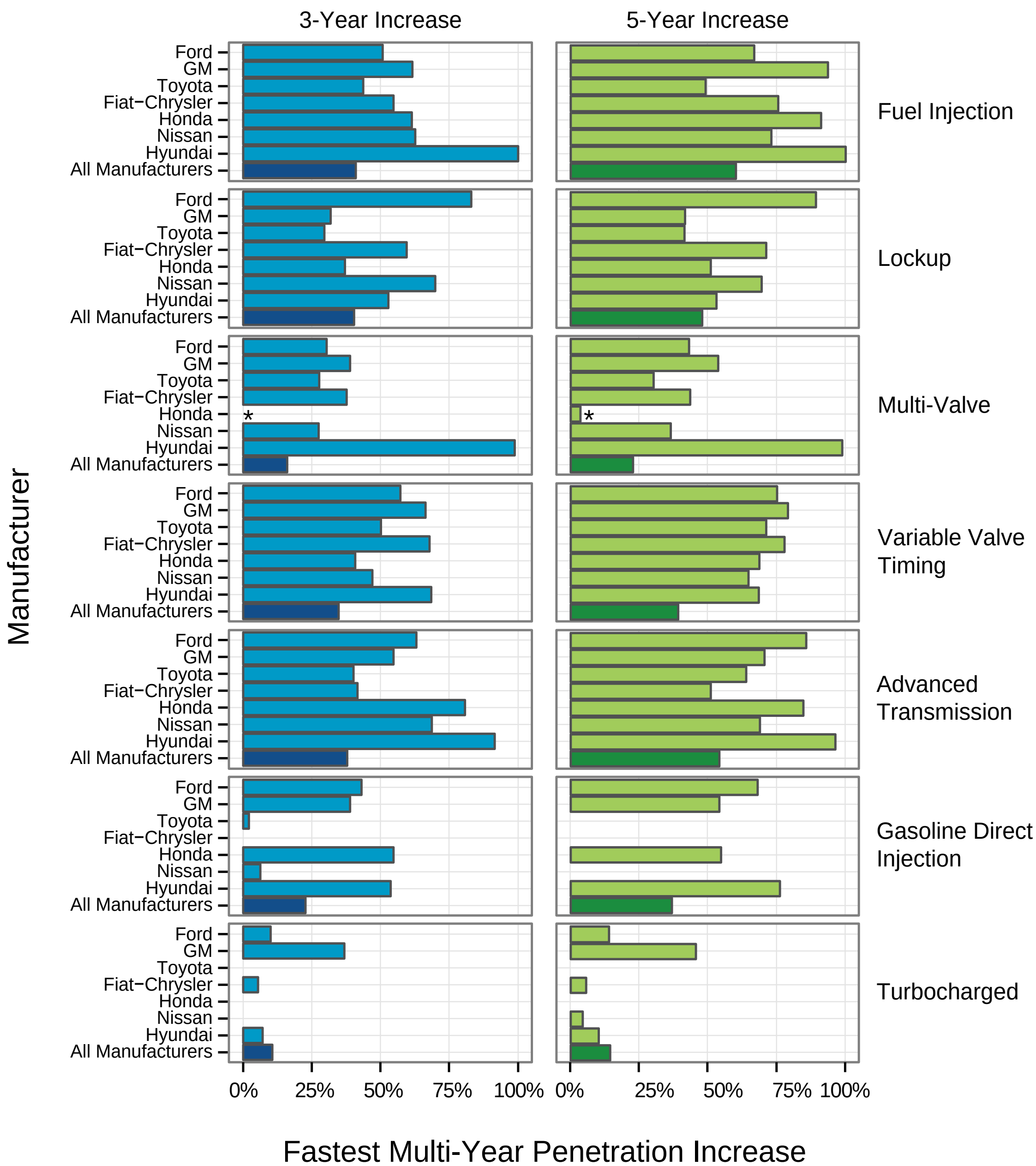


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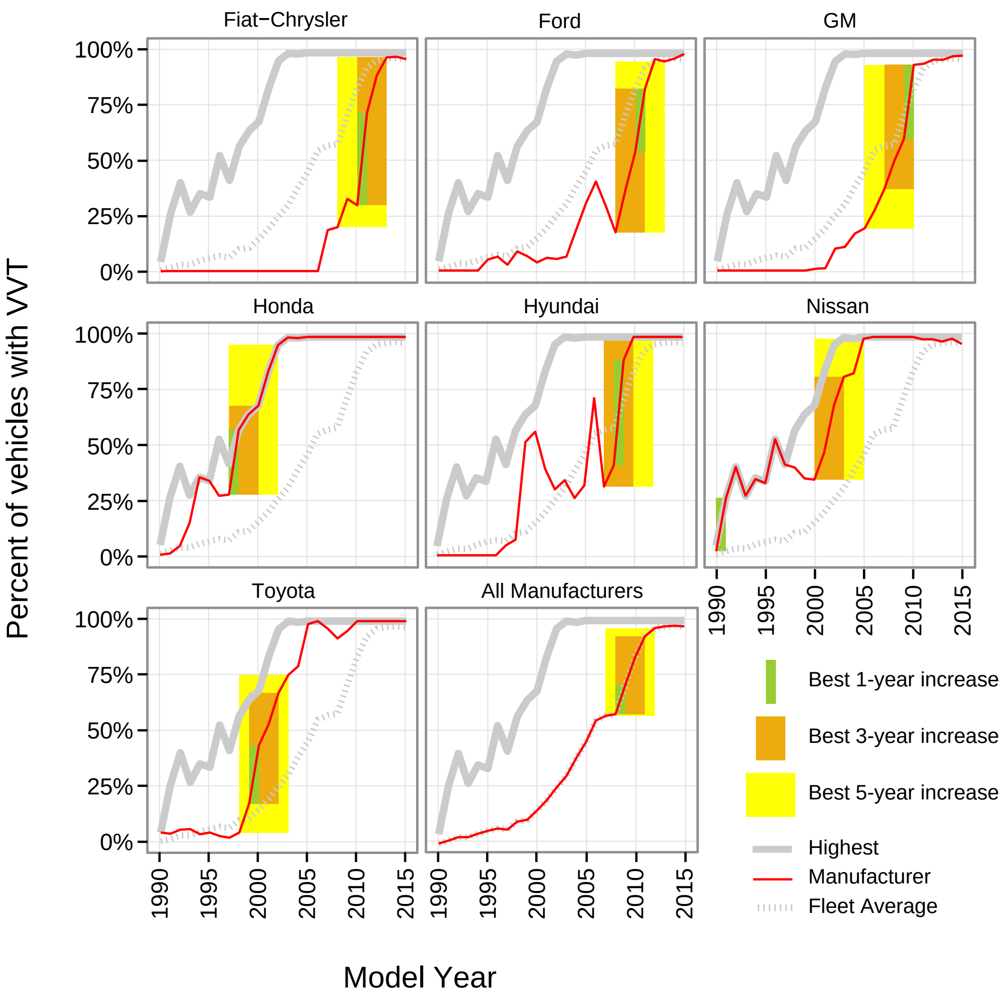
Figure 6.4

VVT Adoption Details by Manufacturer



As shown in Figure 6.2, each manufacturer clearly followed a unique trajectory to adopt VVT. It took over 20 years for nearly all new vehicles to adopt VVT; however it is also very clear that individual manufacturers were able to adopt VVT across their own vehicle offerings much faster. All of the manufacturers shown in Figure 6.4 were able to adopt VVT across the vast majority of their new vehicle offerings in under 15 years, and many accomplished that feat in under 10 years. As indicated by the yellow rectangles in Figure 6.4, several manufacturers increased their penetration rates of VVT by 75% or more over a 5-year period. It is also important to note that every manufacturer shown was able to adopt VVT into new vehicles at a rate faster than the overall industry-wide data would imply. As noted earlier, the industry average represents both the rate that manufacturers adopted VVT and the effect of manufacturers adopting the technology at different times. Accordingly, the industry average shown in Figure 6.1 and Figure 6.4 does not represent the average pace at which individual manufacturers adopted VVT, which is considerably faster.

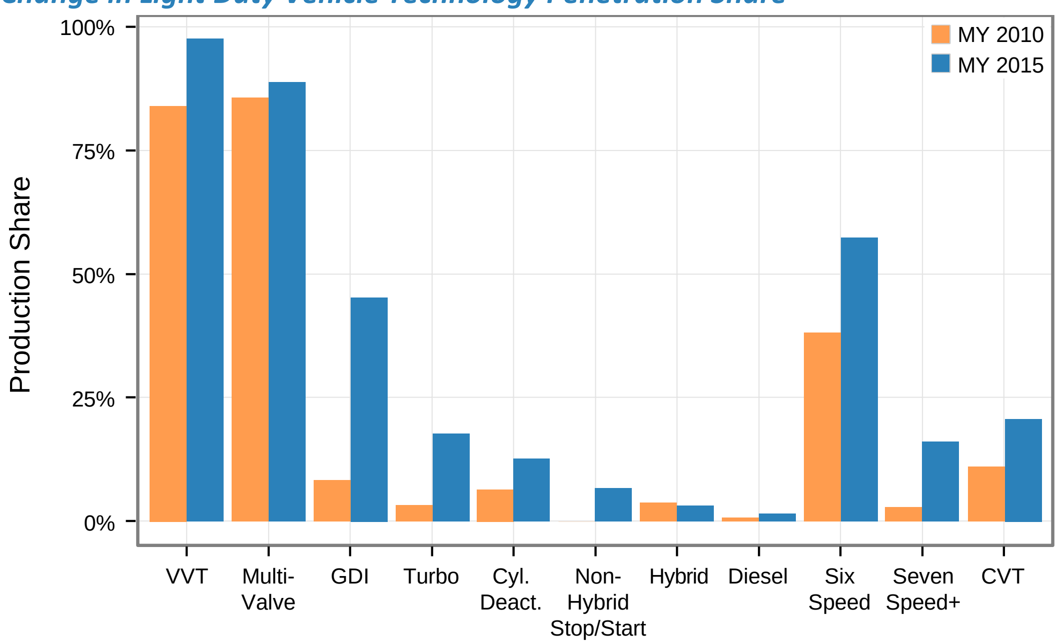
Figures 6.2 through 6.4 examine manufacturer specific technology adoption in different ways, but all three figures clearly support the conclusion that some manufacturers have been able to adopt technology much faster than industry-wide data suggest, and that there is significant variation in how individual manufacturers have adopted technology.

C. Technology Adoption in the Last Five Years

Over the last five years, engines and transmissions have continued to evolve and adopt new technologies. Figure 6.5 shows the penetration of several key technologies in MY 2010 and the projected penetration for each technology in MY 2015 vehicles. Over that five-year span, VVT is projected to increase market share by almost 15%, GDI by over 35%, and 6 speed transmissions by almost 20% across the entire industry. These are large changes taking place across the industry over a relatively short time. As discussed in the previous section, individual manufacturers are making technology changes at an even faster rate.

Figure 6.5

Five Year Change in Light Duty Vehicle Technology Penetration Share



There are many factors outside the scope of this report that influence the rate and timing of when technology is adopted by individual manufactures (e.g., price, manufacturing constraints, regulatory drivers, etc.) While no attempt is made here to identify the underlying causes, it is important to recognize that variation between manufacturers for given technologies can be masked when only evaluating industry-wide trends. As the data in this section suggest, adoption by individual manufacturers is generally more rapid than has previously been reported for the overall industry, and it is clear that the penetration of important technologies has grown significantly over the last 5 years.

7 Alternative Fuel Vehicle Metrics

For the first time, alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) are included in analyses throughout this report, except when noted otherwise. This change was made to the report because AFVs production is expected to exceed 1% in MY 2015, which is sufficient enough to begin impacting overall fuel economy and CO_2 emission rates. As shown in Section 4, manufacturers with higher AFV production are already showing fuel economy increases and reductions in CO_2 emission rates due to AFVs. Section 5 shows how AFV production has increased over time. This section addresses some of the technical metrics used to quantify AFV operation and to integrate AFV data with gasoline and diesel vehicle data.

Vehicles included as AFVs throughout this report are those vehicles that are produced by original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) that are dedicated to, or are designed and expected to frequently operate on, alternative fuels such as electricity and natural gas. Non-OEM vehicles that are converted to alternative fuels by independent, aftermarket companies are *not* included in this report. Ethanol flexible fuel vehicles are widely available, but the great majority of these vehicles are operated primarily on gasoline[4] and therefore are not included as AFVs in this report. OEM vehicles that operate predominantly on other alternative fuels, including hydrogen, methanol, propane, etc., will be included in future reports if they become generally available to the public.

The focus of this section is on MY 2015 vehicles. For consistency and clarity for the reader, the data for specific vehicles discussed in this section reflect values from the EPA/DOT Fuel Economy and Environment Labels, which use a 55% city and 45% highway weighting for combined fuel economy and CO_2 values. When data for these vehicles is integrated into the data for the rest of the report, the adjusted highway and city values are combined using a 43% city and 57% highway weighting (see Section 10 for a detailed explanation). Additionally, some PHEV calculations are also adjusted, as explained at the end of this section.

A. MY 2015 Vehicles

This section will introduce the MY 2015 alternative fuel vehicles that were certified by EPA. For each of these vehicles, the report will introduce key metrics, show how they are determined, and discuss their relevance to consumers and analysts. Table 7.1 shows the alternative fuel vehicles available from OEMs in MY 2015, as well as the powertrain type of each vehicle, inertia weight class (IWT),[5] and footprint. These vehicles constitute a wide array of vehicle designs, sizes, and functions, though the VW (Porsche) Cayenne S PHEV is the only vehicle classified as a truck.

[4] Based on data from the Energy Information Administration, EPA projects that FFVs were fuelled with E85 less than 1 percent of the time in 2008; see 75 Federal Register 14762 (March 26, 2010).

[5] Each inertia weight class represents a range of loaded vehicle weights, or vehicle curb weights plus 300 pounds. Vehicle inertia weight classes are in 250-pound increments for inertia weight classes that are less than 3000 pounds, while inertia weight classes over 3000 pounds are divided into 500-pound increments.

Table 7.1

MY 2015 Alternative Fuel Vehicle Classification and Size[6]

Manufacturer	Model	Fuel or Powertrain	Car or Truck	IWT (lbs)	Footprint (sq ft)
Honda	Civic	CNG	Car	3000	43.5
Quantum Tech.	Impala Dual Fuel	CNG	Car	4500	47.4
BMW	I3 BEV	EV	Car	3000	43.3
BYD Motors	e6	EV	Car	5500	47.9
Fiat-Chrysler	500e	EV	Car	3000	34.8
Ford	Focus	EV	Car	4000	43.7
GM	Spark	EV	Car	3000	35.8
Kia	Soul	EV	Car	3500	43.3
Mercedes	B-Class	EV	Car	4000	44.7
Mercedes	smart fortwo	EV	Car	2250	26.8
Nissan	Leaf	EV	Car	3500	44.6
Tesla	Model S	EV	Car	4500	53.6
Tesla	Model S	EV	Car	4500	53.6
Tesla	Model S	EV	Car	4500	53.6
Tesla	Model S AWD	EV	Car	5000	53.6
Tesla	Model S AWD	EV	Car	5000	53.6
VW	e-Golf	EV	Car	3500	42.4
BMW	I3 REX	PHEV	Car	3500	43.3
BMW	I8	PHEV	Car	3500	50.7
Ford	C-MAX	PHEV	Car	4000	44.0
Ford	Fusion	PHEV	Car	4000	48.7
GM	ELR	PHEV	Car	4000	46.0
GM	Volt	PHEV	Car	4000	45.1
McLaren	P1	PHEV	Car	3500	46.9
Toyota	Prius	PHEV	Car	3500	44.2
VW	918 Spyder	PHEV	Car	4000	48.2
VW	Cayenne S	PHEV	Truck	6000	51.8
VW	Panamera S	PHEV	Car	5000	51.8

As shown in Table 7.1, there are eleven EVs available in MY 2015, eleven PHEVs, one dedicated CNG vehicle, and one dual fuel CNG vehicle. The multiple Tesla S variants listed in Table 7.1 are considered one model, but individual versions have been retained here due to slight variances in weight and performance. The footprint of the largest vehicle, the Tesla S, is double that of the smallest vehicle, which is the Smart Fortwo. The weight of these vehicles also significantly varies, from an IWT of 2250 to 6000.

This report has not previously tracked or analyzed data on the range of vehicles using petroleum fuels because gasoline and diesel vehicles can generally travel at least 300 miles without refueling, and gasoline and diesel fuel stations are common and well distributed across the United States (although there are some rural areas where range may in fact be an important consideration). Most alternative fuel vehicles have lower vehicle range than gasoline

[6] There are several other non-petroleum fueled vehicles that have been in limited lease and/or demonstration programs, including hydrogen fuel cell vehicles such as the Honda FCX Clarity and Hyundai Tucson Fuel Cell. However, these vehicles have not been available to the general public at large and are therefore not discussed in this section.

and diesel vehicles, when operated on the alternative fuel, and all alternative fuel vehicles are likely to have more limited public refueling infrastructure. Range is of particular concern with electric vehicles, as most EVs have a range that is considerably less than that of comparable petroleum-fueled vehicles. The availability of dedicated EV charging stations is also currently limited, especially for stations powerful enough to be capable of "fast" charging.[7] For each of the vehicles listed in Table 7.1, Table 7.2 shows the label driving range for alternative fuel vehicles when operating on the alternative fuel, total electricity plus gasoline range for PHEVs, and introduces the concept of a utility factor for PHEVs (explained below).

Table 7.2

MY 2015 Alternative Fuel Vehicle Powertrain and Range

Manufacturer	Model	Fuel or Powertrain	Alternative Fuel Range miles	Total Range miles	Utility Factor
Honda	Civic	CNG	193	193	-
Quantum Tech.	Impala Dual Fuel	CNG	119	487	N/A
BMW	I3 BEV	EV	81	81	-
BYD Motors	e6	EV	127	127	-
Fiat-Chrysler	500e	EV	87	87	-
Ford	Focus	EV	76	76	-
GM	Spark	EV	82	82	-
Kia	Soul	EV	93	93	-
Mercedes	B-Class	EV	87	87	-
Mercedes	smart fortwo	EV	68	68	-
Nissan	Leaf	EV	84	84	-
Tesla	Model S	EV	240	240	-
Tesla	Model S	EV	265	265	-
Tesla	Model S	EV	208	208	-
Tesla	Model S AWD	EV	253	253	-
Tesla	Model S AWD	EV	270	270	-
VW	e-Golf	EV	83	83	-
BMW	I3 REX	PHEV	72	150	0.83
BMW	I8	PHEV	15	330	0.37
Ford	C-MAX	PHEV	20	550	0.45
Ford	Fusion	PHEV	20	550	0.45
GM	ELR	PHEV	37	340	0.65
GM	Volt	PHEV	38	380	0.66
McLaren	P1	PHEV	19	300	0.43
Toyota	Prius	PHEV	11	540	0.29
VW	918 Spyder	PHEV	12	420	0.32
VW	Cayenne S	PHEV	14	480	0.37
VW	Panamera S	PHEV	16	560	0.39

* Many PHEVs are capable of operating in blended mode and may use some gasoline to achieve the given alternative fuel range.

[7] While dedicated EV charging stations are currently limited, electricity is available in nearly all but the most remote parts of the country. EVs can generally be recharged from a standard 110v outlet although charging will be slower than at a dedicated 220v charging station.

PHEVs blend EV technology with more familiar powertrain technology from petroleum-fueled vehicles. Current PHEVs feature both an electric drive system designed to be charged from an electricity source external to the vehicle (like an EV), and a gasoline internal combustion engine. There are generally three ways that a PHEV can operate:

1. Charge depleting electric only mode – In electric only mode the vehicle operates like an EV, using only energy stored in the battery to propel the vehicle.
2. Charge depleting blended mode – In blended mode the vehicle uses both energy stored in the battery and energy from the gasoline tank to propel the vehicle. Depending on the vehicle design and driving conditions, blended operation can include substantial all-electric driving.
3. Charge sustaining mode – In charge sustaining mode, the PHEV has exhausted the external energy from the electric grid that is stored in the battery and relies on the gasoline internal combustion engine. In charge sustaining mode, the vehicle will operate much like a traditional hybrid.

The presence of both electric drive and an internal combustion engine results in a complex system that can be used in many different combinations, and manufacturers are choosing to operate PHEV systems in different ways. This complicates direct comparisons among PHEV models in this report. For each MY 2015 PHEV, Table 7.2 shows the estimated range on alternative fuel and estimated total range. For PHEVs like the Chevrolet Volt, which cannot operate in blended mode, the alternative fuel range represents the estimated range operating in electric only mode. However, for PHEVs that operate in a blended mode, the alternative fuel range represents the estimated range of the vehicle operating in either electric only *or* blended mode, due to the design of the vehicle. For example, the Prius uses electricity stored in its battery and a small amount of gasoline to achieve an alternative fuel range of 11 miles. The C-Max and Fusion PHEVs did not use any gasoline to achieve an alternative fuel range of 20 miles on EPA test cycles; however, certain driving conditions (e.g., more aggressive accelerations, higher speeds, and air conditioning or heater operation) would likely cause these vehicles to operate in a blended mode instead of an all-electric mode. Table 7.2 also introduces the concept of a utility factor. The utility factor is directly related to the electric range for PHEVs, and is a projection, on average, of the percentage of miles that will be driven using electricity (in electric only and blended modes) by an average driver.

The two vehicles that operate on CNG have traditional internal combustion engines. Many internal combustion engines designed to run on CNG are based on gasoline engines, with upgraded engine components, fuel systems, and fuel tanks designed specifically for natural gas.

Table 7.3 shows five energy-related metrics for the MY 2015 alternative fuel vehicles (no entry is shown if the metric is not applicable to that vehicle technology). These data are generally included on the EPA/NHTSA Fuel Economy and Environment labels beginning in MY 2013. Comparing the energy or fuel efficiency performance from alternative fuel vehicles raises complex issues of how to compare different fuels. For example, consumers and OEMs are familiar and comfortable with evaluating gasoline and diesel vehicle fuel economy in terms of miles per gallon, and it is the primary efficiency metric in this report. To enable this comparison for alternative fuel vehicles, the fuel efficiency of vehicles operating on CNG and electricity are evaluated in terms of miles per gallon of gasoline equivalent (an energy metric described in more detail below).

Table 7.3

MY 2015 Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fuel Economy Label Metrics

			Charge Depleting			Charge Sustaining	Overall
Manufacturer	Model	Fuel or Powertrain	Electricity (kW-hrs/ 100 miles)	Gasoline (gallons/ 100 miles)	Fuel Economy (mpge)	Fuel Economy (mpg)	Fuel Economy (mpge)
Honda	Civic	CNG	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	31
Quantum Tech.	Impala Dual Fuel	CNG	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A*
BMW	I3 BEV	EV	27	N/A	124	N/A	124
BYD	e6	EV	54	N/A	63	N/A	63
Fiat-Chrysler	500e	EV	29	N/A	116	N/A	116
Ford	Focus	EV	32	N/A	105	N/A	105
GM	Spark	EV	28	N/A	119	N/A	119
Kia	Soul	EV	32	N/A	105	N/A	105
Mercedes	B-Class	EV	40	N/A	84	N/A	84
Mercedes	smart fortwo	EV	32	N/A	107	N/A	107
Nissan	Leaf	EV	30	N/A	114	N/A	114
Tesla	Model S	EV	33	N/A	101	N/A	101
Tesla	Model S	EV	38	N/A	89	N/A	89
Tesla	Model S	EV	35	N/A	95	N/A	95
Tesla	Model S AWD	EV	36	N/A	93	N/A	93
Tesla	Model S AWD	EV	34	N/A	100	N/A	100
VW	e-Golf	EV	29	N/A	116	N/A	116
BMW	I3 REX	PHEV	29	N/A	117	39	88
BMW	I8	PHEV	43	0.1	76	28	37
Ford	C-MAX	PHEV	37	0.0	88	38	51
Ford	Fusion	PHEV	37	0.0	88	38	51
GM	ELR	PHEV	41	N/A	82	33	54
GM	Volt	PHEV	35	N/A	98	37	62
McLaren	P1	PHEV	25	4.8	18	17	17
Toyota	Prius	PHEV	29	0.2	95	50	58
VW	918 Spyder	PHEV	50	N/A	67	22	28
VW	Cayenne S	PHEV	69	N/A	47	22	27
VW	Panamera S	PHEV	52	0.5	50	25	31

* The Impala Dual Fuel vehicle has fuel economy of 19 mpge on CNG and 20 mpg on gasoline

The fourth column in Table 7.3 gives electricity consumption rates for EVs and PHEVs. The units for electricity consumption are kilowatt-hours per 100 miles (kW-hrs/100 miles). As shown on the vehicle label, the electricity consumption rate is based on the amount of electricity required from an electric outlet to charge the vehicle and includes wall-to-vehicle charging losses. The values for all of the EVs and PHEVs reflect the electricity consumption rate required to operate the vehicle in either electric-only or blended mode operation. PHEVs that are capable of operating in a blended mode may also consume some gasoline in addition to electricity. Any additional gasoline used is shown in the fifth column. For example, the Prius PHEV consumes 29 kWh and 0.2 gallons of gasoline per 100 miles during this combination of electric-only and blended modes.

The sixth column simply converts the electricity consumption data in the fourth column and the gasoline consumption data in the fifth column into a combined miles per gallon of gasoline-equivalent (mpge) metric. The mpge metric is a measure of the miles the vehicle can travel on an amount of energy that is equal to the amount of energy stored in a gallon of gasoline. For a vehicle operating on electricity, mpge is simply calculated as 33.705 kW-hrs/gallon divided by the vehicle electricity consumption in kW-hrs/mile. For example, for the Leaf, 33.705 kW-hrs/gallon divided by 0.30 kW-hrs/mile, which is equivalent to 30 kW-hrs/100 miles, is 114 mpge.[8] Because the Prius PHEV consumes both electricity and gasoline over the alternative fuel range of 11 miles, the electric consumption value of 95 mpge includes both the electricity and gasoline consumption, at a rate of 29 kW-hrs/100 miles of electricity and 0.2 gal/100 miles of gasoline.

The seventh column gives label fuel economy values for vehicles operating on gasoline only, which is relevant here only for the PHEVs operating in charge sustaining mode. For PHEVs, the EPA/NHTSA label shows both electricity consumption in kW-hrs/100 miles and mpge, when the vehicle operates exclusively on electricity or in a blended mode, and gasoline fuel economy in mpg, when the vehicle operates exclusively on gasoline.

The final column gives the overall mpge values reflecting the overall energy efficiency of the vehicle on all of the fuels on which the vehicle can operate. While mpge does not reflect how all alternative fuels are sold (natural gas is in fact sold in gallons of gasoline equivalent, but electricity is not), it does provide a common metric with which to compare fuels that are sold in different units, and mpge is generally included on the EPA/NHTSA labels for that reason. For PHEVs, the mpge metric can also be used to determine the overall equivalent fuel economy for a vehicle that operates on two unique fuels. In addition to the energy metrics in the previous columns, the one key additional parameter necessary to calculate a combined electricity/gasoline mpge value for a PHEV is the utility factor that was introduced in Table 7.2. The MY 2015 Volt, for example, has a utility factor of 0.66, i.e., it is expected that, on average, the Volt will operate 66% of the time on electricity and 34% of the time on gasoline. Utility factor calculations are based on an SAE methodology that EPA has adopted for regulatory compliance (SAE 2010). For EVs and natural gas vehicles, the last column simply reports the mpge values that are on the EPA/NHTSA label. CNG vehicle mpge values are based on the energy equivalency assumption that a gallon of gasoline contains the same energy as 121.5 standard cubic feet of natural gas.

Tables 7.4 and 7.5 show several key CO_2 emissions metrics for MY 2015 alternative fuel vehicles.

[8] The actual calculations were done with unrounded numbers. Using the rounded numbers provided here may result in a slightly different number due to rounding error.

Table 7.4

MY 2015 Alternative Fuel Vehicle Label Tailpipe CO_2 Emissions Metrics

Manufacturer	Model	Fuel or Powertrain	Tailpipe CO_2 (g/mile)
Honda	CIVIC	CNG	218
Quantum Tech.	Impala Dual Fuel	CNG	N/A*
BMW	I3 BEV	EV	0
BYD Motors	e6	EV	0
Fiat-Chrysler	500e	EV	0
Ford	Focus	EV	0
GM	Spark	EV	0
Kia	Soul	EV	0
Mercedes	B-Class	EV	0
Mercedes	smart fortwo	EV	0
Nissan	Leaf	EV	0
Tesla	Model S	EV	0
Tesla	Model S	EV	0
Tesla	Model S	EV	0
Tesla	Model S AWD	EV	0
Tesla	Model S AWD	EV	0
VW	e-Golf	EV	0
BMW	I3 REX	PHEV	40
BMW	I8	PHEV	198
Ford	C-MAX	PHEV	129
Ford	Fusion	PHEV	129
GM	ELR	PHEV	91
GM	Volt	PHEV	81
McLaren	P1	PHEV	463
Toyota	Prius	PHEV	133
VW	918 Spyder	PHEV	277
VW	Cayenne S	PHEV	260
VW	Panamera S	PHEV	229

* The Impala Dual Fuel vehicle has emissions of 343 g/mile on CNG and 437 g/mile on gasoline

Table 7.4 gives vehicle tailpipe CO_2 emissions values. EPA and vehicle manufacturers have been measuring tailpipe emissions since the early 1970s using standardized laboratory tests. Table 7.4 gives tailpipe CO_2 emissions values that are included on the EPA/DOT Fuel Economy and Environment labels (and reflected in the label's Greenhouse Gas Rating) that are currently used for advanced technology vehicles. These label values reflect EPA's best estimate of the CO_2 tailpipe emissions that these vehicles will produce, on average, in real world city and highway operation based on the EPA 5-cycle label methodology and using a 55% city/45% highway weighting. EVs, of course, have no tailpipe emissions. For the PHEVs, the label CO_2 emissions values utilize the same utility factors discussed above to weight the CO_2 emissions on electric and gasoline operation. For natural gas vehicles, these values are based on vehicle test data and our 5-cycle methodology. It is important to note that, to be consistent with CO_2 emissions data elsewhere in this report, the tailpipe CO_2 emissions values given in Table 7.4 for CNG vehicles do not account for the higher global warming potency associated with methane emissions, which have the potential to be higher for CNG vehicles.

Table 7.5 accounts for the “upstream” CO_2 emissions associated with the production and distribution of electricity used in EVs and PHEVs. Gasoline and diesel fuels also have CO_2 emissions associated with their production and distribution, but these upstream emissions are not reflected in the tailpipe CO_2 emissions values discussed elsewhere in this report. Combining vehicle tailpipe and fuel production/distribution sources, gasoline vehicles emit about 80 percent of total CO_2 emissions at the vehicle tailpipe with the remaining 20 percent of total CO_2 emissions associated with upstream fuel production and distribution. Diesel fuel has a similar approximate relationship between tailpipe and upstream CO_2 emissions. CNG vehicle upstream CO_2 emissions data is not included in Table 7.5.[9] On the other hand, vehicles powered by grid electricity emit no CO_2 (or other emissions) at the vehicle tailpipe; therefore all CO_2 emissions associated with an EV are due to fuel production and distribution. Depending on how the electricity is produced, these fuels can have very high fuel production/distribution CO_2 emissions (for example, if coal is used with no CO_2 emissions control) or very low CO_2 emissions (for example, if renewable processes with minimal fossil energy inputs are used).

An additional complicating factor in Table 7.5 is that electricity production in the United States varies significantly from region to region. Hydroelectric plants provide a large percentage of electricity in the northwest, coal-fired power plants produce the majority of electricity in the Midwest, and natural gas has increased its electricity market share in many regions of the country. Nuclear power plants and renewable energy make up the balance of U.S. electricity production. In order to bracket the possible GHG emissions impact, Table 7.5 provides ranges with the low end of the range corresponding to the California powerplant GHG emissions factor, the middle of the range represented by the national average powerplant GHG emissions factor, and the upper end of the range corresponding to the powerplant GHG emissions factor for the Rockies.

Based on data from EPA’s eGRID powerplant database (Abt Associates 2015), and accounting for additional greenhouse gas emissions impacts for feedstock processing upstream of the powerplant (Argonne 2015), EPA estimates that the electricity CO_2 emission factors for various regions of the country vary from 343 g CO_2/kW-hr in California to 900 g CO_2/kW-hr in the Rockies, with a national average of 589 g CO_2/kW-hr. Emission rates for small regions in upstate New York and Alaska have lower electricity upstream CO_2 emission rates than California. However, California is a good surrogate for the “low” end of the range because California is a leading market for current EVs and PHEVs. Initial sales of electric vehicles have been largely, though not exclusively, focused in regions of the country with powerplant CO_2 emissions factors lower than the national average, such as California, New York, and other coastal areas. Accordingly, in terms of CO_2 emissions, EPA believes that the current “sales-

[9] There is considerable uncertainly and ongoing research on the topic of GHG emissions from natural gas production, particularly with respect to hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) processes.

weighted average" vehicle operating on electricity in the near term will likely fall somewhere between the low end of this range and the national average.[10]

The fourth through sixth columns in Table 7.5 provide the range of tailpipe plus *total* upstream CO_2 emissions for EVs and PHEVs based on regional electricity emission rates. For comparison, the average MY 2015 car is also included in Table 7.5. The methodology used to calculate the range of tailpipe plus total upstream CO_2 emissions for EVs, is shown in the following example for the MY 2015 Nissan Leaf:

- Start with the label (5-cycle values weighted 55% city/45% highway) vehicle electricity consumption in kW-hr/mile, which for the Leaf is 30 kW-hr/100 miles, or 0.30 kW-hr/mile
- Determine the regional powerplant emission rate, regional losses during electricity distribution, and the additional regional emissions due to fuel production upstream of the powerplant (for California, these numbers are 295 g/kW-hr, 5.8%, and 9.5%).
- Determine the regional upstream emission factor (for California 295 g/kW-hr / (1-0.058) * (1+0.095) = 343 g CO_2/kW-hr)[11]
- Multiply by the range of Low (California = 343 g CO_2/kW-hr), Average (National Average = 589 g CO_2/kW-hr), and High (Rockies = 900 g CO_2/kW-hr) electricity upstream CO_2 emission rates, which yields a range for the Leaf of 103-270 grams CO_2/mile.

The tailpipe plus total upstream CO_2 emissions values for PHEVs include the upstream CO_2 emissions associated with electricity operation and both the tailpipe and upstream CO_2 emissions associated with gasoline operation, using the utility factor discussed above to weight the values for electricity and gasoline operation. The tailpipe plus total upstream CO_2 emissions values for the average car are the average adjusted MY 2015 car tailpipe CO_2 emissions (from Table 4.3) multiplied by 1.25 to account for upstream emissions due to gasoline production.

The values in columns four through six are tailpipe plus *total* upstream CO_2 emissions. But, all of the gasoline and diesel vehicle CO_2 emissions data in the rest of this report refer to tailpipe only emissions and do not reflect the upstream emissions associated with gasoline or diesel production and distribution. Accordingly, in order to equitably compare the overall relative impact of EVs and PHEVs with tailpipe emissions of petroleum-fueled vehicles, EPA uses the metric "tailpipe plus *net* upstream emissions" for EVs and PHEVs (note that this same approach has been adopted for EV and PHEV regulatory compliance with the 2012-2025 light-duty vehicle GHG emissions standards for sales of EVs and PHEVs in MY 2012-2016

[10] For an individual who wants to know the upstream greenhouse gas emissions associated with operating an EV or PHEV in his or her geographical area, use the emissions calculator at fueleconomy.gov/feg/Find.do?action=bt2

[11] The actual calculations were done with unrounded numbers. Using the rounded numbers provided here may result in a slightly different number due to rounding error.

and MY 2022-2025 that exceed sales thresholds). The net upstream emissions for an EV is equal to the total upstream emissions for the EV minus the upstream emissions that would be expected from a comparable-sized (size is a good first-order measure for utility and footprint is the size-based metric used for standards compliance) gasoline vehicle. The net upstream emissions for PHEVs are equal to the net upstream emissions of the PHEV due to electricity consumption in electric or blended mode multiplied by the utility factor. The net upstream emissions for a gasoline vehicle are zero.

Table 7.5

MY 2015 Alternative Fuel Vehicle Upstream CO_2 Emission Metrics

			Tailpipe + Total Upstream CO_2			Tailpipe + Net Upstream CO_2		
Manufacturer	Model	Fuel or Powertrain	Low (g/mile)	Avg (g/mile)	High (g/mile)	Low (g/mile)	Avg (g/mile)	High (g/mile)
BMW	I3 BEV	EV	93	159	243	21	88	172
BYD Motors	e6	EV	185	318	486	107	240	408
Fiat-Chrysler	500e	EV	99	171	261	32	103	193
Ford	Focus	EV	110	188	288	38	117	216
GM	SPARK EV	EV	96	165	252	28	97	184
Kia	Soul	EV	110	188	288	39	117	217
Mercedes	B-Class	EV	137	236	360	64	162	287
Mercedes	smart fortwo	EV	110	188	288	42	121	220
Nissan	Leaf	EV	103	177	270	30	104	197
Tesla	Model S	EV	113	194	297	27	108	211
Tesla	Model S	EV	130	224	342	44	137	256
Tesla	Model S	EV	120	206	315	34	120	229
Tesla	Model S AWD	EV	123	212	324	37	126	238
Tesla	Model S AWD	EV	117	200	306	30	114	220
VW	e-Golf	EV	99	171	261	30	101	191
BMW	I3 REX	PHEV	133	192	268	64	123	198
BMW	I8	PHEV	303	342	392	222	262	312
Ford	C-MAX	PHEV	218	259	311	154	195	247
Ford	Fusion	PHEV	218	259	311	151	192	243
GM	ELR	PHEV	205	271	354	134	199	282
GM	Volt	PHEV	180	237	309	112	168	240
McLaren	P1	PHEV	615	642	675	467	493	526
Toyota	Prius	PHEV	195	216	242	141	162	188
VW	918 Spyder	PHEV	402	441	492	307	347	397
VW	Cayenne S	PHEV	412	474	552	312	374	452
VW	Panamera S	PHEV	355	405	467	266	315	378
	Average Car		*390*	*390*	*390*	*312*	*312*	*312*

For each EV or PHEV, the upstream emissions for a comparable gasoline vehicle are determined by first using the footprint based compliance curves to determine the CO_2 compliance target for a vehicle with the same footprint. Since upstream emissions account for approximately 20% of total CO_2 emissions for gasoline vehicles, the upstream emissions for the comparable gasoline vehicle are equal to one fourth of the tailpipe-only compliance target.

The final three columns of Table 7.5 give the tailpipe plus net upstream CO_2 values for the EVs and PHEVs using the same Low, Average, and High electricity upstream CO_2 emissions rates discussed above. These values bracket the possible real world net CO_2 emissions that would be associated with consumer use of these vehicles. For the Leaf, these values are simply the values in columns four through six minus the upstream GHG emissions of a comparably sized gasoline vehicle. Based on the MY 2015 CO_2 footprint curve, the 5-cycle tailpipe GHG emissions for a Leaf-sized gasoline vehicle meeting its compliance target would be approximately 292 grams/mi, with upstream emissions of one-fourth of this value, or 73 g/mi. The net upstream for the Leaf are determined by subtracting this value, 73 g/mi, from the total upstream emissions for the Leaf. The result is a range for the tailpipe plus net upstream value of 30-197 g/mile as shown in Table 7.5, with a more likely sales-weighted value in the 30-99 g/mi range.

For PHEVs, the tailpipe plus net upstream emissions values use the utility factor values discussed above to weight the individual values for electric operation and gasoline operation.

While there are still relatively few OEM alternative fuel vehicles in MY 2015, the total production of alternative fuel vehicles is projected to continue to increase. This report will continue to track the metrics presented in this section and report on trends in alternative fuel vehicle CO_2 emissions and fuel economy as more models are introduced and more data becomes available in future years.

B. Alternative AFV Metrics

Determining metrics for AFVs that are meaningful and accurate is challenging. In particular, vehicles that are capable of using dual fuels, such as PHEVs, can have very complicated modes of operation that make it difficult to determine meaningful metrics. In this section, we have reported and discussed several metrics that are used on the EPA/DOT Fuel Economy and Environment Labels and in a regulatory context, namely "mpge," tailpipe CO_2 emissions, and net upstream GHG emissions. There are, however, other ways that AFV operation can be quantified.

Other energy metric options that could be considered include 1) mpge plus net fuel life-cycle energy, which would also reflect differences in upstream energy consumption in producing the alternative fuel relative to gasoline-from-oil; and 2) miles per gallon of petroleum, which would only count petroleum use and not other forms of energy. Compared to mpge, using the mpge plus net fuel life-cycle energy metric would generally result in lower numerical fuel economy values, and using the miles per gallon of petroleum metric would yield higher fuel economy values.

C. Additional Note on PHEV Calculations

Calculating fuel economy and CO_2 emission values for PHEVs is a complicated process, as discussed in this section. The examples given for individual vehicles were based on calculations behind the EPA/DOT Fuel Economy and Environment Labels. In addition to the approach used for the labels, there are multiple methods for determining utility factors depending on the intended use of the value. The standardized utility factor calculations are defined in the Society of Automobile Engineers (SAE) document SAE J2841.

The utility factors that are used for fleetwide calculations are somewhat different that those used to create label values. For label values, multi-day individual utility factors (MDIUF) are used to incorporate "a driver's day to day variation into the utility calculation." For fleetwide calculations, fleet utility factors (FUF) are applied to "calculate the expected fuel and electric consumption of an entire fleet of vehicles." Since the Trends report is generally a fleetwide analysis, the FUF utility factors were applied, instead of the MDIUF utility factors, when the data was integrated with the rest of the fleet data. Additionally, since Trends uses a 43% city, 57% highway weighting for combining adjusted fuel economy and CO_2 data, the FUF utility factors created for Trends were based on that weighting, not on 55% city, 45% highway weighting used on labels (see section 10 for a discussion of city and highway weighting).

8 High Fuel Economy/Low CO_2 and Advanced Technology Choices

Consumers shopping for vehicles with comparatively high fuel economy and low tailpipe CO_2 emissions have more vehicles to choose among in MY 2015 than MY 2010. These choices reflect both a more diverse range of technology packages on conventional gasoline vehicles as well as more advanced technology and alternative fuel vehicles. Section 5 analyzes important trends for a number of vehicle technologies. Section 7 provides data on individual alternative fuel vehicle models such as electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, and compressed natural gas vehicles. This section focuses specifically on trends related to the fuel economy and advanced vehicle purchase choices available to consumers in the new vehicle market.

A. Methodology

There are some important methodological differences in the analysis in this section relative to Sections 1-6. First, the data in this section are not weighted by vehicle production levels, but instead reflect "model counts," which is more appropriate for evaluating vehicle choices for consumers. This is because, to an individual consumer in the market for a new vehicle, it makes little or no difference if a particular model has high or low production. Second, the analysis in this section focuses on the changes between MY 2010 and MY 2015, rather than trends over multiple decades. These two model years are used because a 5-year period is long enough to identify meaningful multi-year trends.

This "model count" analysis requires assumptions about how to define a model. Our objective in this analysis is to count models that are generally marketed and perceived by consumers to be unique vehicle choices, but not to count multiple configurations that are generally marketed and perceived by consumers to be the same model. The application of this approach requires considerable judgment, and we have made every effort to be consistent for both MY 2010 and MY 2015. The most important guidelines used to classify vehicle configurations into unique "models" for this analysis are:

- Vehicles with the same name are generally counted as one model (e.g., all Honda Civics are counted as one model), with exceptions noted below. Vehicle options included as one model include:
    - Engine and transmission options (including hybrid, diesel, CNG, EV, PHEV, turbo, and ECO variants)
    - 2WD and 4WD versions
    - Trim levels
    - Convertible, hatchback, and wagon body styles
    - FFV and non-FFV models
    - BMW series. For example, all BMW 5 series variants are included as one model, including the ActiveHybrid 5

- Generally performance and non-performance vehicles are counted as one model, even if they have distinct names. Vehicle variants counted as one model include:
    - Audi A4 and Audi S4
    - BMW M3 in included in the BMW 3 series
    - Volkswagen Golf and Volkswagen GTI

- Vehicles that are substantially similar, but are marketed and sold by multiple divisions, (often called "twins") are counted as separate models. For example:
    - Ford Escape and Mercury Mariner are counted as separate models
    - Chevrolet Equinox and GMC Terrain are counted as separate models

- Vehicles that are generally marketed as distinct models are counted as separate models. For example:
    - Prius, Prius v and Prius c are counted as distinct models

- The Mini Cooper vehicles are grouped and counted as four models (Mini Cooper, Mini Cooper Roadster, Mini Cooper Clubman, Mini Cooper Countryman/Paceman), generally based on wheelbase, with multiple trim models within each wheelbase counted as the same model

- If at least one variant of an individual model meets a threshold defined in the analysis (e.g., cars with fuel economy greater than 30 mpg), the model is counted only once, regardless of the number of model variants that meet the threshold. For instance, if hybrid, CNG, and gasoline variant Honda Civics exceed 30 mpg, only one Civic is counted as exceeding 30 mpg

These "model count" guidelines resulted in about a 6% difference in the number of total models between MY 2010 and MY 2015: approximately 270 models for MY 2010 and 287 for MY 2015.

Finally, the last methodological difference between this section and most other sections of this report is that two key parameters -vehicle classifications and combined city/highway fuel economy values- are generally aligned with the Fuel Economy and Environment label in order to be consistent with the information available to consumers when they are considering new vehicle purchases. The vehicle classifications in Figure 8.1 are based on Fuel Economy and Environment label classifications which differ slightly from the definitions of cars and light trucks used in Sections 1-6 in this report (for example, in Figure 8.1, all SUVs are combined into a single category consistent with fuel economy labels and are not split into car SUVs and truck SUVs as is done for compliance with standards and elsewhere in this report). In this analysis, the label classes are simplified into four broader categories: cars, SUVs, pickups, and minivans/vans (most vehicles labeled as "special purpose vehicles" are shaped like vans and are included in the minivan/van category). If variants of a model were in more than one of these four broader categories, then the variant was counted once in each relevant category. The combined fuel economy values used in Figure 8.1 are based on the 55% city/45% highway weighting used on fuel economy labels, and not on the 43% city/57% highway weighting used for adjusted fuel economy values presented elsewhere in this report. For PHEVs, the mpge value is the combined, utilitized value. These values can be found in the "Overall Fuel Economy" column of Table 7.3.

B. High Fuel Economy Vehicle Offerings

Figure 8.1 shows the change from MY 2010[12] to MY 2015 in the number of models for which at least one model variant meets various fuel economy thresholds. The threshold values for EVs, PHEVs, and CNG vehicles that are represented in Figure 8.1 use miles per gallon of gasoline-equivalent (mpge), i.e., the miles the vehicle can travel on an amount of electricity or compressed natural gas that has the same amount of energy as a gallon of gasoline. See Section 7 for a detailed discussion of EVs, PHEVs, CNG vehicles, and mpge.

Figure 8.1

Number of Models Meeting Fuel Economy Thresholds in MY 2010 and MY 2015

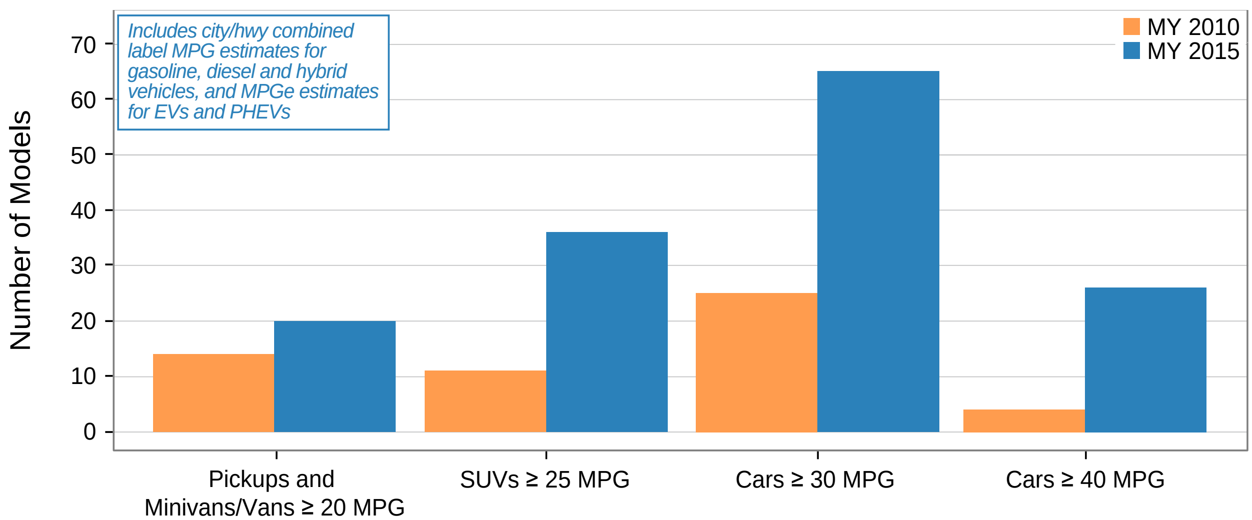


Figure 8.1 shows that there are 20 MY 2015 pickup and minivan/van models for which at least one variant of the model has a combined city/highway label fuel economy rating of 20 mpg or more, a small increase over MY 2010. Six minivans/vans met or exceeded a 20 mpg threshold in MY 2010, but in MY 2015 twelve minivans/vans meet the 20 mpg threshold. While the number of minivans/vans meeting or exceeding 20 mpg has increased in the last five years, the number of pickups has remained similar. In MY 2015 there are four small pickups and four standard-sized, non-hybrid pickups that cross the 20 mpg threshold, whereas

[12] The MY 2010 Tesla Roadster is included in this data. Before MY 2012, manufacturers that produced only EVs were not required to have an EPA fuel economy label; however, for purposes of figure 8.1, the MY 2010 Tesla Roadster is assumed to have fuel economy that is over 40 MPGe and therefore meets the car thresholds for 30 MPGe and 40 MPGe.

in MY 2010 the pickups that crossed the 20 MPG thresholds were small pickups and two hybrid standard-sized pickups. More than three times as many MY 2015 SUV models achieve 25 mpg or above compared to MY 2010. Of the SUVs that achieved 25 mpg in MY 2010, almost half were hybrids. Thirty non-hybrid, gasoline or diesel SUVs achieve at least 25 mpg in MY 2015, as well as one electric, one PHEV, and seven hybrid SUVs that achieve at least 25 mpg; These total to more than the number of models shown in Figure 8.1 because three of the hybrid SUVs also have either a diesel or gasoline variant that crosses the 25 MPG threshold. There are now more than 60 car models available for which at least one variant has a combined city/highway label fuel economy of 30 mpg or more, more than double the number of MY 2010 cars. Of MY 2015 car models that have a combined label value greater than or equal to 30 mpg, more than 40 models reach this threshold with at least one conventional gasoline or diesel variant. In addition, more than 25 MY 2015 cars achieve 40 mpg or higher, and 16 of the MY 2015 cars have at least one variant that achieves 50 mpg or higher. One of the MY 2015 cars that achieves at least 40 mpg is a conventional gasoline vehicle, but the rest of the cars achieving at least 40 mpg consist of hybrid electric vehicles, electric vehicles, and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

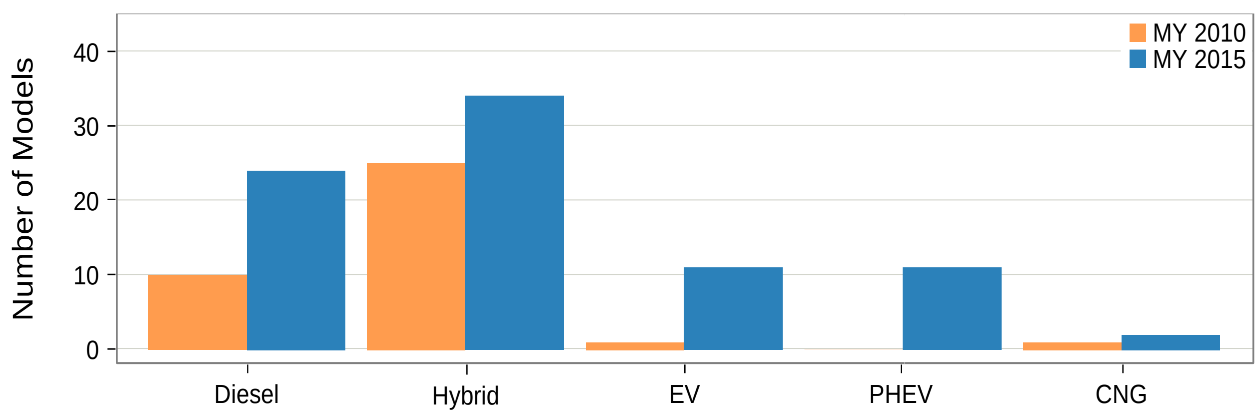
C. Advanced Technology Vehicle Offerings

Figure 8.2 shows that consumers also have many more alternatives to conventional gasoline vehicles. In MY 2010, the only advanced technologies for which there were meaningful choices were hybrids and diesels, with one EV and one dedicated compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicle. In MY 2015, there are nine more hybrid offerings than there were in MY 2010. In addition, the number of diesel offerings has more than doubled, and there are growing numbers of electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. In MY 2015 there are more than ten EVs; more than ten PHEVs; and there is one dedicated CNG vehicle and one dual-fuel CNG/gasoline vehicle.[13] Production share is also increasing for advanced technology vehicles. For a more detailed discussion of hybrid and diesel vehicles, see Section 5, and see Section 7 for more information about alternative fuel vehicles.

For Figure 8.2, the "model count" methodology is modified slightly to allow models that have more than one alternative fuel variant to be counted in each alternative fuel category (e.g., a Ford Fusion is available as both an HEV and PHEV, so the model was counted once in each category).

Figure 8.2

Advanced Technology and Alternative Fueled Vehicle Models in MY 2010 and MY 2015



[13] Some advanced technology vehicles are generally available only in selected markets. Fuel cell vehicles may also be available to a small number of consumers in select markets through limited lease and/or demonstration programs, but are not included in this analysis.

9 Regulatory Context

A. Personal Vehicle Fuel Economy and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards

National fuel economy standards have been in place in the United States for cars and light trucks since 1978. The Department of Transportation, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), has the responsibility for setting and enforcing fuel economy standards through the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) program. Since the inception of fuel economy standards, EPA has been responsible for establishing fuel economy test procedures and calculation methods, and for collecting data used to determine vehicle fuel economy and manufacturer CAFE levels.

For MY 2012 through 2025, EPA and NHTSA have jointly developed a historic and coordinated National Program, which established EPA greenhouse gas emissions standards and NHTSA CAFE standards that allow manufacturers to build a single national fleet to meet requirements of both programs while ensuring that consumers have a full range of vehicle choices. The standards have been supported by a wide range of stakeholders: most major automakers, the United Auto Workers, the State of California, and major consumer and environmental groups.

In 2010, the agencies finalized the first coordinated standards for MY 2012-2016 (75 Federal Register 25324, May 7, 2010). By MY 2016, the average industry-wide compliance levels for these footprint-based standards are projected to be 250 g/mi CO_2 and 34.1 mpg CAFE. The 250 g/mi CO_2 compliance level would be equivalent to 35.5 mpg if all CO_2 emissions reductions are achieved through fuel economy improvements. In 2012, the agencies finalized additional coordinated standards for MY 2017-2025 (77 Federal Register 62624, October 15, 2012). By MY 2025, the average industry-wide compliance levels are projected to be 163 g/mi CO_2 and 48.7 to 49.7 mpg CAFE.[14] [15] The 163 g/mi CO_2 compliance level would be equivalent to 54.5 mpg if all CO_2 emissions reductions are achieved solely through improvements in fuel economy.[16] For both MY 2012-2016 and MY 2017-2025, the agencies expect that a portion of the required CO_2 emissions improvements will be achieved by reductions in air conditioner refrigerant leakage, which would not contribute to higher fuel economy. These coordinated standards are expected to yield "continuous improvement" reductions in CO_2 emissions and increases in fuel economy levels through MY 2025.

[14] The final rule establishing these standards requires EPA to conduct a midterm evaluation of the MY 2022-2025 standards.

[15] NHTSA CAFE standards for model years 2022-2025 are not final, and are augural. NHTSA is required by Congress to set CAFE standards for no more than five years at a time. NHTSA will conduct a new and full rulemaking in the future to establish standards for model years 2022-2025. NHTSA projects the augural standards would require a combined fleetwide fuel economy of 48.7-49.7 mpg.

[16] While many assumptions must be made to convert from projected standards compliance levels to projected adjusted (real world) levels, EPA has projected that MY 2025 standards compliance levels, with no over compliance, would result in adjusted levels of 223 g/mi CO_2 and 40 mpg (77 Federal Register 62773, October 15, 2012).

Prior to the National Program, truck CAFE standards began to increase in MY 2005, and have increased every year since. Truck CAFE standards were constant from MY 1996-2004, and car CAFE standards were constant from MY 1990 until MY 2010.

Automaker compliance with CO_2 and CAFE standards is based on unadjusted, laboratory CO_2 and fuel economy values, along with various regulatory incentives and credits, rather than on the adjusted CO_2 and fuel economy values that are used throughout most of this report. Neither unadjusted, laboratory nor adjusted CO_2 and fuel economy values reflect various incentives (e.g., for flexible fuel vehicles for both CO_2 and CAFE standards) and credits (air conditioner and other off-cycle technologies for CO_2 standards) that are available to manufacturers for regulatory compliance. Fleetwide CAFE standards compliance values are a minimum of 25% higher than adjusted fuel economy values and fleetwide CO_2 emissions standards compliance values are a minimum of 20% lower than adjusted CO_2 emissions values (these offsets can be greater due to alternative fuel vehicle, air conditioner, and/or other compliance credits). EPA (at epa.gov/otaq/climate/ghg-report.htm) and NHTSA (at nhtsa.dot.gov/fuel-economy) publish separate documents summarizing formal automaker compliance with GHG emissions and CAFE standards.

B. Current Vehicles That Meet Future EPA CO_2 Emissions Compliance Targets

This section evaluates MY 2015 vehicles against future footprint-based CO_2 emission targets to determine which current vehicles could meet or exceed their targets in model years 2018-2025, based on current powertrain designs and only assuming credits for future improvements in air conditioner refrigerants and efficiency. EPA assumed the addition of air conditioning improvements since these are considered to be among the most straightforward and least expensive technologies available to reduce CO_2 and other greenhouse gas emissions.

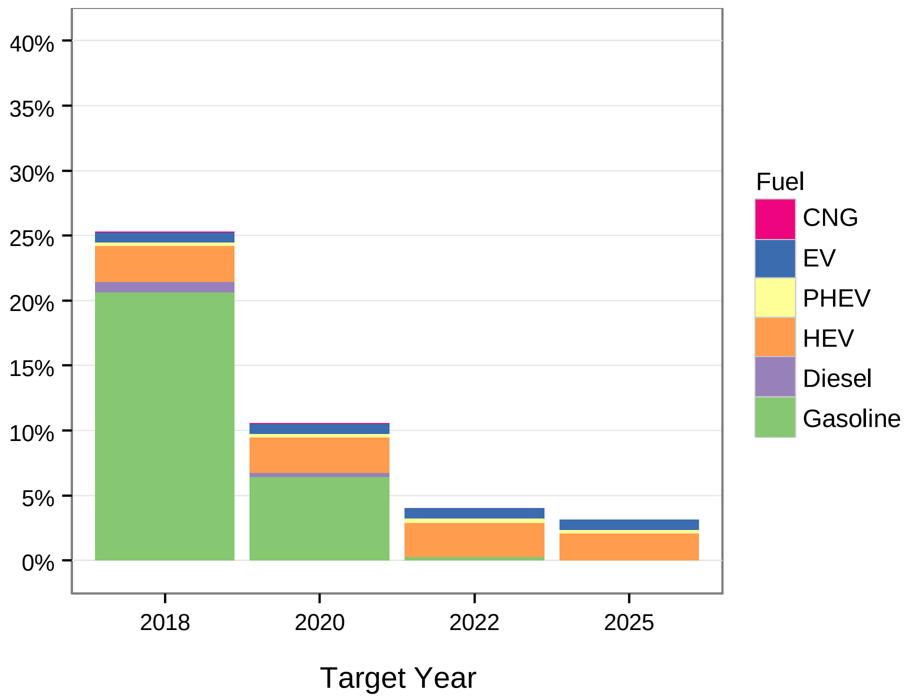
It is important to note there are no CO_2 emissions standards for individual vehicles. Rather, there are manufacturer-specific compliance levels for both passenger car and light truck fleets. The compliance levels are derived from the footprint-based CO_2 emissions target curves, and the production volume-weighted distribution of vehicles produced for sale in the U.S. by each manufacturer. Since vehicles with emissions levels below their CO_2 targets will generate credits (and those above their targets will generate debits), manufacturers are likely to achieve fleetwide compliance with 40% to 60% of their models meeting or bettering their targets.

Figure 9.1 shows that 26% of projected MY 2015 vehicle production already meets the MY 2018 CO_2 targets, or can meet these targets with the addition of expected air conditioning improvements. The bulk of current vehicle production that meets the MY 2018 targets is accounted for by non-hybrid gasoline vehicles, although other technologies, including diesels, hybrids, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, electric vehicles and compressed natural gas vehicles, are also represented.

Looking ahead, nearly 3% of projected 2015 production already meets the MY 2025 CO_2 targets. Vehicles meeting the MY 2025 CO_2 targets are comprised solely of hybrids, plug-in hybrids, and electric vehicles. Since the MY 2025 standards are a decade away, there's considerable time for continued improvements in gasoline vehicle technology.

Figure 9.1

MY 2015 Vehicle Production That Meets Future CO_2 Emission Targets with Current Powertrains



C. Comparison of EPA and NHTSA Fuel Economy Data, 1975-2015

Table 9.1 compares CAFE performance data reported by NHTSA ("Summary of Fuel Economy Performance" report dated December 15, 2014 and available at nhtsa.dot.gov/fuel-economy) with the adjusted and unadjusted, laboratory fuel economy data in this report. With only minor exceptions over 30 years ago, the NHTSA values are higher than the EPA unadjusted, laboratory values, due primarily to alternative fuel vehicle credits, and secondarily to test procedure adjustment factors for cars. In recent years for which both Agencies report final data, the NHTSA values are typically 0.6-1.0 mpg higher than the EPA unadjusted, laboratory values. MY 2012 is the most recent year for which both agencies report final data, and NHTSA's final CAFE performance value is 0.9 mpg higher than EPA's final unadjusted, laboratory value. The NHTSA data from MY 2013 does not include fuel economy values for Hyundai and Kia (that were only recently finalized due to the fuel economy investigation for these two companies), and contains projected fuel economy data for Mercedes and Fiat-Chrysler. The NHTSA data for MY 2014 was compiled from manufacturer mid-model year reports, and is also not final. The preliminary difference between NHTSA and EPA for MY 2014 is 0.8 mpg, which is consistent with previous years. NHTSA has not yet released projected MY 2015 data. Final MY 2014 and 2015 results will be reported in next year's report.

The individual EPA car, and truck, fuel economy values shown in Table 9.1 for years prior to MY 2011 differ from the values found elsewhere in this report. Beginning with the 2011 report, EPA reclassified many small and mid-sized, 2-wheel drive SUVs from trucks to cars for the entire historical database. This reflects a regulatory change made by NHTSA for CAFE standards beginning in MY 2011 and applies to the joint EPA/NHTSA greenhouse gas emissions and CAFE standards that have been finalized for MY 2012-2025. These changes were not in effect for years prior to MY 2011, and accordingly NHTSA's CAFE fuel economy values prior to MY 2011 are based on the previous car and truck definitions. To enable an apples-to-apples comparison to the NHTSA values, the EPA car and truck values in Table 9.1 through model year 2010 were calculated using the previous car and truck definitions, which is not consistent with the rest of this report. While the individual car and truck values in Table 9.1 are unique, the car and truck definitions do not affect the overall (car plus truck) fuel economy values, which are consistent with the rest of this report.

Table 9.1

EPA Adjusted, EPA Unadjusted Laboratory, and CAFE Values by Model Year

	Cars				Trucks				Both Cars and Trucks			
Model Year	**EPA Adj. (MPG)**	**EPA Unadj., Lab (MPG)**	**NHTSA CAFE (MPG)**	**Diff. (NHTSA - Lab) (MPG)**	**EPA Adj. (MPG)**	**EPA Unadj., Lab (MPG)**	**NHTSA CAFE (MPG)**	**Diff. (NHTSA - Lab) (MPG)**	**EPA Adj. (MPG)**	**EPA Unadj., Lab (MPG)**	**NHTSA CAFE (MPG)**	**Diff. (NHTSA - Lab) (MPG)**
1975	13.5	15.8	N/A	-	11.6	13.7	N/A	-	13.1	15.3	N/A	-
1976	14.9	17.5	N/A	-	12.2	14.4	N/A	-	14.2	16.7	N/A	-
1977	15.6	18.3	N/A	-	13.3	15.6	N/A	-	15.1	17.7	N/A	-
1978	16.9	19.9	19.9	0.0	12.9	15.2	N/A	-	15.8	18.6	19.9	+1.3
1979	17.2	20.3	20.3	0.0	12.5	14.7	18.2	+3.5	15.9	18.7	20.1	+1.4
1980	20.0	23.5	24.3	+0.8	15.8	18.6	18.5	-0.1	19.2	22.5	23.1	+0.6
1981	21.4	25.1	25.9	+0.8	17.1	20.1	20.1	-	20.5	24.1	24.6	+0.5
1982	22.2	26.0	26.6	+0.6	17.4	20.5	20.5	-	21.1	24.7	25.1	+0.4
1983	22.1	25.9	26.4	+0.5	17.8	20.9	20.7	-0.2	21.0	24.6	24.8	+0.2
1984	22.4	26.3	26.9	+0.6	17.4	20.5	20.6	+0.1	21.0	24.6	25.0	+0.4
1985	23.0	27.0	27.6	+0.6	17.5	20.6	20.7	+0.1	21.3	25.0	25.4	+0.4
1986	23.7	27.9	28.2	+0.3	18.2	21.4	21.5	+0.1	21.8	25.7	25.9	+0.2
1987	23.8	28.1	28.5	+0.4	18.3	21.6	21.7	+0.1	22.0	25.9	26.2	+0.3
1988	24.1	28.6	28.8	+0.2	17.9	21.2	21.3	+0.1	21.9	25.9	26.0	+0.1
1989	23.7	28.1	28.4	+0.3	17.6	20.9	21.0	+0.1	21.4	25.4	25.6	+0.2
1990	23.3	27.8	28.0	+0.2	17.4	20.7	20.8	+0.1	21.2	25.2	25.4	+0.2
1991	23.4	28.0	28.4	+0.4	17.8	21.3	21.3	-	21.3	25.4	25.6	+0.2
1992	23.1	27.6	27.9	+0.3	17.4	20.8	20.8	-	20.8	24.9	25.1	+0.2
1993	23.5	28.2	28.4	+0.2	17.5	21.0	21.0	-	20.9	25.1	25.2	+0.1
1994	23.3	28.0	28.3	+0.3	17.2	20.8	20.8	-	20.4	24.6	24.7	+0.1
1995	23.4	28.3	28.6	+0.3	17.0	20.5	20.5	-	20.5	24.7	24.9	+0.2
1996	23.3	28.3	28.5	+0.2	17.2	20.8	20.8	-	20.4	24.8	24.9	+0.1
1997	23.4	28.4	28.7	+0.3	17.0	20.6	20.6	-	20.1	24.5	24.6	+0.1
1998	23.4	28.5	28.8	+0.3	17.1	20.9	21.0	+0.1	20.1	24.5	24.7	+0.2
1999	23.0	28.2	28.3	+0.1	16.7	20.5	20.9	+0.4	19.7	24.1	24.5	+0.4
2000	22.9	28.2	28.5	+0.3	16.9	20.8	21.3	+0.5	19.8	24.3	24.8	+0.5
2001	23.0	28.4	28.8	+0.4	16.7	20.6	20.9	+0.3	19.6	24.2	24.5	+0.3
2002	23.1	28.6	29.0	+0.4	16.7	20.6	21.4	+0.8	19.5	24.1	24.7	+0.6
2003	23.2	28.9	29.5	+0.6	16.9	20.9	21.8	+0.9	19.6	24.3	25.1	+0.8
2004	23.1	28.9	29.5	+0.6	16.7	20.8	21.5	+0.7	19.3	24.0	24.6	+0.6
2005	23.5	29.5	30.3	+0.8	17.2	21.4	22.1	+0.7	19.9	24.8	25.4	+0.6
2006	23.3	29.2	30.1	+0.9	17.5	21.8	22.5	+0.7	20.1	25.2	25.8	+0.6
2007	24.1	30.3	31.2	+0.9	17.7	22.1	23.1	+1.0	20.6	25.8	26.6	+0.8
2008	24.3	30.5	31.5	+1.0	18.2	22.7	23.6	+0.9	21.0	26.3	27.1	+0.8
2009	25.4	32.1	32.9	+0.8	19.0	23.8	24.8	+1.0	22.4	28.2	29.0	+0.8
2010	25.8	32.7	33.9	+1.2	19.1	23.8	25.2	+1.4	22.6	28.4	29.3	+0.9
2011	25.6	32.3	33.1	+0.8	19.1	23.9	24.7	+0.8	22.4	28.1	29.0	+0.9
2012	27.1	34.4	35.4	+1.0	19.3	24.1	25.0	+0.9	23.7	29.9	30.8	+0.9
2013	27.9	35.5	36.2	+0.7	19.8	24.8	25.6	+0.8	24.3	30.7	31.1	+0.4
2014	27.9	35.6	36.4	+0.8	20.4	25.5	26.3	+0.8	24.3	30.7	31.5	+0.8
2015 (prelim)	*28.4*	*36.2*			*20.7*	*26.0*			*24.7*	*31.2*		

D. Comparison of MY 2014 Unadjusted, Laboratory and Estimated CAFE Data by Manufacturer

The primary differences between EPA unadjusted, laboratory fuel economy data and EPA estimated CAFE values are flexible fuel vehicle (FFV) credits that are available to manufacturers that produce vehicles capable of operation on an alternative fuel (E85, a blend of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline), and test procedure adjustment (TPA) credits that apply to manufacturers of passenger cars. Table 9.2 shows how the unadjusted, laboratory fuel economy values in this report, FFV credits, and TPA credits "add up" to estimated CAFE values for each of the thirteen highest volume manufacturers for cars, trucks, and cars plus trucks.

The data for this report, the CAFE compliance program, and EPA's GHG compliance program are all based on data submitted to EPA and NHTSA by automobile manufacturers. The FFV credits, TPA credits, and estimated CAFE values were all obtained directly from the fuel economy compliance program. Alternative fueled vehicles (AFVs) are included in the EPA laboratory and estimated CAFE values, however some AFVs receive additional credits under CAFE that are not accounted for in this report. In all cases the sum of the EPA values shown in this report, the FFV credits, and the TPA credits are within 0.1 mpg of the estimated CAFE value for cars, trucks, and cars and trucks combined. Any discrepancy is largely due to the additional credits for AFVs under CAFE.

The CAFE program recognizes three categories, domestic passenger vehicles, import passenger vehicles, and light trucks and establishes separate compliance requirements for each. The passenger car FFV, TPA, and estimated CAFE numbers in Table 9.2 are calculated from the domestic and import passenger vehicle categories. The truck values were obtained directly (trucks are not eligible for TPA credits). The combined car and truck FFV and TPA credits were generated using car and truck sales. This column is shown for illustrative purposes only, since there are no CAFE standards for combined cars and trucks.

For MY 2014, five manufacturers earned FFV credits for cars and seven manufacturers did so for trucks. All manufacturers were eligible for the TPA credits for cars.

Table 9.2

*Comparison of MY 2014 EPA Unadjusted, Laboratory and Estimated CAFE (MPG) Values by Manufacturer**

Manufacturer	Passenger Car				Light Truck				Both Cars and Trucks			
	EPA Unadj., Lab	FFV Credit	TPA Credit	Est. CAFE*	EPA Unadj., Lab	FFV Credit	TPA Credit	Est. CAFE*	EPA Unadj., Lab	FFV Credit	TPA Credit	Est. CAFE*
GM	33.3	1.2	0.2	34.7	24.1	1.2	0	25.3	28.6	1.2	0.1	29.9
Ford	34.8	1.2	0.3	36.4	23.8	1.2	0	25.0	28.7	1.2	0.1	30.1
Toyota	39.9	0.0	0.4	40.2	24.7	1.0	0	25.7	32.8	0.6	0.2	33.5
Fiat-Chrysler	29.8	1.1	0.2	31.1	24.5	1.2	0	25.7	25.9	1.2	0.1	27.2
Honda	39.0	0.0	0.4	39.5	29.8	0.0	0	29.8	34.7	0.0	0.2	34.9
Nissan	39.3	0.0	0.4	39.7	26.9	0.6	0	27.5	34.6	0.3	0.2	35.1
Hyundai	35.8	0.0	0.4	36.2	27.3	0.0	0	27.4	35.1	0.0	0.3	35.4
Kia	33.4	0.0	0.4	33.8	26.9	0.0	0	26.9	33.0	0.0	0.3	33.4
Subaru	36.1	0.0	0.3	36.4	35.4	0.0	0	35.4	35.5	0.0	0.1	35.6
BMW	34.7	0.0	0.3	35.0	28.7	0.0	0	28.7	33.2	0.0	0.2	33.4
Mercedes	31.2	1.2	0.2	32.7	24.5	1.2	0	25.7	29.2	1.2	0.2	30.6
Mazda	41.0	0.0	0.4	41.5	31.4	0.0	0	31.4	37.9	0.0	0.3	38.2

* EPA calculates the CAFE value for each manufacturer and provides to NHTSA per EPCA. NHTSA publishes the final CAFE values in its annual "Summary of Fuel Economy Performance" reports at nhtsa.dot.gov/fuel-economy.

*Note: Volkswagen is not included in this table due to an ongoing investigation.

10 Additional Database and Report Details

This section addresses several Trends database topics in greater detail. While the key parameters of the Trends database that are of the most importance to users were highlighted in Section 1, this section will help those readers who want to further understand how the database is developed and various nuances associated with the database.

A. Sources of Input Data

Nearly all of the recent model year input for the Trends database is extracted from EPA's current vehicle compliance information system, VERIFY, into which automakers submit data required by congressional statute and EPA regulations. Prior to the beginning of each model year, automakers submit General Label information required to support the generation of the joint EPA/NHTSA Fuel Economy and Environment Labels that appear on all new personal vehicles. Automakers report pre-model year vehicle production projections for individual models to EPA in the General Label submissions; these projections are considered by EPA and automakers to be confidential business information. A few months after the end of each model year, automakers submit Final GHG/CAFE data, which EPA and NHTSA use to determine compliance with GHG emissions and CAFE standards. These end-of-the-year submissions include final production volumes. The production volume levels automakers provide in their Final CAFE reports may differ slightly from their Final GHG reports (less than 0.1%) because the EPA emissions certification regulations, including GHG regulations, require emission compliance in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, whereas the CAFE program requires data from the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico only. To maintain consistency with previous versions of this report, the Trends database continues to use the production volumes for CAFE reporting. Both the General Label and Final GHG/CAFE data submissions contain a broad amount of data associated with CO_2 emissions and fuel economy, vehicle and engine technology, and vehicle performance metrics. The Trends database extracts only a portion of the data in the VERIFY database.

Through MY 2014, all Trends data is considered final since it is based on the Final GHG/CAFE compliance data. For MY 2015, all Trends data is preliminary since it is based on confidential pre-model year production projections. Final MY 2015 values will be published in next year's report. See Section 10.G below for a historical comparison of preliminary and final values.

While nearly the entire Trends database comes from formal automaker submissions, it also contains a small amount of data from external sources. For example, label fuel economy data for Sections 7 and 8 are from fueleconomy.gov. Also, we rely on published data from external sources for certain parameters of pre-MY 2011 vehicles, which are not universally available through automaker submissions: (1) engines with variable valve timing (VVT); (2) engines with cylinder deactivation; and (3) vehicle footprint, which is the product of wheelbase times average track width and upon which CO_2 emissions and CAFE standards are based. Beginning with MY 2011, automaker submissions have included data for VVT and cylinder deactivation. EPA projects footprint data for the preliminary MY 2015 fleet based on footprint values for existing models from previous years and footprint values for new vehicle designs available through public sources. Finally, vehicle 0-to-60 acceleration values are not provided by automakers, but are either calculated from other Trends data, as discussed in Section 3, or taken from external sources.

B. Harmonic Averaging of Fuel Economy Values

Averaging multiple fuel economy values must be done harmonically in order to obtain a correct mathematical result. Since fuel economy is expressed in miles per gallon (mpg), one critical assumption with any harmonic averaging of multiple fuel economy values is whether the distance term (miles, in the numerator of mpg) is fixed or variable. This report makes the assumption that the distance term in all mpg values is fixed, i.e., that for purposes of calculating a harmonically averaged fuel economy value, it is assumed that the distance term (representing miles travelled) is equivalent across various vehicle fuel economies. This assumption is the standard practice with harmonic averaging of multiple fuel economy values (including, for example, in calculations for CAFE standards compliance), and simplifies the calculations involved.

Mathematically, when assuming a fixed distance term as discussed above, harmonic averaging of multiple fuel economy values can be defined as the inverse of the average of the reciprocals of the individual fuel economy values. It is best illustrated by a simple example.

Consider a round trip of 600 miles. For the first 300-mile leg, the driver is alone, with no other passengers or cargo, and, aided by a tailwind, uses 10 gallons of gasoline, for a fuel economy of 30 mpg. On the return 300-mile trip, with several passengers, some luggage, and a headwind, the driver uses 15 gallons of gasoline, for a fuel economy of 20 mpg. Many people will assume that the average fuel economy for the entire 600-mile trip is 25 mpg, the arithmetic (or simple) average of 30 mpg and 20 mpg. But, since the driver consumed 10 + 15 = 25 gallons of fuel during the trip, the actual fuel economy is 600 miles divided by 25 gallons, or 24 mpg.

Why is the actual 24 mpg less than the simple average of 25 mpg? Because the driver used more gallons while (s)he was getting 20 mpg than when (s)he was getting 30 mpg.

This same principle is often demonstrated in elementary school mathematics when an airplane makes a round trip, with a speed of 400 mph one way and 500 mph the other way. The average speed of 444 mph is less than 450 mph because the airplane spent more time going 400 mph than it did going 500 mph.

As in both of the examples above, a harmonic average will typically yield a result that is slightly lower than the arithmetic average.

The following equation illustrates the use of harmonic averaging to obtain the correct mathematical result for the fuel economy example above:

$$\text{Average mpg} = \frac{2}{\left(\frac{1}{30} + \frac{1}{20}\right)} = 24 \text{ mpg}$$

The above example was for a single vehicle with two different fuel economies over two legs of a single round trip. But, the same mathematical principle holds for averaging the fuel economies of any number of vehicles. For example, the average fuel economy for a set of 10 vehicles, with three 30 mpg vehicles, four 25 mpg vehicles, and three 20 mpg vehicles would be (note that, in order to maintain the concept of averaging, the total number of vehicles in the numerator of the equation must equal the sum of the individual numerators in the denominator of the equation):

$$\text{Average mpg} = \frac{10}{\left(\frac{3}{30} + \frac{4}{25} + \frac{3}{20}\right)} = 24.4 \text{ mpg}$$

Note that arithmetic averaging, not harmonic averaging, provides the correct mathematical result for averaging fuel consumption values (in gallons per mile, the inverse of fuel economy) and CO_2 emissions (in grams per mile). In the first, round trip, example above, the first leg had a fuel consumption rate of 10 gallons over 300 miles, or 0.03333 gallons per mile. The second leg had a fuel consumption of 15 gallons over 300 miles, or 0.05 gallons per mile. Arithmetically averaging the two fuel consumption values, i.e., adding them up and dividing by two, yields 0.04167 gallons per mile, and the inverse of this is the correct fuel economy average of 24 mpg. Arithmetic averaging also works for CO_2 emissions values, i.e., the average of 200 g/mi and 400 g/mi is 300 g/mi CO_2 emissions.

In summary, fuel economy values must be harmonically averaged to maintain mathematical integrity, while fuel consumption values (in gallons per mile) and CO_2 emissions values (in grams per mile) can be arithmetically averaged.

C. ADJUSTED VS. UNADJUSTED, LABORATORY FUEL ECONOMY VALUES

Change in Emphasis from Unadjusted, Laboratory to Adjusted Data Beginning in 2001

Prior to 2001, EPA's Trends reports only included unadjusted, laboratory fuel economy values, which are used as the basis for compliance with standards and passenger car gas guzzler taxes. Beginning in 2001, Trends reports also included adjusted values which are EPA's best estimate of real world fuel economy performance. Now, most of the tables and figures in this report exclusively show adjusted fuel economy (and in some cases, adjusted CO_2 emissions) values.

One important distinction between the adjusted and the unadjusted, laboratory fuel economy values is that the methodology for determining the former has evolved over time to better reflect real world performance (see the next sub-section for more details). Some of the changes to the adjusted fuel economy value methodology are intended to account for changes in consumer driving behavior over time (e.g., higher speeds, higher acceleration rates, greater use of air conditioning). Since adjusted Trends values are intended to represent real world performance at any given time, modifications to the adjusted value methodology that reflect changes in consumer driving behavior have not been "propagated back" through the historical Trends database. We note that this is an exception to our general policy of "propagating back" changes throughout the historical Trends database, but in this case doing so would skew the historical fuel economy performance data (for example, by assuming that drivers in 1975 used air conditioning much more frequently, or traveled at higher speeds, than they did).

On the other hand, the methodology for determining unadjusted, laboratory fuel economy values has remained largely unchanged since this series began in the mid-1970s.[17] Unadjusted values therefore provide an excellent basis with which to compare long-term trends in vehicle design, apart from the factors that affect real world performance that are reflected in the adjusted values.

Table 10.1 shows both unadjusted, laboratory and adjusted fuel economy values, for the overall new car and truck fleet for MY 1975-2015, for city, highway, and combined city/highway. It also shows how the ratio of adjusted-to-unadjusted fuel economy has changed over time, reflecting that the methodology for adjusted fuel economy values has evolved, while the methodology for unadjusted fuel economy values has not changed.

In addition to Table 10.1, the following tables also include unadjusted, laboratory fuel economy values: Tables 2.3, 2.4, 4.4, 9.1, 9.2, 10.2, and 10.4. Table 4.5 provides unadjusted, laboratory CO_2 emission values.

[17] There were some relatively minor test procedure changes made in the late 1970s that, in the aggregate, made the city and highway tests slightly more demanding, i.e., the unadjusted fuel economy values for a given car after these test procedure changes were made are slightly lower relative to prior to the changes. EPA has long provided CAFE "test procedure adjustments" (TPAs) for passenger cars in recognition of the fact that the original CAFE standards were based on the EPA test procedures in place in 1975 (there are no TPAs for light trucks). The resulting impacts on the long-term unadjusted fuel economy trends are very small. As shown in Table 9.2, the TPAs for cars vary, and are typically in the range of 0.2-0.5 mpg for cars, or 0.1-0.3 mpg when the car TPAs are averaged over the combined car/truck fleet.

Table 10.1

Unadjusted, Laboratory and Adjusted Fuel Economy (MPG) for MY 1975 - 2015, Cars and Trucks

Model Year	Unadjusted City (MPG)	Unadjusted Highway (MPG)	Unadjusted Combined (55/45) (MPG)	Adjusted City (MPG)	Adjusted Highway (MPG)	Adjusted Combined (43/57) (MPG)	Ratio of Adjusted Combined to Unadjusted Combined
1975	13.4	18.7	15.3	12.0	14.6	13.1	85.2%
1976	14.6	20.2	16.7	13.2	15.7	14.2	85.1%
1977	15.6	21.3	17.7	14.0	16.6	15.1	85.1%
1978	16.3	22.5	18.6	14.7	17.5	15.8	85.1%
1979	16.5	22.3	18.7	14.9	17.4	15.9	85.1%
1980	19.6	27.5	22.5	17.6	21.5	19.2	85.2%
1981	20.9	29.5	24.1	18.8	23.0	20.5	85.2%
1982	21.3	30.7	24.7	19.2	23.9	21.1	85.2%
1983	21.2	30.6	24.6	19.0	23.9	21.0	85.3%
1984	21.2	30.8	24.6	19.1	24.0	21.0	85.3%
1985	21.5	31.3	25.0	19.3	24.4	21.3	85.3%
1986	22.1	32.2	25.7	19.8	25.0	21.8	85.0%
1987	22.2	32.6	25.9	19.8	25.3	22.0	84.7%
1988	22.1	32.7	25.9	19.6	25.2	21.9	84.4%
1989	21.7	32.3	25.4	19.1	24.8	21.4	84.2%
1990	21.4	32.2	25.2	18.7	24.6	21.2	83.9%
1991	21.6	32.5	25.4	18.8	24.7	21.3	83.6%
1992	21.0	32.1	24.9	18.2	24.4	20.8	83.4%
1993	21.2	32.4	25.1	18.2	24.4	20.9	83.1%
1994	20.8	31.6	24.6	17.8	23.8	20.4	82.9%
1995	20.8	32.1	24.7	17.7	24.1	20.5	82.7%
1996	20.8	32.2	24.8	17.6	24.0	20.4	82.4%
1997	20.6	31.8	24.5	17.4	23.6	20.2	82.2%
1998	20.6	31.9	24.5	17.2	23.6	20.1	81.9%
1999	20.3	31.2	24.1	16.9	23.0	19.7	81.7%
2000	20.5	31.4	24.3	16.9	23.0	19.8	81.3%
2001	20.5	31.1	24.2	16.8	22.8	19.6	81.0%
2002	20.4	30.9	24.1	16.6	22.5	19.5	80.7%
2003	20.6	31.3	24.3	16.7	22.7	19.6	80.4%
2004	20.2	31.0	24.0	16.3	22.4	19.3	80.2%
2005	21.0	32.1	24.8	16.8	23.1	19.9	79.8%
2006	21.2	32.6	25.2	17.0	23.4	20.1	79.8%
2007	21.8	33.4	25.8	17.4	24.0	20.6	79.6%
2008	22.1	34.0	26.3	17.7	24.4	21.0	79.5%
2009	23.8	36.4	28.2	18.9	26.0	22.4	79.1%
2010	24.1	36.6	28.4	19.1	26.2	22.6	79.0%
2011	23.7	36.5	28.1	18.8	26.1	22.4	79.3%
2012	25.2	38.7	29.9	19.9	27.6	23.7	78.9%
2013	25.9	39.7	30.7	20.5	28.3	24.3	78.6%
2014	25.9	39.6	30.7	20.5	28.2	24.3	78.7%
2015 (prelim)	26.4	40.4	31.2	20.8	28.7	24.7	78.5%

Methodological Approaches for Adjusted Fuel Economy Values

EPA has improved its methodology for estimating adjusted (or real world) fuel economy (and CO_2 emissions) performance over time. EPA's last methodological revisions for how we calculate city, highway, and combined fuel economy label estimates for cars and light-duty trucks were established in a December 2006 rulemaking (EPA 2006, 77872).

This current methodology incorporates equations that directly account for several important factors that affect fuel economy performance in the real world, such as high speeds, aggressive accelerations and decelerations, the use of air conditioning, and operation in cold temperatures, and indirectly account (through the use of a 9.5% universal downward adjustment factor) for a number of other factors that are not reflected in EPA laboratory test data such as changing fuel composition, wind, road conditions, etc. While some of these factors may not have changed (or may not have changed much) over time and therefore new estimation methods that account for these factors could be "propagated back" throughout the historical Trends database, we believe that many of the factors have changed significantly over time (e.g., highway speeds, acceleration rates, use of air conditioning), and therefore new estimation methods could not be fully "propagated back" through the historical Trends database without impacting the integrity of the historical database with respect to real world fuel economy performance.

There are two important consequences of this approach for users of this report. First, every adjusted fuel economy value in this report for 1986 and later model years is lower than shown in pre-2007 reports. Second, we employ unique approaches for generating adjusted fuel economy values in the historical Trends database for three distinct time frames. The following discussion will first address the MY 1975-1985 time frame, then the MY 2005-2015 time frame, and then, finally, the approach for the MY 1986-2004 time frame that represents a "phased-in" approach between the 1975-1985 time frame and the 2005-2015 time frame.

For the MY 1975-1985 time frame, the adjusted fuel economy values in the Trends database are calculated using the methodology adopted by EPA in an April 1984 rulemaking that established universal (i.e., same for all vehicles) fuel economy label adjustment factors of 0.9 for city fuel economy and 0.78 for highway fuel economy that took effect for MY 1985 vehicles (EPA 1984). Accordingly, for MY 1975-1985, adjusted city fuel economy is equal to 0.9 times the unadjusted, laboratory city fuel economy value, and adjusted highway fuel economy is 0.78 times the unadjusted, laboratory highway fuel economy. A single, combined adjusted fuel economy value is based on a 55% city/45% highway weighting factor. We believe that these adjustment factors are appropriate for new vehicles through the 1985 model year.

For the MY 2005-2015 time frame, the adjusted city and highway values in the Trends database for vehicles that undergo full "5-cycle" fuel economy testing (Federal Test Procedure for urban stop-and-go driving, Highway Fuel Economy Test for rural driving, US06 test for high speeds and aggressive driving, SC03 test for air conditioning operation, and cold FTP test for cold temperature operation) are calculated by weighting the 5-cycle test data according to the "composite" 5-cycle equations (EPA 2006, 77883-77886). The combined city/highway adjusted fuel economy values for these vehicles are based on a 43% city/57% highway weighting. In recent years, 10-15% of all vehicle fuel economy data were generated from the full 5-cycle test protocol.

It is important to emphasize that the 43% city/57% highway weighting used for adjusted 5-cycle fuel economy values beginning in MY 2005 is different from the 55% city/45% highway weighting used to generate adjusted fuel economy values for MY 1975-1985 in the Trends database. EPA's analysis of real world driving activity underlying the 5-cycle fuel economy methodology assumed a "speed cutpoint" of 45 miles per hour to differentiate between (and "bin" the amount of) city and highway driving (EPA 2006, 77904). Based on this speed cutpoint, the correct weighting for correlating the new city and highway fuel economy values with real world driving, on a miles driven basis, is 43% city/57% highway, and therefore this weighting is necessary in order to maintain the integrity of projections of fleetwide fuel economy performance based on Trends data. The 55% city/45% highway weighting is still used for both Fuel Economy and Environment Labels and the CAFE and GHG emissions compliance programs, as well as the unadjusted, laboratory values provided in this report.

Most current vehicles do not undergo full 5-cycle testing; instead manufacturers derive 5-cycle values from 2-cycle fuel economy test results (EPA Federal Test Procedure and Highway Fuel Economy Test) based on the relationship between 2-cycle and 5-cycle fuel economy data for the industry as a whole. Beginning with MY 2011, manufacturers are required to evaluate whether the fuel economy estimates for certification vehicles from 5-cycle tests are comparable to results from the less resource-intensive "derived 5-cycle" method. If the results are comparable, manufacturers can use the derived 5-cycle method for all vehicle models represented by the certification vehicle. If the full 5-cycle method yields significantly lower fuel economy estimates than the derived 5-cycle method, then the manufacturer must use the full 5-cycle method for all models represented by the certification vehicle.

For vehicles that can use the derived 5-cycle method, the following equations are used to convert unadjusted, laboratory fuel economy values for city and highway to adjusted fuel economy values.

$$\textbf{ADJ CITY} = \frac{1}{\left(0.003259 + \frac{1.1805}{\text{LAB CITY}}\right)}$$

$$\textbf{ADJ HWY} = \frac{1}{\left(0.001376 + \frac{1.3466}{\text{LAB HWY}}\right)}$$

As above, these values are weighted 43% city/57% highway in order to calculate a single, adjusted combined fuel economy value.[18] For more details on the specific equations that allow

[18] Note that EPA has issued fuel economy labeling guidance updating the derived 5-cycle coefficients for MY 2017 vehicles. See http://iaspub.epa.gov/otaqpub/display_file.jsp?docid=35113&flag=1. Although this report continues to use

an automaker to calculate new label values using either the vehicle-specific 5-cycle test data or the derived 5-cycle approach, and the impact of these changes on average fuel economy label values, see the preamble to the 2006 regulations (EPA 2006).

How much different, on average, are the fuel economy values based on the derived 5-cycle method from the values based on the universal adjustment factors for MY 1975-1985? These derived 5-cycle method values are lower than values based on the universal adjustment factors for MY 1975-1985, and the differences are greater for higher fuel economy vehicles than for lower fuel economy vehicles. For example, compared to the use of the universal adjustment factors for MY 1975-1985, a 15 mpg city value will be reduced by an additional 10%, while a 50 mpg city value will be reduced by an additional 18%. Likewise, a 20 mpg highway value will be reduced by an additional 7%, while a 50 mpg highway value will be reduced by an additional 11%. In the 2006 rulemaking, EPA projected an overall average fleetwide adjustment of 11% lower for city fuel economy and 8% lower for highway fuel economy, beyond that in the older label adjustment methodology. The appropriate fleetwide factors to convert adjusted MY 1975-1985 fuel economy values to the adjusted derived 5-cycle, 43% city/57% highway weighting, fuel economy values are dependent on the city fuel economy-to-highway fuel economy ratios in the fleet. On average, for the current fleet, combining the 11% lower adjustment for city fuel economy, the 8% lower adjustment for highway fuel economy, and the shift to the 43% city/57% highway weighting, the combined city/highway fuel economy values are 7% lower than those based on the older label adjustment methodology. This 7% lower value is the average impact for a fleet with the mpg and city fuel economy-to-highway fuel economy characteristics of the current fleet, and would not be the appropriate value for individual models, partial fleet segments, or for past or future fleets with different mpg and city fuel economy-to-highway fuel economy distributions.

Finally, manufacturers have the option of voluntarily using lower fuel economy label estimates than those resulting from the full 5-cycle or derived 5-cycle approaches discussed above. In the rare cases where automakers choose to do so, we base adjusted values on these voluntary lower city and highway fuel economy labels, using the 43% city/57% highway weighting.

For the MY 1986-2004 time frame, we calculated adjusted fuel economy values based on the simplifying assumption that the impacts of the factors that have led to lower real world fuel economy, as outlined in the 2006 rulemaking and discussed above, occurred in a gradual (i.e., linear) manner over the 20 years from 1986 through 2005. We did not attempt to perform a year-by-year analysis to determine the extent to which the many relevant factors (including higher highway speed limits, more aggressive driving, increasing vehicle horsepower-to-weight ratios, suburbanization, congestion, greater use of air conditioning, gasoline composition, et al) that have affected real world fuel economy since 1985 have changed over time. We simply assumed 5% (1/20) of the fully phased-in downward adjustment for city and highway values

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the original, derived 5-cycle equations shown above, EPA intends to update future Trends reports to reflect the new, derived 5-cycle equations shown in the labeling guidance document.

would be reflected in the 1986 data, 10% of this adjustment would be reflected in the 1987 data, etc., up to 95% of this adjustment in 2004 and the full 100% adjustment in 2005 and later years. Likewise, EPA has assumed the 55% city/45% highway weighting changes to a 43% city/57% highway weighting in a linear fashion over the 1986 to 2005 time period as well.

One consequence of the approach used in this report is that there are, in effect, 21 different sets of numerical adjustments for determining adjusted fuel economy values: a constant numerical adjustment for MY 1975-1985, unique numerical adjustments for each of the 19 model years from 1986 through 2004, and a constant numerical adjustment for MY 2005-2015. Due in part to this, the ratio of the adjusted-to-unadjusted fuel economy values have been changing over time. As shown in Table 10.1, the adjusted-to-unadjusted fuel economy ratio was around 85% for MY 1975-1985 data, decreased during the MY 1986-2004 phase-in period to about 80% in MY 2004, and has since declined more slowly to 78.5% in MY 2015. This slight decline since MY 2005 has occurred even though the basic methodology for determining adjusted fuel economy values has been fixed since MY 2005, and it is possible that the adjusted-to-unadjusted fuel economy ratio will continue to change in the future. Any changes in this ratio would be due to the fact that the current adjusted fuel economy methodology now incorporates tests unique to the adjusted methodology and is no longer strictly calculated from the laboratory fuel economy results. On the one hand, all other things being equal, use of the derived 5-cycle equations would be expected to lower this ratio over time since, as discussed earlier, the equations apply a greater percentage reduction to high fuel economy values than to low fuel economy values. On the other hand, it is also possible that vehicle powertrain designs may be more robust in the future with respect to a broader set of in-use driving conditions, and given that the 5-cycle methodology is data driven, it is impossible to predict the direction of changes in the adjusted-to-unadjusted fuel economy ratio in the future. This report will continue to monitor this data-driven adjusted-to-unadjusted fuel economy ratio.

One Illustrative Example of Multiple Fuel Economy Metrics and Values

One potentially confusing element of any discussion of historical fuel economy values is the various metrics by which fuel economy can be expressed. As an illustration to help the reader understand the various fuel economy values that can be associated with an individual vehicle, Table 10.2 shows four different ways to express the fuel economy of the MY 2005 Honda Insight.

Unadjusted, laboratory city and highway fuel economy values are direct fuel economy measurements from the formal EPA 2-cycle city (Federal Test Procedure, or urban commute) and highway laboratory tests. They are harmonically averaged, and weighted 55% city/45% highway, to generate a combined value. These values form the basis for automaker compliance with CAFE standards. The 2005 Honda Insight had an unadjusted city value of 68 mpg, an unadjusted highway value of 84 mpg, and an unadjusted combined value of 74 mpg.

At the time, the MY 2005 Honda Insight had an original city label value of 61 mpg, which was calculated by multiplying its unadjusted city test value of 68 mpg by 0.9. Likewise, its original highway value was 66 mpg, calculated by multiplying its unadjusted highway test value of 84 mpg by 0.78. Harmonically averaging these values, with a 55% city/45% highway weighting, led to a combined original MY 2005 label value of 63 mpg.

Today, as a used car, the 2005 Honda Insight would have lower label values based on the 5-cycle method (reflecting, in addition to 2-cycle urban commuting and rural highway operation, additional conditions such as high speed/high acceleration, high temperature/air conditioning, and cold temperature operation) for determining city and highway values, first implemented in MY 2008, and discussed in the previous sub-section. For the 2005 Insight, the 5-cycle method yields a city label value of 48 mpg and a highway value of 58 mpg. Today's labels continue to use a 55% city/45% highway weighting, and the harmonically averaged, 55% city/45% highway weighted, combined value for the 2005 Insight is 52 mpg. These current label values, based on the 5-cycle methodology, are considerably lower than the original label values.

Finally, for the MY 2005 Honda Insight, this Trends report uses the adjusted fuel economy methodology discussed in the previous sub-section, that is used in the Trends report for all vehicles beginning in MY 2005. The adjusted Trends city and highway values are the same as those for the current label, since both the current label and the adjusted Trends approach use the same 5-cycle methodology. But, the adjusted Trends approach uses a weighting of 43% city/57% highway to best correlate with the driving activity studies underlying the 5-cycle methodology. This different city/highway weighting leads to a 53 mpg combined value, slightly higher than the 52 mpg combined value for the current label.

Table 10.2

Four Different Fuel Economy Metrics for the MY 2005 Honda Insight

Fuel Economy Metric	Fuel Economy Value (MPG) Comb	City	Hwy	Basis	City/Highway Weighting
Unadjusted, Laboratory	74	68	84	Unadjusted 2-cycle city and highway test values	55%/45%
Original MY 2005 Label	63	61	66	City test x 0.9 Highway test x 0.78	55%/45%
Current Label	52	48	58	Adjusted 5-cycle methodology	55%/45%
Current Adjusted Trends	53	48	58	Adjusted 5-cycle methodology	43%/57%

PHEV Fuel Economy Calculations

As described in Section 7, PHEV fuel economy takes into consideration the percentage of miles that are projected to be driven in charge depleting versus charge sustaining modes of operation by using a utility factor to calculate city and highway mpge values, which can then be used to produce combined mpge values. However, the utility factors that are used for fleetwide calculations are somewhat different than those that are used to create label values for individuals. For label values in Sections 7 and 8, multi-day individual utility factors (MDIUF) are used to incorporate "a driver's day to day variation into the utility calculation." (SAE J2841, page 3). For Trends fleetwide calculations, fleet utility factors (FUF) are applied to "calculate the expected fuel and electric consumption of an entire fleet of vehicles." (SAE J2841, page 2). Because Trends weights adjusted city and highway values using a 43% city/57% highway weighting, FUFs created for a 43/57 ratio are used for the adjusted mpge values in this report.

D. Vehicle Tailpipe CO_2 Emissions Data

CO_2 emissions data were added to the entire historical Trends database beginning with the 2009 report. CO_2 emissions values in this report are generally calculated from corresponding fuel economy values using the fuel-specific CO_2 emissions per gallon factors described below. Accordingly, the adjusted and unadjusted, laboratory CO_2 emissions values in this report reflect the methodological approaches underlying the adjusted and unadjusted, laboratory fuel economy values that were discussed in detail in the previous section.

While CO_2 emissions data is included in several key summary tables and figures in the report, there are many other tables and figures that present fuel economy values but not CO_2 emissions values. This section provides a simple method that a reader can use to estimate CO_2 emissions values from any fuel economy value in the report.

If a fuel economy value is given for a single gasoline vehicle, or a 100% gasoline vehicle fleet, one can calculate the corresponding CO_2 emissions value by simply dividing 8887 (which is a typical value for the grams of CO_2 per gallon of gasoline test fuel, assuming all the carbon is converted to CO_2) by the fuel economy value in miles per gallon. For example, 8887 divided by a gasoline vehicle fuel economy of 30 mpg would yield an equivalent CO_2 emissions value of 296 grams per mile. This is the methodology used to generate the CO_2 emissions values for all of the gasoline vehicles in the Trends database.

Since gasoline vehicle production has accounted for 99+% of all light-duty vehicle production for most of the model years since 1975, this simple approach yields accurate results for most model years.

Diesel fuel has 14.5% higher carbon content per gallon than gasoline. To calculate a CO_2 equivalent value for a diesel vehicle, one should divide 10,180 by the diesel vehicle fuel economy value. Accordingly, a 30 mpg diesel vehicle would have a CO_2 equivalent value of

339 grams per mile. This is the methodology used to generate the CO_2 emissions values for the relatively small number of diesel vehicles in the Trends database.

For electric vehicles, the tailpipe CO_2 emissions are 0 grams per mile (see Section 7 for a discussion of upstream emissions). For CNG vehicles, we recommend using an emission factor of 7030 grams per gallon of gasoline equivalent to approximate CO_2 emissions. For PHEVs, the process of calculating CO_2 grams per mile is more complex, and this report uses a parallel methodology to that described in Section 10.C for PHEV fuel economy values, calculating the carbon-related exhaust emissions from test data and then converting the carbon content to $CO_{2.}$

To make the most accurate conversions of industry-wide fuel economy values to CO_2 emissions values, readers should divide model year-specific industry-wide values for grams of CO_2 per gallon in Table 10.3 by industry-wide fuel economy values in miles per gallon. Two sets of model year-specific industry wide CO_2 per gallon values are provided, with the final column providing a value representing that model year fleet including alternative fuel vehicles, and the next-to-last column providing a value representing that model year fleet excluding alternative fuel vehicles (i.e., just gasoline and diesel vehicles).

Readers must make judgment calls about how to best convert fuel economy values that do not represent industry-wide values (e.g., just cars or vehicles with 5-speed automatic transmissions). Options include the two model year-specific CO_2 emissions per gallon weightings in Table 10.3 (with and without alternative fuel vehicles) or the gasoline value of 8887 (implicitly assuming no diesels or alternative fuel vehicles in that database component). Or a user can generate a customized grams of CO_2 emissions per gallon value based on the make-up of the vehicles in question.

Finally, it is important to note that the unadjusted, laboratory tailpipe CO_2 emissions values included in a few tables in this report are very similar to, but not exactly equal to, the 2-cycle tailpipe CO_2 emissions values provided in the annual EPA GHG Manufacturer Performance Report that is available at epa.gov/otaq/climate/ghg-report.htm. The two most important reasons for slight differences in car and truck CO_2 emissions data is 1) the values in this Trends report are calculated from generic fuel-specific emissions factors discussed above, while the values in the GHG Performance report use formal compliance data based on actual carbon content of the test fuel used at the time of the compliance test, and 2) some manufacturers may choose to use an optional compliance approach which adds nitrous oxide and methane emissions to their CO_2 (more accurately CREE, see next section) values while the Trends data does not reflect nitrous oxide and methane emissions for any automakers. In addition, there is another factor that can lead to differences in combined car-truck values only: Trends report data are not weighted for any differences in lifetime vehicle miles traveled (VMT) between cars and trucks, while the GHG Performance report assumes slightly higher lifetime VMT for trucks than cars as required by compliance regulations. In general, when there are slight differences between the Trends unadjusted CO_2 data and GHG Performance 2-cycle CO_2 data, the latter are typically slightly higher than the former.

Table 10.3

Factors for Converting Industry-Wide Fuel Economy Values from this Report to Carbon Dioxide Emissions Values

Model Year	Gasoline Production Share	Diesel Production Share	AFV Production Share	Weighted CO_2 per Gallon (grams) Without AFVs	Weighted CO_2 per Gallon (grams) With AFVs
1975	99.8%	0.2%	-	8888	8888
1976	99.8%	0.2%	-	8889	8889
1977	99.6%	0.4%	-	8890	8890
1978	99.1%	0.9%	-	8895	8895
1979	98.0%	2.0%	-	8906	8906
1980	95.7%	4.3%	-	8930	8930
1981	94.1%	5.9%	-	8948	8948
1982	94.4%	5.6%	-	8948	8948
1983	97.3%	2.7%	-	8916	8916
1984	98.2%	1.8%	-	8905	8905
1985	99.1%	0.9%	-	8897	8897
1986	99.6%	0.4%	-	8891	8891
1987	99.7%	0.3%	-	8890	8890
1988	99.9%	0.1%	-	8888	8888
1989	99.9%	0.1%	-	8888	8888
1990	99.9%	0.1%	-	8888	8888
1991	99.9%	0.1%	-	8888	8888
1992	99.9%	0.1%	-	8888	8888
1993	100.0%	-	-	8887	8887
1994	100.0%	0.0%	-	8887	8887
1995	100.0%	0.0%	-	8887	8887
1996	99.9%	0.1%	-	8888	8888
1997	99.9%	0.1%	-	8888	8888
1998	99.9%	0.1%	-	8888	8888
1999	99.9%	0.1%	-	8888	8888
2000	99.9%	0.1%	-	8888	8888
2001	99.9%	0.1%	-	8888	8888
2002	99.8%	0.2%	-	8888	8888
2003	99.8%	0.2%	-	8888	8888
2004	99.9%	0.1%	-	8888	8888
2005	99.7%	0.3%	-	8889	8889
2006	99.6%	0.4%	-	8890	8890
2007	99.9%	0.1%	-	8888	8888
2008	99.9%	0.1%	-	8889	8889
2009	99.5%	0.5%	-	8892	8892
2010	99.3%	0.7%	-	8893	8893
2011	99.1%	0.8%	0.1%	8895	8892
2012	98.7%	0.9%	0.4%	8896	8890
2013	98.4%	0.9%	0.7%	8894	8883
2014	98.3%	1.0%	0.7%	8897	8886
2015 (prelim)	*97.4%*	*1.4%*	*1.1%*	*8902*	*8881*

E. Vehicle-Related GHG Emissions Sources Other Than Tailpipe CO_2 Emissions

The CO_2 emissions data in this report reflect the sum of the vehicle tailpipe emissions of CO_2, carbon monoxide, and hydrocarbons, with the latter two converted to equivalent CO_2 levels on a mass basis. While carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon emissions add, on average, less than one percent to overall CO_2 tailpipe emissions values, these compounds are included in the tailpipe CO_2 emissions data because they are converted to CO_2 relatively quickly in the atmosphere, and to maintain consistency with greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions standards compliance. EPA regulations refer to this sum as "carbon related exhaust emissions" or CREE, but we use the term CO_2 emissions in this report for simplicity.

It is important to emphasize that tailpipe CO_2 emissions or CREE do not represent the entire GHG burden associated with a personal vehicle, and there are at least six other vehicle-related GHG sources. While this report cannot provide authoritative data for each of these other vehicle-related GHG sources, they will be briefly identified and discussed below for context, with an emphasis on the approximate magnitude of each source relative to the magnitude of the tailpipe CO_2 emissions that are documented in this report.

Tailpipe emissions of nitrous oxide (N2O)

Nitrous oxide is a greenhouse gas and a constituent in the exhaust from internal combustion engines. It is emitted from gasoline and diesel vehicles during specific catalytic converter temperature conditions conducive to its formation. EPA does not currently require N_2O emissions measurement as a part of the formal EPA vehicle certification process (it will begin to be required in the MY 2017-2019 timeframe), so we only have limited test data at this time. Based on this limited data, EPA estimates typical N_2O emissions from late model gasoline cars to be on the order of 0.005 g/mi (EPA and DOT 2010, 25422). With a global warming potential of 298, this yields a CO_2-equivalent value of approximately 1.5 g/mi or about 0.4% of the 366 g/mi adjusted fleetwide CO_2 emissions value for MY 2014. Under the National Program regulations for MY 2012-2025, EPA has established an N_2O per-vehicle emissions cap of 0.010 g/mi, which is not intended to reduce N_2O emissions, but rather to ensure that there are no increases in the future (EPA and DOT 2010, 25421).

Tailpipe emissions of methane (CH_4)

Methane is a greenhouse gas and also a constituent in internal combustion engine exhaust. As the simplest hydrocarbon compound (one carbon atom and four hydrogen atoms), it is one of the large number of hydrocarbon compounds formed during the imperfect combustion of hydrocarbon-based fuels such as gasoline and diesel (and the most prominent hydrocarbon compound in compressed natural gas vehicle exhaust). EPA requires that CH_4 emissions be measured during the formal EPA vehicle certification program. Typical methane emissions from late model gasoline cars are about 0.015 g/mi (EPA and DOT 2010, 25423). With a global warming potential of 25, this yields a CO_2-equivalent value of approximately 0.4 g/mi, or about 0.1% of the 366 g/mi adjusted fleetwide CO_2 emissions value for MY 2014. Under the National Program regulations for MY 2012-2025, EPA has established a CH_4 per-vehicle emissions cap of 0.03 g/mi, which is not intended to reduce CH_4 emissions, but rather to ensure that there are no increases in the future (EPA and DOT 2010, 25421 and EPA and DOT 2012, 62770).

Vehicle GHG emissions associated with air conditioner refrigerants

Nearly all new personal vehicles in the U.S. are equipped with air conditioners. Until recently, all automotive air conditioners used the refrigerant HFC-134a, which is a very strong greenhouse gas with a global warming potency of 1,430. Small amounts of refrigerant leakage can occur during routine operation, during maintenance and servicing, and during ultimate disposal. Based on the combination of relatively small mass leakage with the extremely high global warming potency, EPA estimates typical HFC-134a CO_2-equivalent values of 13.8 g/mi for cars and 17.2 g/mi for light trucks, or about 4% of the 366 g/mi adjusted fleetwide CO_2 emissions value for MY 2014 (EPA and DOT 2012, 62805). There are no standards under the MY 2012-2025 National Program for the control of air conditioner refrigerant leakage emissions, but automakers can earn credits for reducing leakage emissions that can be used to help achieve compliance with the tailpipe CO_2 emissions standards. Our latest GHG Manufacturer Performance Report for MY 2014 showed that automakers generated, on average, about 5 g/mi CO_2-equivalent credit due to reduced air conditioner refrigerant leakage in MY 2014 (EPA 2015). Some automakers are beginning to use a new air conditioner refrigerant, HFO-1234yf, which has a much lower global warming potency of 4.

GHG emissions associated with fuel production and distribution

Motor vehicle fuel production and distribution (often referred to as "upstream" emissions) can produce significant GHG emissions. The relative relationship between vehicle tailpipe CO_2 emissions and vehicle fuel-related production/distribution GHG emissions can vary greatly. For example, for typical gasoline today, a rule-of-thumb is that gasoline production/distribution (all steps including oil production, oil transport, refining, and gasoline transport to the service station) yields about 25% of the GHG emissions associated with vehicle tailpipe CO_2 emissions. Based on this rule-of-thumb, gasoline production/distribution-related GHG emissions associated with the 366 g/mi adjusted fleetwide CO_2 vehicle tailpipe emissions value for MY 2014 would be about 92 g/mi, for a total adjusted fleetwide MY 2014 CO_2 tailpipe plus gasoline production/distribution GHG emissions value of about 458 g/mi. Other fuels currently used in personal vehicles, such as diesel from crude oil, ethanol from corn, and compressed natural gas, can also have significant fuel production/distribution GHG emissions. However, like gasoline, these GHG emissions are typically much smaller than those from the vehicle tailpipe.

Some fuels have very different vehicle tailpipe vs fuel production/distribution characteristics. For example, electric vehicles have zero tailpipe emissions, and so all GHG emissions associated with electric vehicle operation are associated with the generation and distribution of electricity. The same goes for hydrogen. On the other hand, carbon-based fuels produced from renewable feedstocks could have similar vehicle tailpipe emissions (note there is an accounting issue here, while Trends would assign tailpipe emissions to the vehicle, current IPCC rules do not count tailpipe emissions for renewable fuels), but "negative" fuel production/distribution-related GHG emissions if little or no fossil fuels are used in the production/distribution of the fuel and the "carbon uptake" associated with renewable fuels is accounted for at the production/distribution step.

There is an exhaustive literature on the relative vehicle versus fuel-related GHG emissions for various fuel/feedstock combinations, and the reader should consult the literature for detailed analyses.

GHG emissions associated with vehicle manufacturing and assembly

Some studies estimate that the GHG emissions associated with vehicle and component manufacturing and assembly for conventional gasoline vehicles are on the order of 10-15% of total life-cycle vehicle GHG emissions (where vehicle tailpipe and fuel production/distribution accounts for nearly all of the remaining vehicle life cycle emissions).[19] Based on the approximate 458 g/mi adjusted fleetwide value calculated above for MY 2014 CO_2 tailpipe plus gasoline production/distribution GHG emissions, this would imply that typical vehicle and component manufacturing and assembly GHG emissions would be on the order of approximately 50-80 g/mi.

GHG emissions associated with vehicle disposal

The GHG emissions associated with vehicle disposal, or end-of-life, are typically not more than a few percent of total life-cycle vehicle emissions for a conventional gasoline vehicle. Based on the above approximations, this would imply that GHG emissions associated with vehicle disposal might be on the order of 10 g/mi or less.

F. Other Database Methodology Issues

Air Conditioner Efficiency and Off-Cycle Credits

Under the EPA greenhouse gas emissions standards for MY 2012-2025, manufacturers have the option of earning air conditioner efficiency and off-cycle CO_2 emissions credits for the utilization of technologies that yield real world CO_2 emissions reductions, but which are not reflected on the 2-cycle compliance tests. It is expected that most, and maybe all, of the

[19] For example, see Samaras, C. and Meisterling, K. Life Cycle Assessment of Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Plug-in Hybrid Vehicles: Implications for Policy. *Environmental Science & Technology* 2008, 42 (9):3170–3176, or Notter, D. et al. Contribution of Li-Ion Batteries to the Environmental Impact of Electric Vehicles. *Environmental Science & Technology* 2010, 44 (17): 6550-6556.

technologies that earn air conditioner efficiency and off-cycle CO_2 emissions credits will also reduce real world fuel consumption.[20]

The adjusted CO_2 tailpipe emissions and fuel economy values in this report reflect air conditioner efficiency improvements for the fraction of vehicles that undergo full 5-cycle testing as that testing includes a cycle with maximum air conditioning operation at 95 degrees Fahrenheit (see Section 10.C). At this time, the adjusted values do not reflect air conditioner efficiency improvements for those vehicles that do not undergo full 5-cycle testing and which utilize the derived 5-cycle equations. In addition, the adjusted values likely do not reflect certain off-cycle credit technologies. This is primarily due to the fact that, at this time, some manufacturers submit credits data only on a fleetwide basis, rather than on a model by model basis which would be necessary to fully integrate credits data with the full Trends database.

MY 2014 credits data provided in the EPA GHG Manufacturer Performance Report, available at epa.gov/otaq/climate/ghg-report.htm, show that total air conditioner efficiency credits (some of which are reflected in adjusted values as discussed above) were 3 g/mi and off-cycle credits were 2 g/mi. Accordingly, at most these credits could reduce adjusted MY 2014 CO_2 tailpipe emission values by about 5 g/mi, which would translate to an adjusted fuel economy increase of approximately 0.3 mpg. The same report also shows that for MY 2014, relative to MY 2013, total air conditioner efficiency and off-cycle credits increased by about 3 g/mi, or approximately 0.2 mpg. Again, most of these credits are not reflected in the Trends database.

EPA will continue to consider the question of whether, and if so how, to account for air conditioner efficiency and off-cycle CO_2 emissions credits in future reports.

Changes in Car-Truck Classification Definitions

Car-truck definitions through the 2010 report were based EPA's engineering judgment. Until recently, EPA and NHTSA had slightly different regulatory definitions for car-truck classifications with respect to health-related emissions and fuel economy, respectively, and the Trends report followed a third approach, though in practice there was broad (though not universal) agreement among the three approaches.

Beginning with the 2011 report, Trends car-truck classifications followed current regulatory definitions used by both EPA and NHTSA for CO_2 emissions and fuel economy standards. See definitions for passenger automobiles (cars) and non-passenger automobiles (trucks) later in this section. These current definitions differ from those used in older versions of this report, and reflect a decision by NHTSA to reclassify many small, 2-wheel drive, sport utility vehicles (SUVs) from the truck category to the car category, beginning with MY 2011. When

[20] Air conditioner efficiency and off-cycle credits are the two types of credits that could impact the adjusted CO_2 tailpipe emissions and fuel economy values provided in this report. Other regulatory credits (e.g., for dual fuel vehicles or for air conditioner refrigerant leakage) and incentives (e.g., for advanced technologies) would not impact adjusted CO_2 tailpipe emissions or fuel economy values.

this re-classification was initiated in the 2011 report, the absolute truck share decreased by approximately 10%.

The current car-truck definitions have been “propagated back” throughout the entire historical Trends database to maintain the integrity of long-term trends of car and truck production share. Since we did not have all of the requisite technical information on which to make retroactive car-truck classifications, we used engineering judgment to classify past models.

Inclusion of Medium-Duty Passenger Vehicles

Beginning with the 2011 report, medium-duty passenger vehicles (MDPVs), those SUVs and passenger vans (but, not pickup trucks) with gross vehicle weight ratings between 8500 and 10,000 pounds, are included in the light-duty truck category. This coincided with new regulations by NHTSA to treat these vehicles as light-duty, rather than heavy-duty, vehicles beginning in MY 2011. This represents a minor change to the database, since the number of MDPVs is much smaller than it once was (e.g., only 6500 MDPVs were sold in MY 2012). It should be noted that this is one change to the database that has not been "propagated back" through the historic database, as we do not have MDPV data prior to MY 2011. Accordingly, this represents a small inflection point for the database--for the overall car and truck fleet in MY 2011; the inclusion of MDPVs decreased average adjusted fuel economy by 0.01 mpg and increased average adjusted CO_2 emissions by 0.3 g/mi, compared to the fleet without MDPVs. The impacts on the truck fleet only were about twice as high, but still very small in absolute terms.

G. Comparison of Preliminary and Final Fleetwide Fuel Economy Values

In recent years, the data for the last model year included in each report has been preliminary (i.e., based on projected vehicle production volumes provided by automakers prior to the beginning of the model year), while the data for all other model years has been final. This leads to the logical question, how accurate have the preliminary projections been?

Table 10.4 compares the preliminary and final fleetwide fuel economy values for recent years (note that the differences for CO_2 emissions data would be similar, on a percentage basis).

For the adjusted fuel economy data, values are only shown beginning in MY 2007, as final adjusted values in this report reflect the revised methodology for calculating adjusted fuel economy values beginning with the 2007 report and therefore the comparable preliminary values prior to MY 2007 would not reflect an apples-to-apples comparison.

It is important to note that there isn’t a perfect apples-to-apples comparison for MY 2011-2014, due to a number of small data issues, such as the integration of alternative fuel vehicles with gasoline and diesel vehicle data beginning in MY 2011. The preliminary values in Table

10.4 through MY 2014 are the preliminary values published in past reports, and these values do not reflect alternative fuel vehicle data. The final values in Table 10.4 are the values reported elsewhere in this report and do include alternative fuel vehicle data. The differences due to this will be small, on the order of 0.1 mpg or less.

Table 10.4 shows that, since MY 2007, the final adjusted fuel economy values have generally been pretty close to the preliminary adjusted fuel economy values. The major exceptions have been MY 2009, when the final value was 1.3 mpg higher, and MY 2011, when the final value was 0.4 mpg lower.

Comparative unadjusted fuel economy data are shown back to MY 2000. Again, the final values have been fairly close to the preliminary values, and the biggest outlier was MY 2009, when the final unadjusted value was 1.8 mpg higher than the preliminary value. There was considerable market turmoil in MY 2009 driven by the economic recession.

Table 10.4

Comparison of Preliminary and Final Fuel Economy Values, Both Cars and Trucks

Model Year	Adjusted Fuel Economy (MPG)			Unadjusted Fuel Economy (MPG)		
	Preliminary Value	Final Value	Final Minus Preliminary	Preliminary Value	Final Value	Final Minus Preliminary
2000	-	-	-	24.0	24.3	+0.3
2001	-	-	-	23.9	24.2	+0.3
2002	-	-	-	24.0	24.1	+0.1
2003	-	-	-	24.4	24.3	-0.1
2004	-	-	-	24.4	24.0	-0.4
2005	-	-	-	24.6	24.8	+0.2
2006	-	-	-	24.6	25.2	+0.6
2007	20.2	20.6	+0.4	25.3	25.8	+0.5
2008	20.8	21.0	+0.2	26.0	26.3	+0.3
2009	21.1	22.4	+1.3	26.4	28.2	+1.8
2010	22.5	22.6	+0.1	28.3	28.4	+0.1
2011	22.8	22.4	-0.4	28.6	28.1	-0.5
2012	23.8	23.7	-0.1	30.0	29.8	-0.2
2013	24.0	24.3	+0.3	30.3	30.7	+0.4
2014	24.2	24.3	+0.1	30.6	30.7	+0.1
2015 (prelim)	*24.7*	-	-	*31.2*	-	-

H. Definitions and Acronyms

Electric vehicle (EV) means a motor vehicle that is powered solely by an electric motor drawing current from a rechargeable energy storage system, such as from storage batteries or other portable electrical energy storage devices. For the Trends report, electric vehicles do not generally include fuel cell vehicles.

Flexible fuel vehicle (FFV) means any motor vehicle engineered and designed to be operated on a petroleum fuel and on a methanol or ethanol fuel, or any mixture of the petroleum fuel and methanol or ethanol. Methanol-fueled and ethanol-fueled vehicles that are only marginally functional when using gasoline (e.g., the engine has a drop in rated horsepower of more than 80 percent) are not flexible fuel vehicles.

Footprint means the product of average track width (rounded to the nearest tenth of an inch) and wheelbase (measured in inches and rounded to the nearest tenth of an inch), divided by 144 and then rounded to the nearest tenth of a square foot, where the average track width is the average of the front and rear track widths, where each is measured in inches and rounded to the nearest tenth of an inch.

Fuel cell vehicle (FCV) means an electric vehicle propelled solely by an electric motor where energy for the motor is supplied by an electrochemical cell that produces electricity via the non-combustion reaction of a consumable fuel, typically hydrogen.

Gasoline gallon equivalent means an amount of electricity or fuel with the energy equivalence of one gallon of gasoline. For purposes of the Trends report, one gallon of gasoline is equivalent to 33.705 kilowatt-hours of electricity or 121.5 standard cubic feet of natural gas.

Hybrid electric vehicle (HEV) means a motor vehicle which draws propulsion energy from onboard sources of stored energy that are both an internal combustion engine or heat engine using consumable fuel, and a rechargeable energy storage system such as a battery, capacitor, hydraulic accumulator, or flywheel, where recharge energy for the energy storage system comes solely from sources on board the vehicle.

Light Truck means an automobile that is not a car or a work truck and includes vehicles described in paragraphs (a) and (b) below:

(a) An automobile designed to perform at least one of the following functions:
(1) Transport more than 10 persons;
(2) Provide temporary living quarters;
(3) Transport property on an open bed;
(4) Provide, as sold to the first retail purchaser, greater cargo-carrying than passenger-carrying volume, such as in a cargo van; if a vehicle is sold with a second-row seat, its cargo-carrying volume is determined with that seat installed, regardless of whether the manufacturer has described that seat as optional; or
(5) Permit expanded use of the automobile for cargo-carrying purposes or other nonpassenger-carrying purposes through:

(i) For non-passenger automobiles manufactured in model year 2008 and beyond, for vehicles equipped with at least 3 rows of designated seating positions as standard equipment, permit expanded use of the automobile for cargo-carrying purposes or other nonpassenger-carrying purposes through the removal or stowing of foldable or pivoting seats so as to create a flat, leveled cargo surface extending from the forwardmost point of installation of those seats to the rear of the automobile's interior.

(b) An automobile capable of off-highway operation, as indicated by the fact that it:

(1)(i) Has 4-wheel drive; or

(ii) Is rated at more than 6000 pounds gross vehicle weight; and

(2) Has at least four of the following characteristics calculated when the automobile is at curb weight, on a level surface, with the front wheels parallel to the automobile's longitudinal centerline, and the tires inflated to the manufacturer's recommended pressure—

(i) Approach angle of not less than 28 degrees.

(ii) Breakover angle of not less than 14 degrees.

(iii) Departure angle of not less than 20 degrees.

(iv) Running clearance of not less than 20 centimeters.

(v) Front and rear axle clearances of not less than 18 centimeters each.

**Please see Section 10.F for Changes in Car-Truck Classification Definitions over time.*

Minivan means a light truck which is designed primarily to carry no more than eight passengers, having an integral enclosure fully enclosing the driver, passenger, and load-carrying compartments, and rear seats readily removed, folded, stowed, or pivoted to facilitate cargo carrying. A minivan typically includes one or more sliding doors and a rear liftgate. Minivans typically have less total interior volume or overall height than full sized vans and are commonly advertised and marketed as "minivans."

Mpg means miles per gallon.

Mpge means miles per gasoline gallon equivalent (see gasoline gallon equivalent above).

Pickup truck means a light truck which has a passenger compartment and an open cargo bed.

Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV) means a hybrid electric vehicle that has the capability to charge the battery from an off-vehicle electric source, such that the off-vehicle source cannot be connected to the vehicle while the vehicle is in motion.

Special purpose vehicles means automobiles with GVWR less than or equal to 8,500 pounds and medium-duty passenger vehicles which possess special features and which the Administrator determines are more appropriately classified separately from typical automobiles.

**For purposes of the Trends report, we used engineering judgment to allocate the very small number of vehicles, labeled as special purpose vehicles at fuel economy.gov, to the three truck types: truck SUV, van/minivan, or truck*

Sport utility vehicle (SUV) means a light truck with an extended roof line to increase cargo or passenger capacity, cargo compartment open to the passenger compartment, and one or more rear seats readily removed or folded to facilitate cargo carrying. Generally, 2-wheel drive SUVs equal to or less than 6000 lbs GVWR are passenger cars for CAFE and GHG standards compliance, but continue to be labeled as SUVs.

Station wagon means cars with an extended roof line to increase cargo or passenger capacity, cargo compartment open to the passenger compartment, a tailgate, and one or more rear seats readily removed or folded to facilitate cargo carrying.

Track width –means the lateral distance between the centerlines of the base tires at ground, including the camber angle.

Van means any light truck having an integral enclosure fully enclosing the driver compartment and load carrying compartment. The distance from the leading edge of the windshield to the foremost body section of vans is typically shorter than that of pickup trucks and SUVs.

Wheelbase is the longitudinal distance between front and rear wheel centerlines.

I. Links for More Information

This report, *Light-Duty Automotive Technology, Carbon Dioxide Emissions, and Fuel Economy Trends: 1975 through 2015* (EPA-420-R-15-016) is available on the EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality's (OTAQ) web site at: epa.gov/otaq/fetrends.htm. The Executive Summary of this report (EPA-420-S-15-001) is available at the same web site.

A copy of the *Fuel Economy Guide* giving city and highway fuel economy data for individual models is available at: fueleconomy.gov or by calling the U.S. Department of Energy at (800) 423-1363.

The website fueleconomy.gov provides fuel economy and environmental information for vehicles from model year 1984 through the present. The site has many tools that allow users to search for vehicles and find information on vehicle fuel economy, fuel consumption, estimated annual fuel cost, and CO_2 emissions. The site also allows users to personalize fuel economy and fueling cost estimates based on personalized inputs for fuel cost, annual mileage, and percentage of city versus highway driving.

EPA's Green Vehicle Guide (epa.gov/greenvehicles) is designed to help car buyers identify the cleanest, most fuel-efficient vehicle that meets their needs. The site includes information on SmartWay certified vehicles, how advanced technology vehicles work, and infographics and videos that provide tips on saving money and reducing emissions through smarter vehicle choices.

For detailed information about EPA's GHG emissions standards for motor vehicles, see: epa.gov/otaq/climate/regulations.htm.

For information about automaker compliance with EPA's Greenhouse Gas Emissions standards, including a detailed Manufacturer Performance Report for the 2014 Model Year, see: epa.gov/otaq/climate/ghg-report.htm.

For detailed information about DOT's Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) program, including a program overview, related rulemaking activities, and summaries of the formal CAFE performance of individual manufacturers since 1978, see: www.nhtsa.gov/fuel-economy.

For more information about the EPA/Department of Transportation (DOT) Fuel Economy and Environment Labels, see: epa.gov/otaq/carlabel/.

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