

Commercial Vehicle Review: Pondering Demand in a Period of Spiraling Energy Costs

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Overview

- U.S. economy
- TL Carrier Database
- Population Metrics
- EPA'10
- Current CV Market Activity
 - Class 8
 - Classes 5-7
- Forecasts



Forecasting

As we know, there are known knowns. There are things we know we know.

We also know there are known unknowns. That is to say we know there are some things we do not know.

But there are also unknown unknowns, The ones we don't know we don't know.

» Donald Rumsfeld—Feb. 12, 2002,



The Goldi-lost Economy

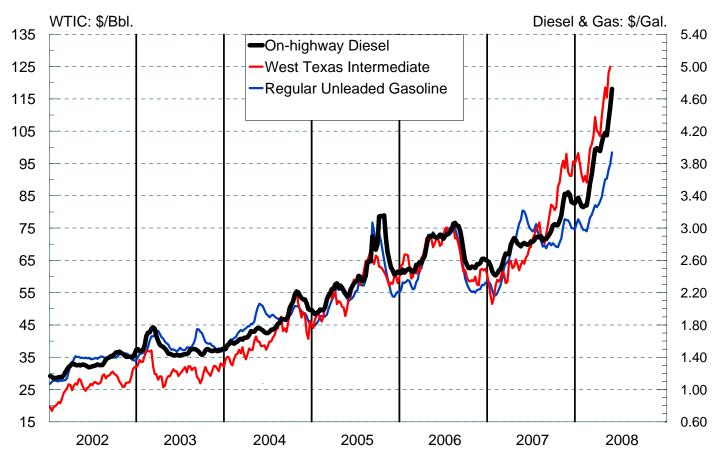
- Oil price run-up compromises economic outlook/2nd half recovery
- While the situation is precarious, there are some positive signs
 - Demographic shift works in the favor of healthy real wage growth and continued business equipment investment
 - Strong productivity rebound holds back inflation
 - Dollar weakness boosts U.S. leverage as competitor in global export markets



The Key Determinant: \$5/gal.

Gasoline, Diesel & Spot Crude Oil (WTIC) Prices

2002-2008 (Week 21)

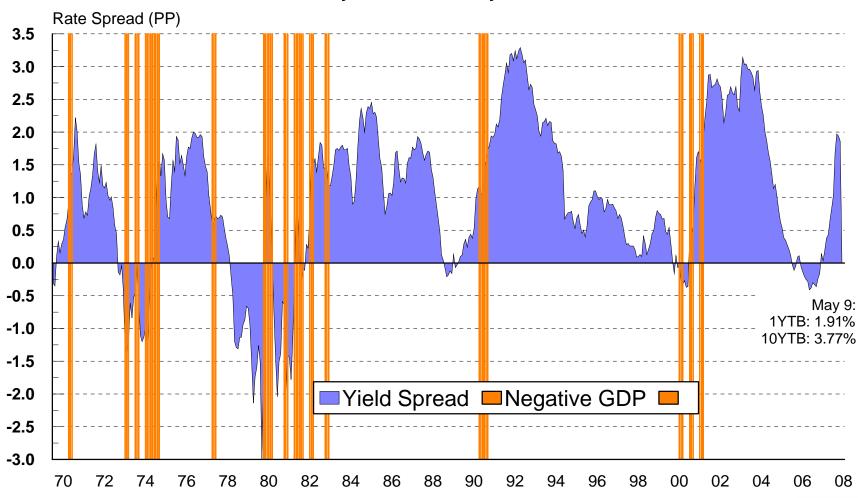




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1-Year and 10-Year Treasuries January 1970 - May 9, 2008

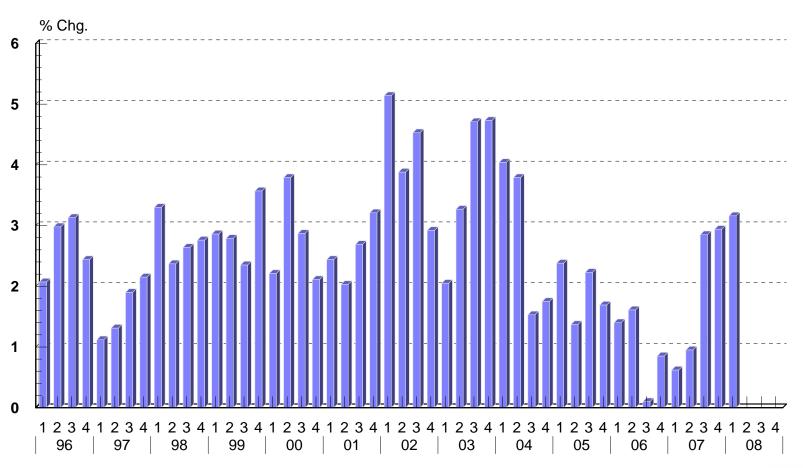


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Nonfarm Productivity: Output Per Hour

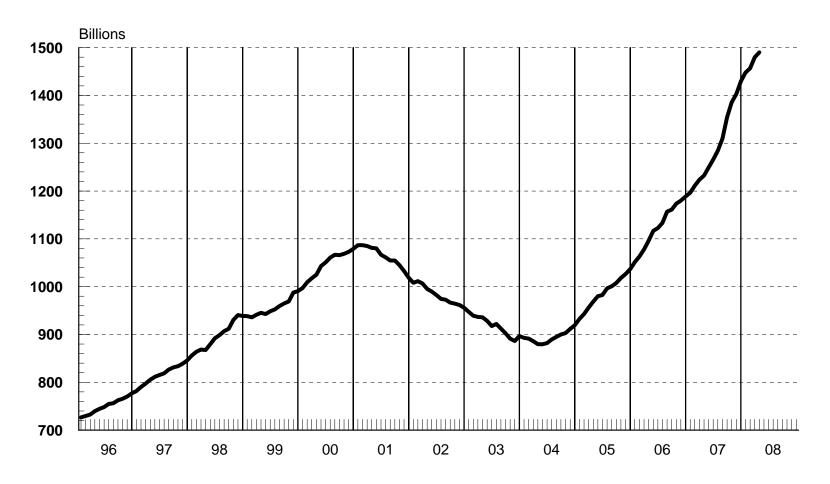
Q1 1996 - Q1 2008 Year Over Year % Change





Commercial and Industrial Loans

January 1996 - April 2008 Billions of Dollars-SAAR





Truckers & Freight

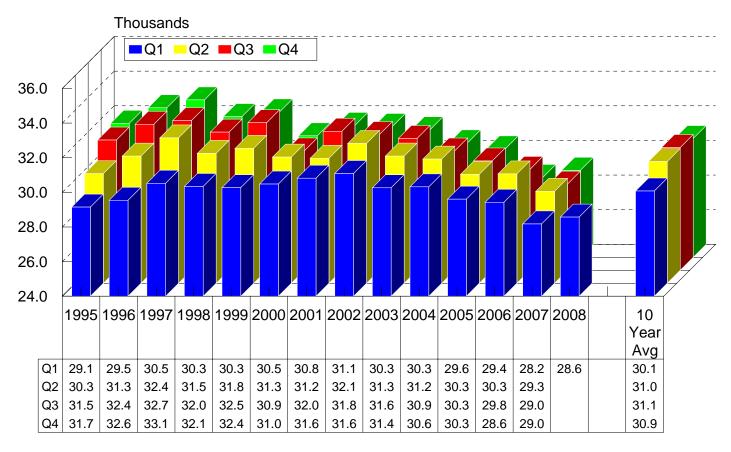
- Too many trucks chasing too little freight as economy softens just as truckers finish EPA'07 overbuy
- Capacity relief from export sales of late-model used equipment
 - Should allow trucker profits to recover sooner
- Carrier profits remain surprisingly buoyant
 - 2007 still 3rd best for profits
 - Fuel prices make for tough Q1-Q2'08
- Bankruptcy rise in line with fuel prices
 - » Surcharges don't recoup all of higher fuel costs
 - » 42k trucks sidelined in 935 trucker business failures in Q1



Getting Better?

TL Carrier Database: Average Miles Per Tractor

Q1'95 - Q1 '08

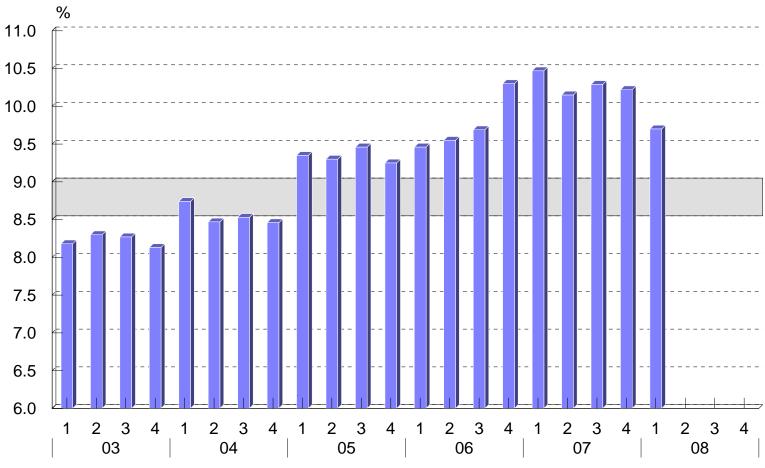




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TL Carrier Database: Empty Mile Factor

Q1 '03 - Q1 '08

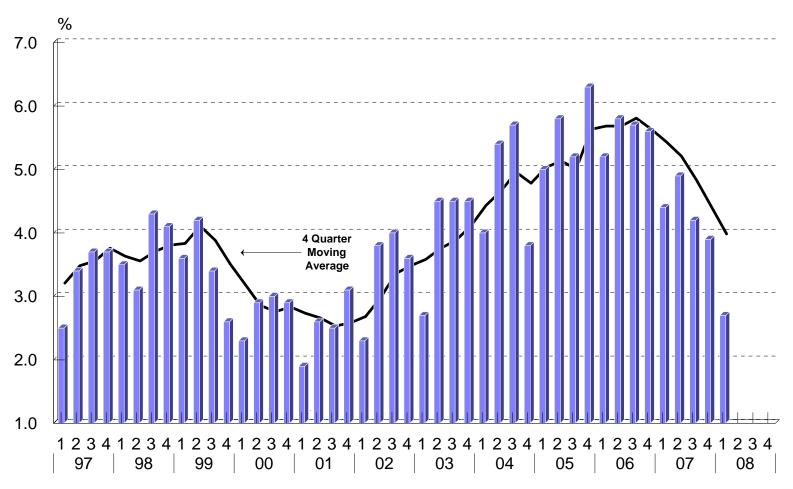




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TL Carrier Database: Net Profit Margin

Q1 '97 - Q1 '08





Will there be Prebuy III?

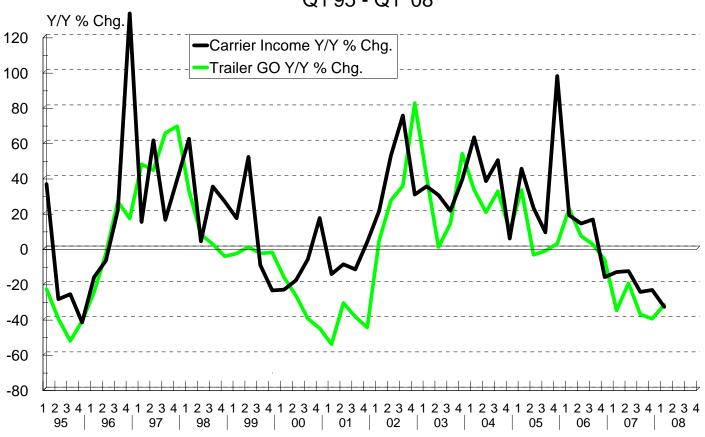
- Multiple technology solutions
 - SCR: DAF, MB, Volvo
 - » Higher new purchase price, lower operating costs
 - EGR: Cummins, MaxxForce
 - » Lower new purchase price, higher operating costs
- Unknown costs make for difficult choices
 - Early adapters have no initial recourse to recover higher costs
 - To the extent there are any, early buyers get the bugs
 - Other unanswered questions
 - » New price
 - » Fuel economy
 - » Maintenance requirements



When Truckers Don't Make Money...

TL Carrier Database: Carrier Net Income & New US Trailer Orders

Year over Year Percent Change Q1'95 - Q1 '08





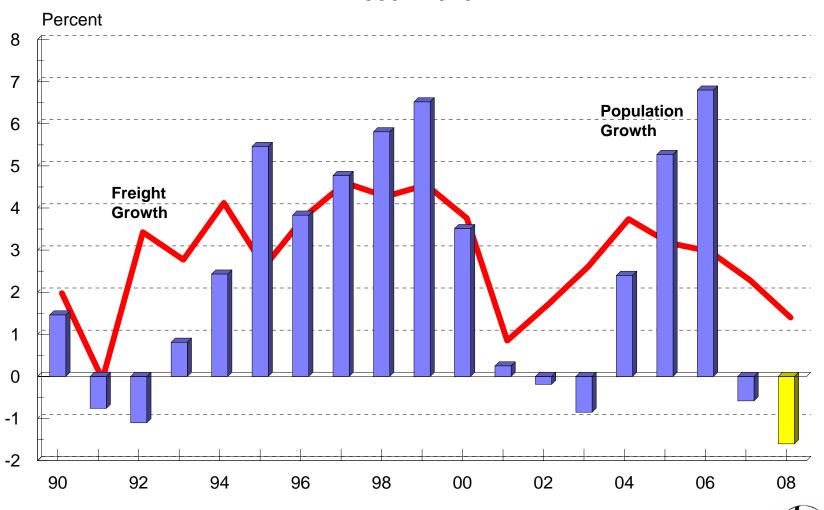
CV Demand Modeling

- The economy generates the freight hauled by Class 8 tractors and trailers
 - Class 8: 1% GDP growth ~12,500 more U.S. Class 8 population,
 - On average, U.S. consumes about 80% of NA Class 8 build
- Scrappage accounts for ~75% of vehicles purchased
 - Class 8: U.S. replacement at ~160k units/yr.,
 - N.A. replacement at ~200k units/yr.
- While the economy ultimately determines how many trucks/trailers are needed, other factors play a large part in determining when equipment is purchased



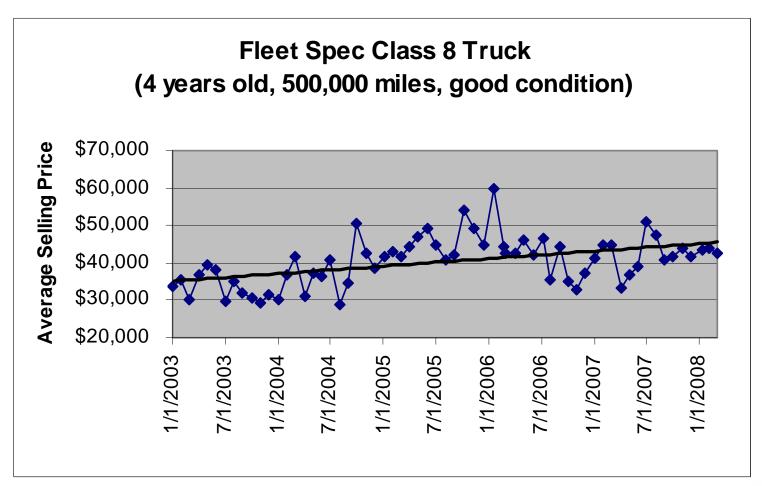
U.S. Class 8 Population (Export Adjusted)

Year over Year Percent Change 1990 - 2010



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Major Difference this Cycle

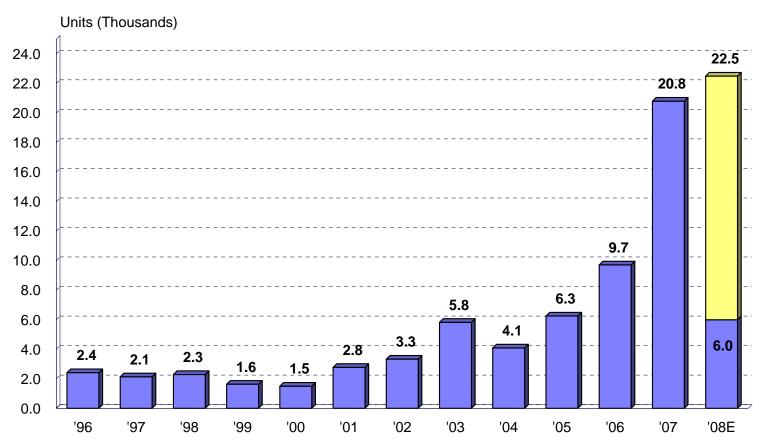




Strong Globe, Weak \$

Used Class 8 Exports

1996 - Q1'08 Actual, 2008 Estimated



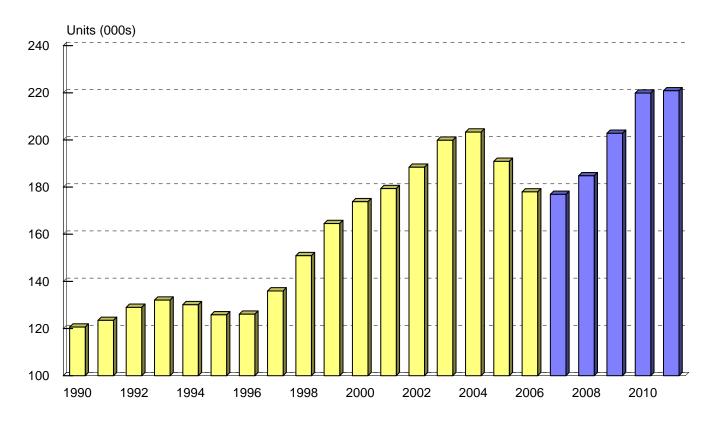


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Demographics Suggest Fewer Trades

U.S. Cl. 8 - Potential First Trade Volumes

1990 - 2011F

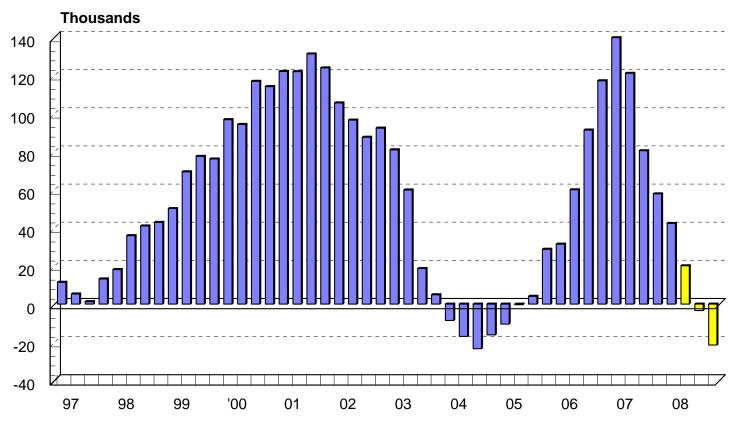




Overbuy/Underbuy

C8 Pop. Relative to Economic Activity: Export Adjusted

1997 - 2008



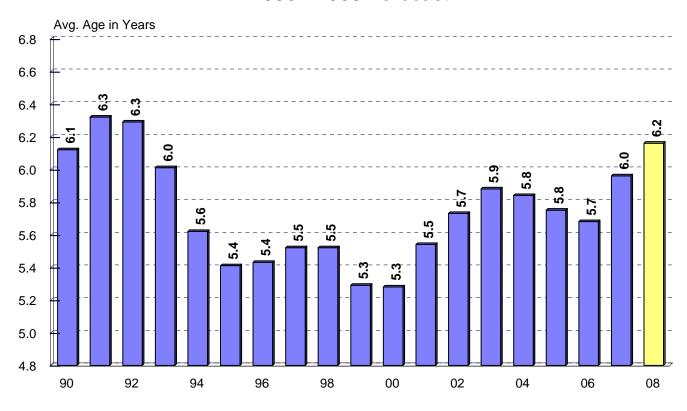


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A Happy Indicator

AVERAGE AGE:U.S. Class 8 Active Population

1990 - 2008 Forecast





Class 8 Market Direction

- Class 8 Market Indicators
 - Orders: Average 20k/mo. past 6 months
 » Mexico, Exports still major story in 2008
 - Backlog: Up ~20k since September
 - Build: Rising BL, lower IN set stage for rebound
 - Retail sales: Steady volumes (SA) through 2H'07
 - Inventory: 15k decline in 2007



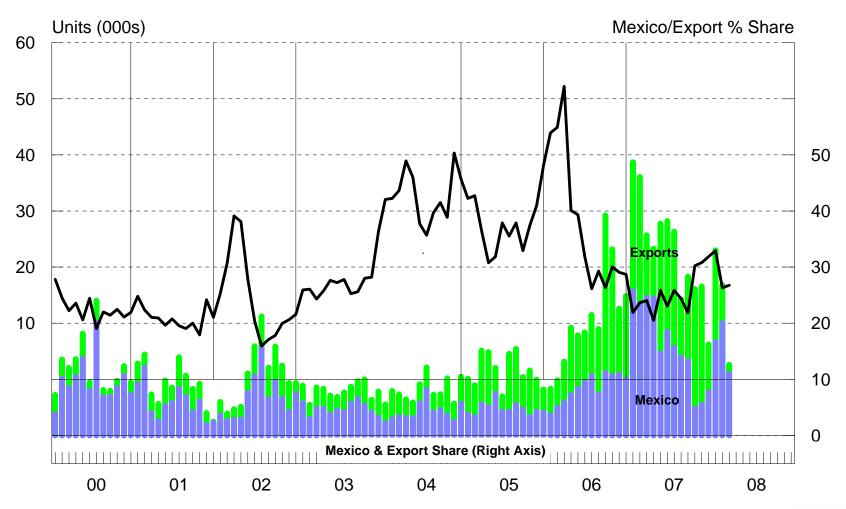
Class 8 Order Distribution

(Data through March 2008, annualized)

Class 8 Orders	U.S. (000s)	Canada (000s)	Mexico (000s)	Exports (000s)	Total (000s)
2007	106.4	19.1	26.9	31.6	184.0
2H'07 (AR)	129.1	26.9	19.7	34.2	210.0
Q4'07 (AR)	156.1	38.1	15.2	42.1	251.7
Q1'08 (AR)	149.7	18.1	35.7	20.4	224.0
Mar. (AR)	153.4	22.4	22.2	3.1	201.1

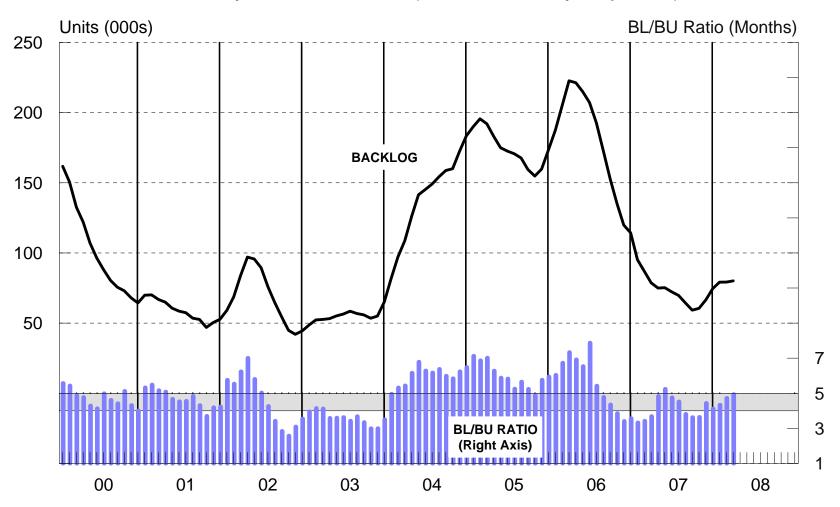


TOTAL CLASS 8: N.A. NET ORDERS



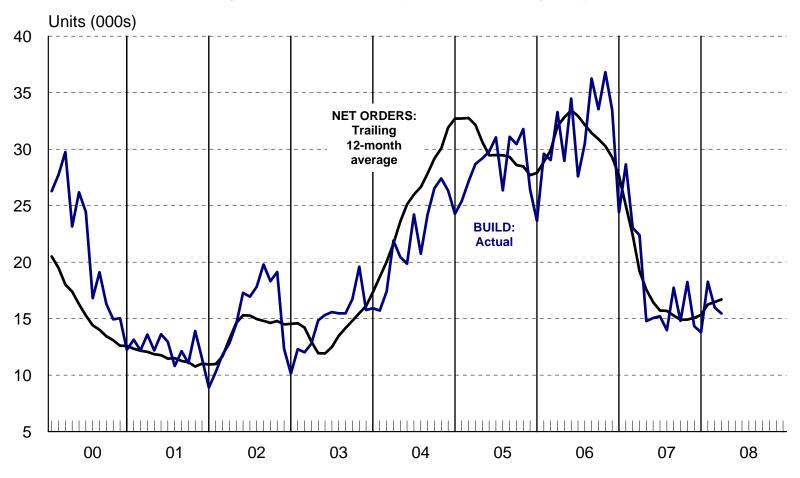


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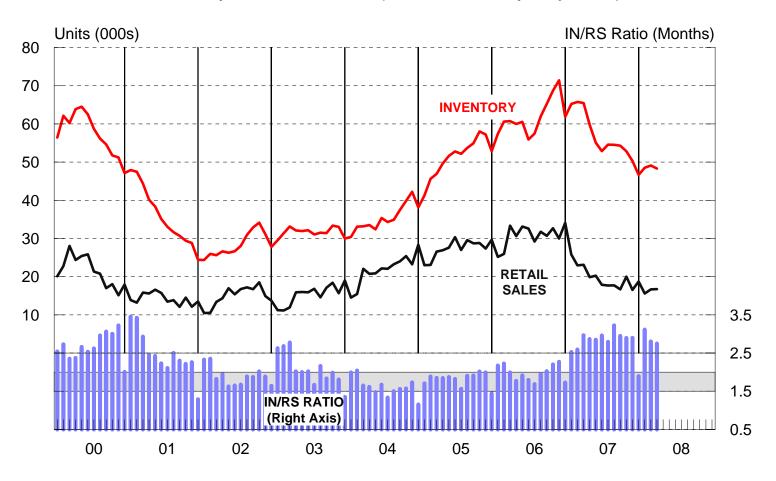


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TOTAL CLASS 8: N.A. INVENTORY/RETAIL SALES RATIO





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 - » Trucks purchased 2004-2006 will be 3-5 years in 2009
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Classes 5-7

- Market not as homogeneous as Class 8
 - 3 Configurations
 - Truck (68%), Bus (18%), RV (14%)
- Due to proximity to home, it is easy for Classes 5-7 customers to defer purchases
 - MD vehicles are not typically profit centers, but costs centers that facilitate core business

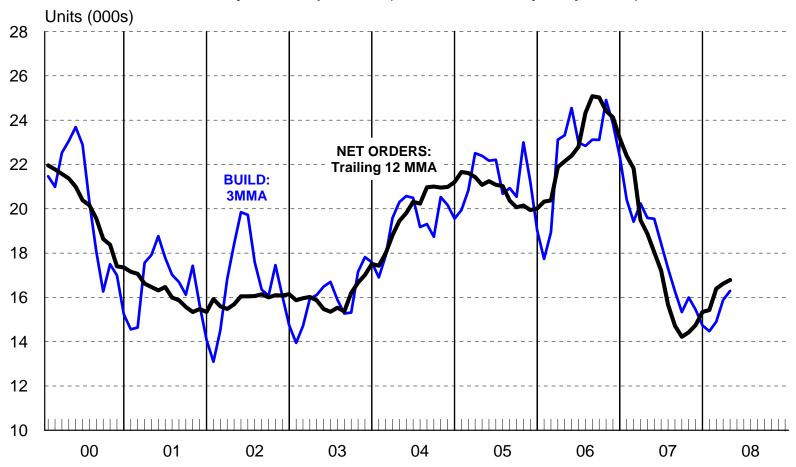


Medium Duty Truck Market Description

- Largest N.A. medium duty segment (68%)
- 16,001 to 33,000 lbs GVW (Classes 5-7)
- 150+ different applications
- Demand drivers
 - Consumer spending drives majority of demand
 - New and used home sales, durable goods orders
 - Business spending, government budget issues

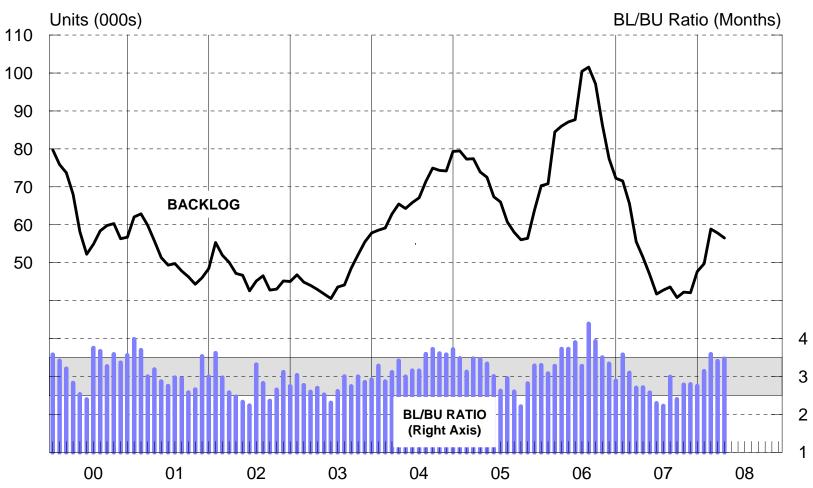


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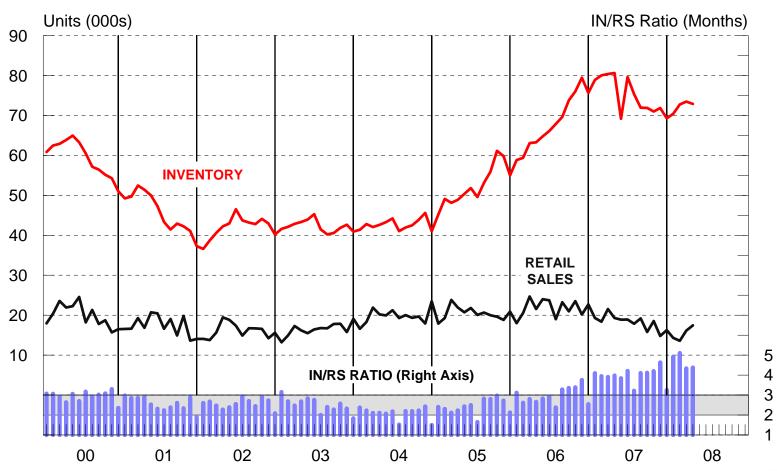


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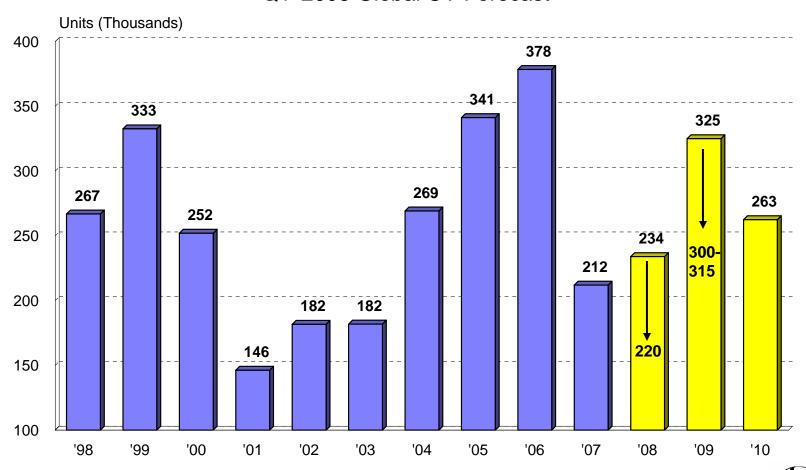
Forecast Notes

- 2008: Forecasts should be close to final
 - Oil prices inject greatest variability
- 2009: Strong y/y growth as fleets right-age equipment ahead of 2010 EPA emissions mandate
 - 2009 in heart of trade cycle for 3 to 5 year-old equipment
 - Dealers expected to build inventories
 - Oil prices diverting \$ from goods to gas since late 2007 have lowered 2009 forecasts
- 2010: Demand fall-off in early, with late order rebound on the way to a stronger 2011
 - Truckers limit purchases early
 - Dealers work-off inventory
 - Equipment exports and improved economy rebalance supplydemand equilibrium



N.A. Class 8 Production

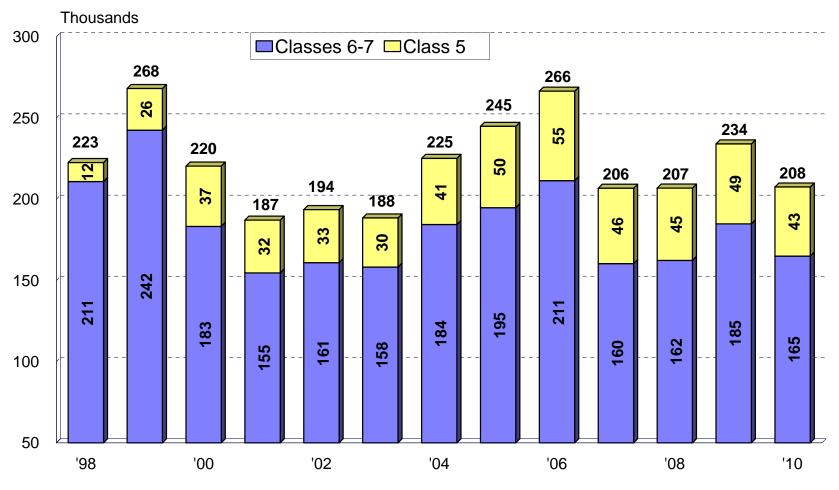
Q1' 2008 Global CV Forecast



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N.A. Classes 5-7 Production

1998-2010





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