

# Medium Duty Market Update

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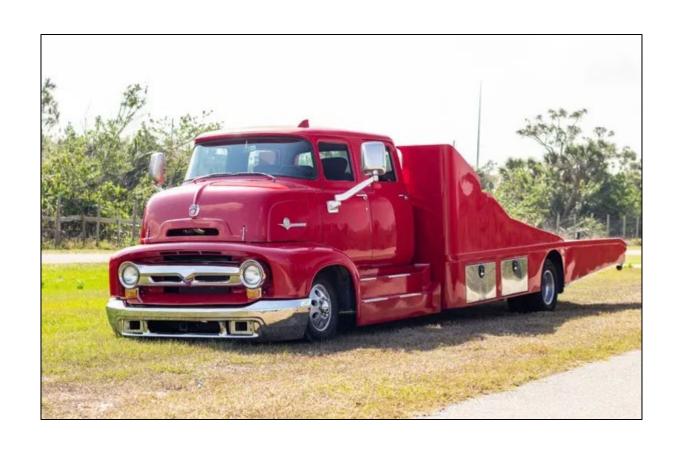
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## Light/Medium Duty Vehicles

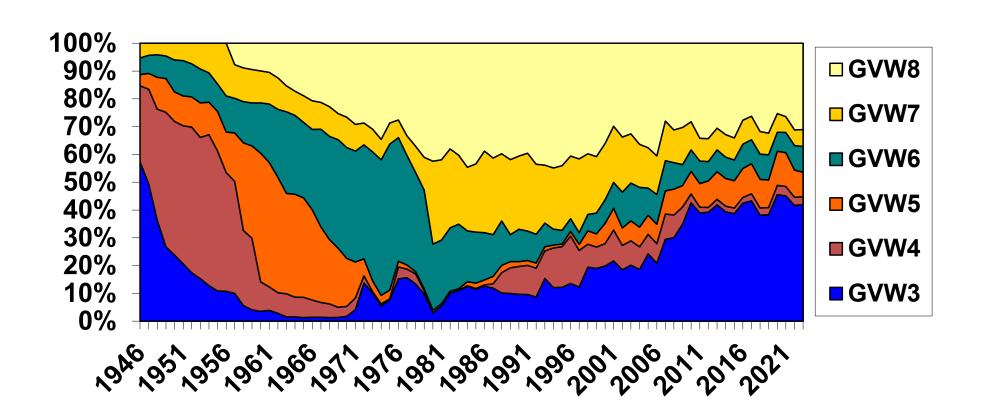
- Defined
- Current Market
- Demand Drivers
- Forecast
- Developments





## US Classes 3-8 Market at a Glance

### **Percent Mix 1946 – YTD 2023**



	YTD Share
CI 3	42.0%
CI 4-7	26.9%
CI 8	31.1%

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CI 3	-214bps						
CI 4-7	- 5bps						
CI 8	+219bps						

YTD Sales Δ							
CI 3	+	4.5%					
CI 4-7	+	9.7%					
CI 8	+	18.2%					



## Light/Medium Duty Vehicles

## **Light Duty**

- Classes 4-5 (2c-5)
- Pickup truck on steroids



## **Medium Duty**

- Classes 6-7
- Morphed down from Class 8





# When I Grow Up...





# The State of MD Vehicles (Current Market)

Takeaway is a market yearning to be in the driver's seat



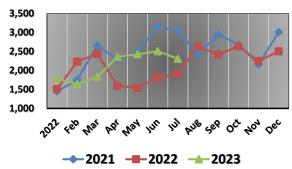
## Class 4

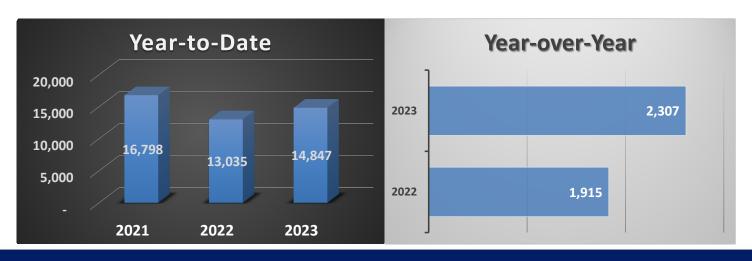


### **Retail Sales Report**

**July 2023** 









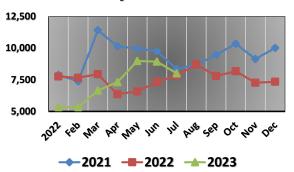
## Class 5



### **Retail Sales Report**

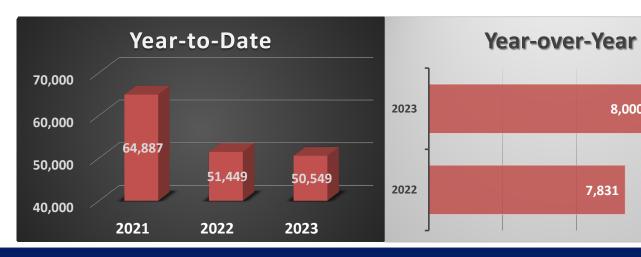
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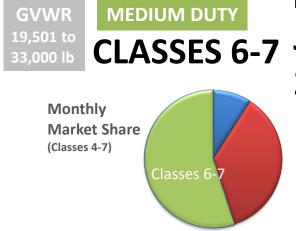
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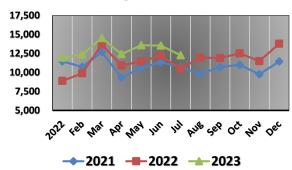
## Classes 6-7



### **Retail Sales Report**

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### **Monthly Sales Trend**







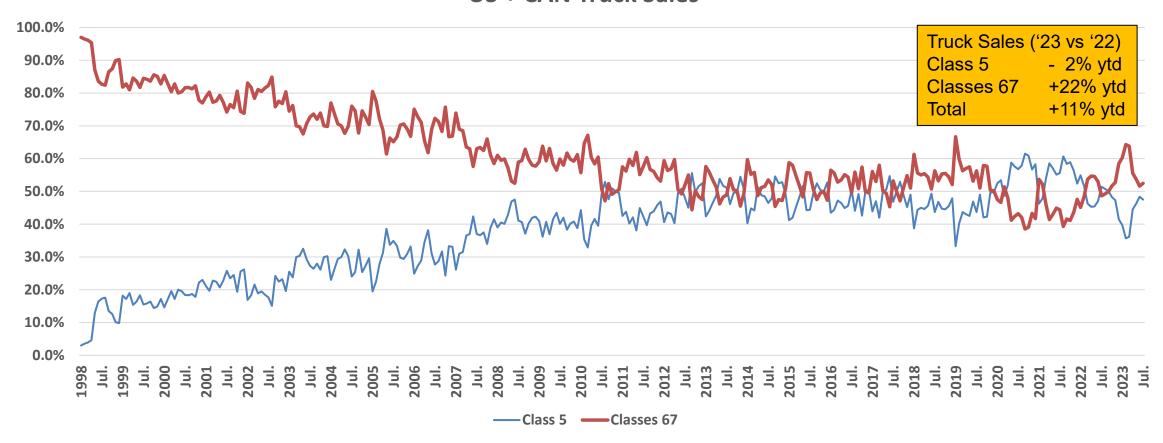
# In Pursuit of Higher Margins

Auto/I	Auto/Light Truck Centric		Medium Truck Centric			Heavy Truck Centric		
Full-size Pick-up	Step Van		Rack	Large Walk-in				
			Bucket	Single Axle Van		Dump	Heavy Conventional	



## Classes 6-7 Trucks Get Much Needed Relief







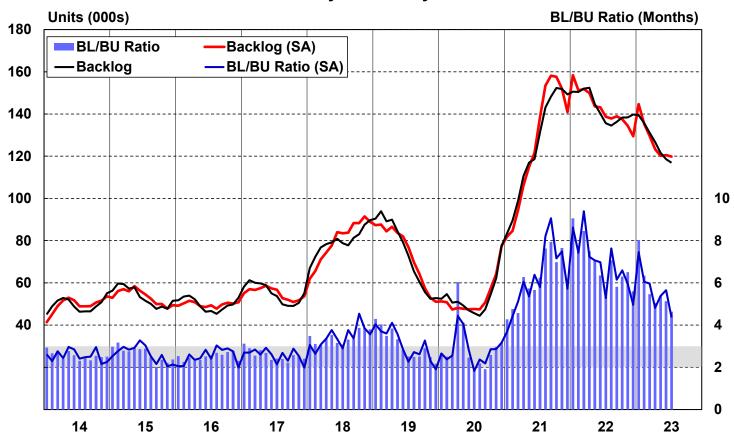
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## Customers Get Some Of Their Ordered Units

### Total Classes 5-7: N.A. Backlog & BL/BU Ratio





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OEMs make incremental progress fulfilling demand in the face of lingering part shortages

Q1'22 - 858 upd

Q2'22 - 1,000 upd

Q3'22 - 1,047 upd

Q4'22 - 1,076 upd

Q1'23 - 1,000 upd

Q2'23 - 1,122 upd

Q3'23 - 1,112 upd\*

Q4'23 – 1,068 upd\*

2022 – 993 upd

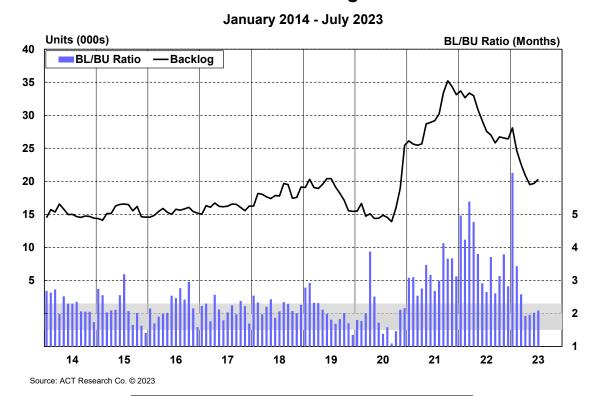
2022 - 1,075 upd

\*Based on OEM build plans

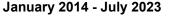


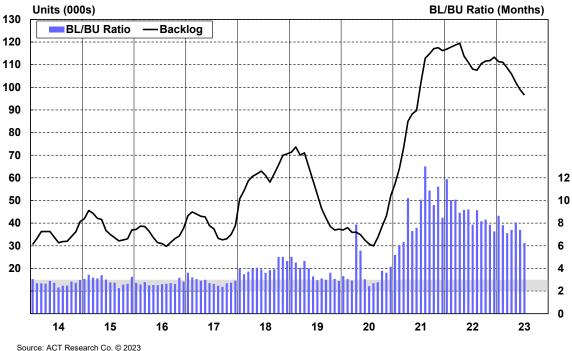
## Stronger Pent-Up Demand for Classes 6-7 Units

#### Total Class 5: N.A. Backlog & BL/BU Ratio



### Total Classes 6-7: N.A. Backlog & BL/BU Ratio





Still more than 2x 40k average

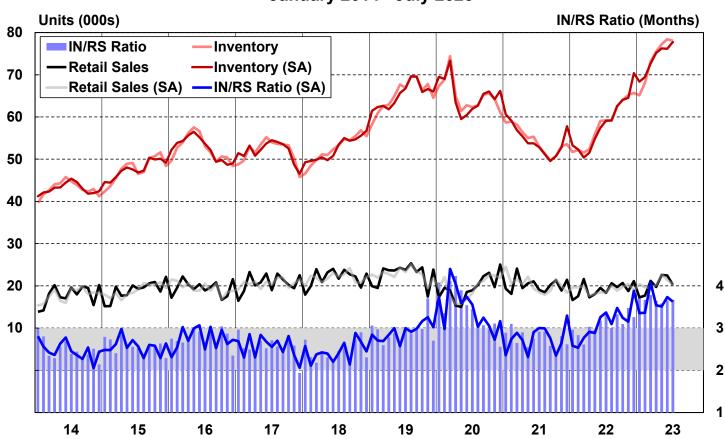
Nearing 15k average



## Inventory Headed the Wrong Direction

### **Total Classes 5-7: N.A. Inventory/Retail Sales Ratio**

**January 2014 - July 2023** 



YTD ('23 vs '22)

Build + 14%
Sales + 9%
Inventory + 32%

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# LD/MD Vehicle Demand Drivers



## Light/Medium Duty Vehicle Demand Drivers

## **Operational**

- Replacement
- 75% of demand in any given period
- Population/Utilization
- Demographics
- Vehicle age
- Resale value

### **Economic**

- Consumer confidence
- ISM
- Manufacturers' new orders
- Unemployment rate/jobs creation
- Retail sales
- Housing starts/permits (70% R²)
- Existing/new home sales (60-70% R<sup>2</sup>)
- Nonresidential construction
- Inflation (CPI)
- GDP
- Light auto and truck sales (70% R²)



## **US LD/MD Fleet Statistics**

	Classes 4-5	Classes 6-7
Replacement	90,000 (near all-time peak)	130,000 (off cyclical peak)
Population	1,035,000 (growing)	1,330,000 (growing)
Average Age	5.1 years (poised to rise)	5.6 years (poised to rise)
Resale Value	\$26,300 (falling)	\$45,500 (falling)



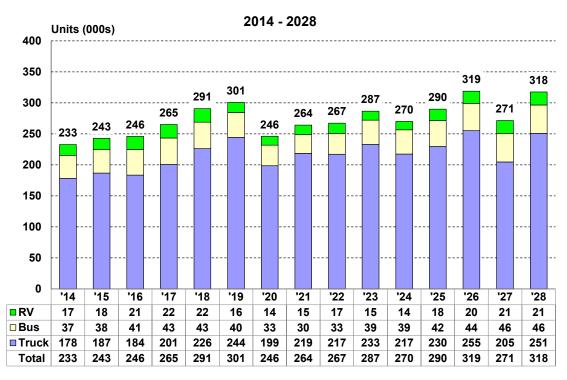
# The Future of LD/MD Vehicles (Forecast)

Takeaway is a broadly diverse market with relatively stable outlook



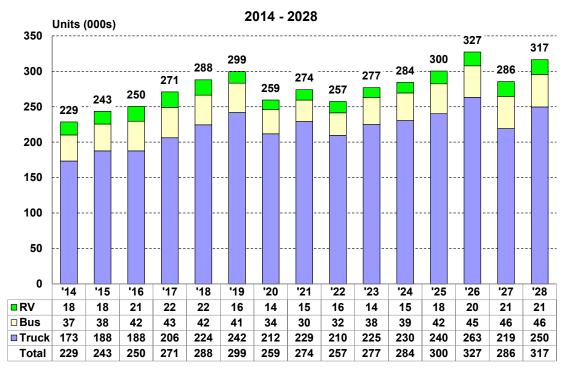
## Paul Pays Peter Back

#### N.A. Classes 4-7 Production



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N.A. Classes 4-7 Retail Sales



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# 2023 Micro Forecast (RS)

## Class 5

	US	CAN	MEX	EXP	NA
Truck	80.7	5.9	0.8	0.1	87.5
Bus	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.4
RV	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5
Total	84.2	5.9	1.2	0.1	91.4

### Classes 6-7

	US	CAN	MEX	EXP	NA
Truck	99.3	5.1	3.0	0.4	107.8
Bus	31.0	2.0	4.6	0.1	37.7
RV	10.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.5
Total	140.8	7.1	7.6	0.5	156.0

## Class 4

	US	CAN	MEX	EXP	NA
Truck	24.7	2.1	2.1	0.7	29.6





# 2023 Micro Forecast (BU)

Class 5

	US	CAN	MEX	EXP	NA
Truck	87.4	6.6	0.3	0.1	94.4
Bus	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.4
RV	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.1
Total	91.5	6.6	0.7	0.1	98.9

Classes 6-7

	US	CAN	MEX	EXP	NA
Truck	102.6	4.6	3.8	0.4	111.4
Bus	32.3	1.8	4.7	0.1	38.9
RV	10.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.4
Total	145.3	6.4	8.5	0.5	160.7

## Class 4

	US	CAN	MEX	EXP	NA
Truck	22.2	2.1	2.1	0.7	27.1





# 2024 Micro Forecast (RS)

## Class 5

	US	CAN	MEX	EXP	NA
Truck	81.6	6.6	0.9	0.1	89.2
Bus	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.4
RV	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7
Total	85.3	6.6	1.3	0.1	93.3

## Classes 6-7

	US	CAN	MEX	EXP	NA
Truck	100.4	5.7	3.4	0.4	109.9
Bus	31.1	3.1	4.3	0.1	38.6
RV	11.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.3
Total	142.8	8.8	7.7	0.5	159.8

## Class 4

	US	CAN	MEX	EXP	NA
Truck	26.1	2.2	2.2	0.8	31.3





# 2024 Micro Forecast (BU)

Class 5

	US	CAN	MEX	EXP	NA
Truck	79.9	6.6	0.3	0.1	86.9
Bus	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3
RV	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9
Total	83.8	6.6	0.6	0.1	91.1

Classes 6-7

	US	CAN	MEX	EXP	NA
Truck	93.7	4.5	3.9	0.4	102.5
Bus	30.6	3.7	4.3	0.1	38.7
RV	9.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.7
Total	134.0	8.2	8.2	0.5	150.9

Class 4

	US	CAN	MEX	EXP	NA
Truck	22.9	2.2	2.2	0.8	28.1





# LD/MD Vehicle Developments



## Revolutionary Change at an Evolutionary Pace











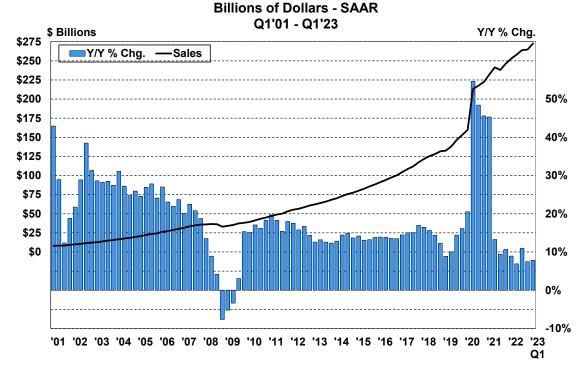




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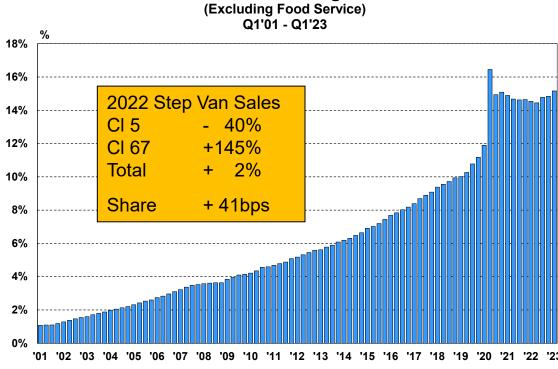
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#### **Total E-Commerce Retail Sales**



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### E-Commerce as a Percentage of Retail Sales



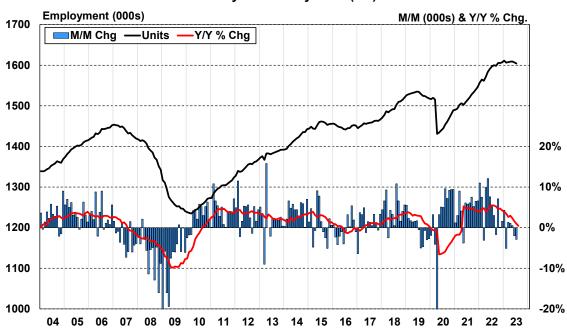
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# Fleets Shifting Operating Models

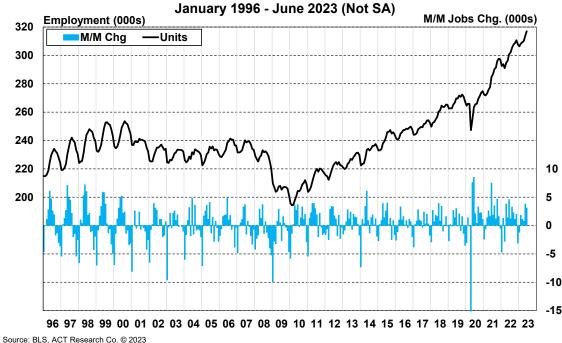
### **Truck Transportation Employment**

January 2004 - July 2023 (SA)



### **Truck Transportation Employment**

General Freight Trucking: Local





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## Commercially Available CEVs

### 131 Models from 41 OEMs

- 71 buses (19)
- 37 straight trucks (20)
- 11 vans/step vans (7)
- 12 tractors/yard spotter (11)

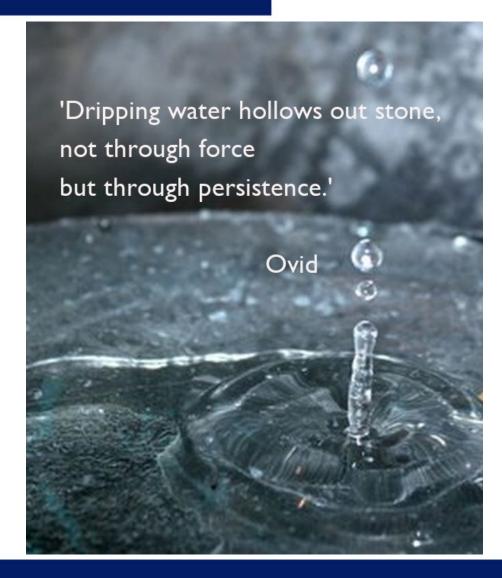


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## NA Medium-Duty Market Recap

- As Heterogenous As Class 8 Is Homogenous
- Supply-Chain Constraints Linger
- MD Demand = Replacement + Economic Growth
- Forecast: Slow Growth Over Time
- Technology Is <u>SLOWLY</u> Changing the Market





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