

Heavy CV Market Outlook

Advantage Shippers

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Vehicle Demand Talking Points

• Trailers

- Small near-term support into 2024 from nearly consumed pent-up demand
- Reefers: Sharp rise in replacements through long-term horizon
- '27 tractor prebuy hangover should divert capex to trailer market

Class 8

- Pent-up tractor demand consumed in 2023
- CARB prebuying/stocking into YE2023 adds drag on 2024
- OEMs encouraging customers to think about <u>expensive EPA</u> mandate coming in 2027

• Misc.

- Labor strategy induced drag: OEMs, suppliers, and truckers are <u>holding onto employees</u>
 - Potential for higher than typical trough volumes
- Supply chain: Industry production remains top-side constrained
 - The cure for high prices
- Carrier profits drive demand. Profitability lags the freight cycle.
 - Weak freight in 2023. Profits at low-ebb in 2H'23/1Q'24

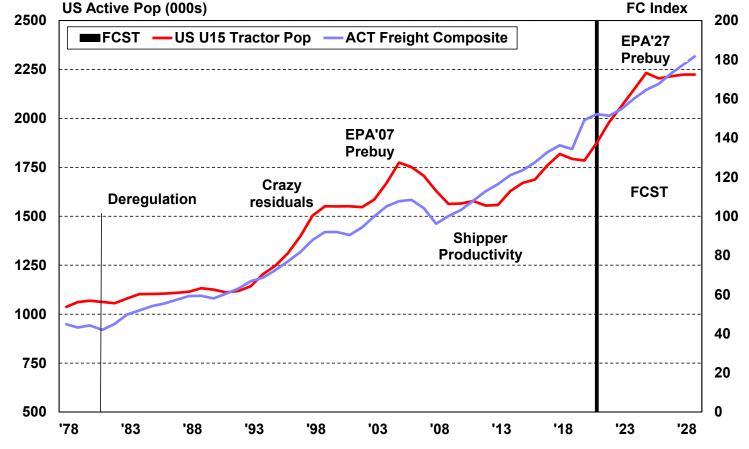


C8 & Trailer 2024 volumes dependent on upcoming order season

Symbiotic Relationship

Class 8 Active Tractor Pop & ACT Freight Composite

1978 - 2030



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ECONOMICS



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Economic Outlook

- US economy beats consensus, achieves soft landing (?), modest growth likely from here
 - Consumers and businesses enjoy strong balance sheets
 - Strong positive RDPI
 - Strong corporate cashflow
 - Late innings of inventory destock
- Reshoring
 - Construction (now), manufacturing (gradually) = increased domestic demand
- Demographics:
 - Boomer wealth transfer
 - Millennials in peak spending years
 - Tight labor supply = labor inflation risk



A Very Soft Landing

	2021	2022	2023f	2024f	2025f	2026f	2027f	2028f
Economy (Y/Y % Δ)								
GDP	5.9%	2.1	<mark>2.3</mark>	2.2	2.2	2.0	1.3	2.1
ACT Freight Comp	11.1%	2.0	<mark>-0.5</mark>	<mark>2.3</mark>	<mark>3.4</mark>	<mark>3.0</mark>	1.8	3.2
Rates (Y/Y % Δ, net fuel)								
DAT TL Spot	30%	-12	<mark>-18</mark>	<mark>21</mark>	8			
DAT TL Contract	21%	6	<mark>-12</mark>	<mark>2</mark>	<mark>10</mark>			



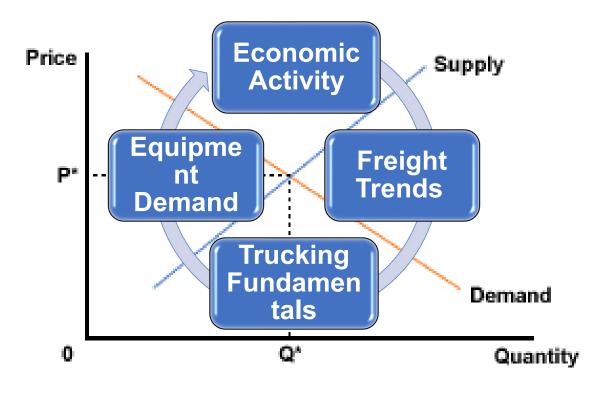
FREIGHT



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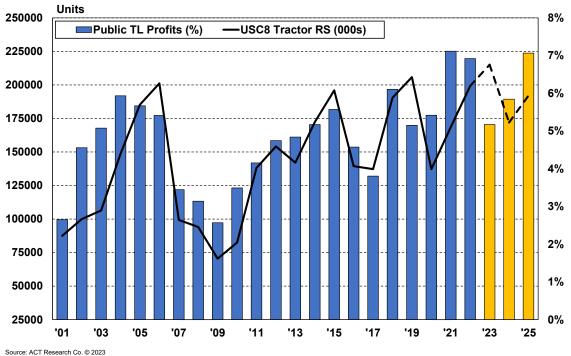
Rinse, Wash, Repeat

History doesn't repeat itself, but the freight cycle rhymes



U.S. Class 8 Tractor RS & Carrier Profits

2001 - 2025

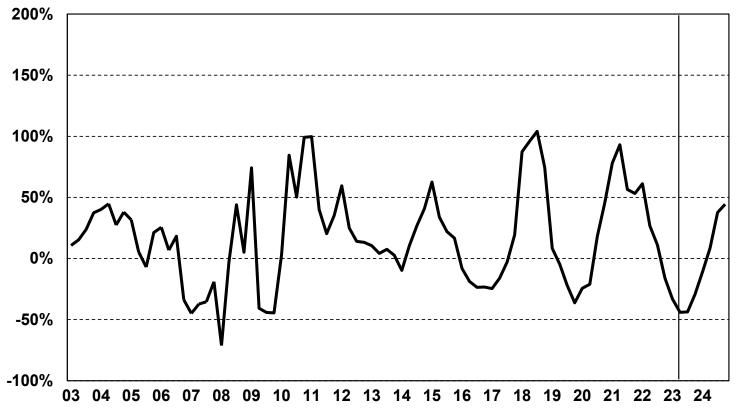




Carrier Profits and HD Demand

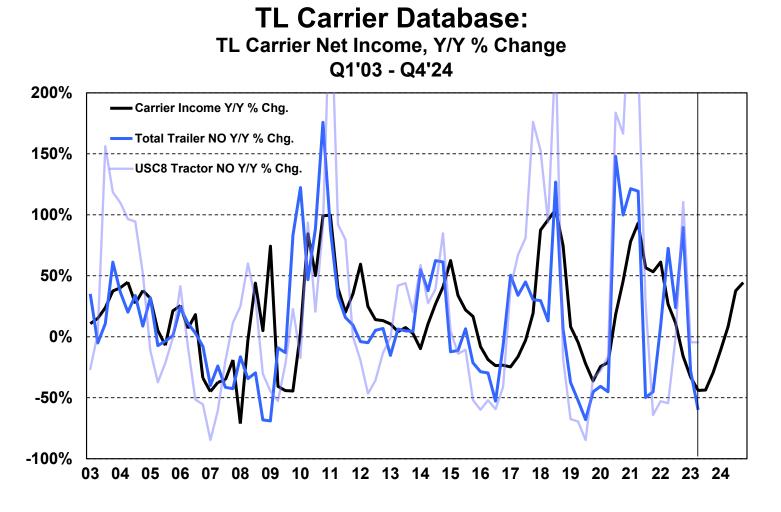
TL Carrier Database: TL Carrier Net Income, Y/Y % Change

Q1'03 - Q4'24



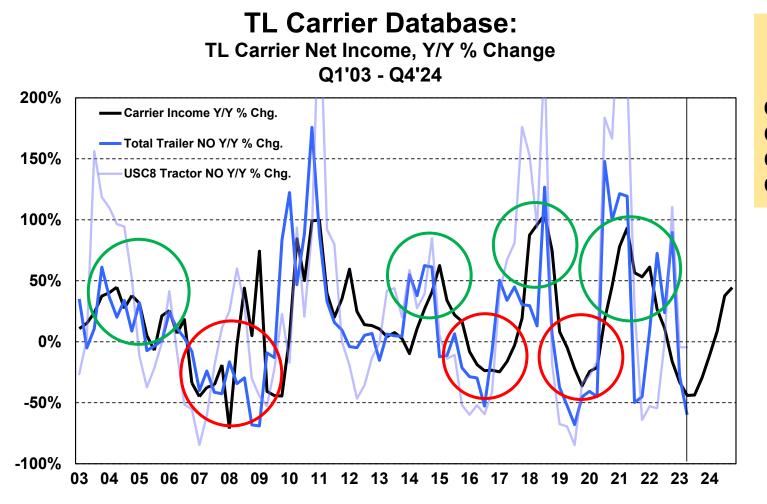


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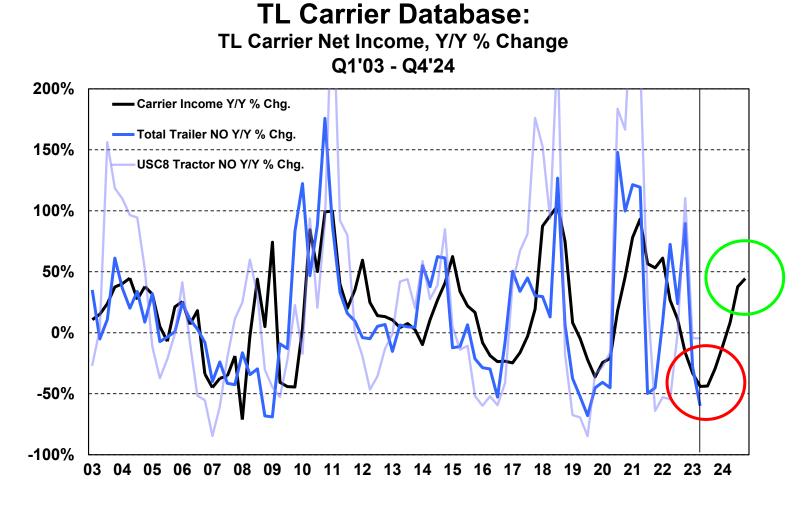
Carrier Profit Margins						
Peaks (Qs)	Troughs (Qs)					
Q2'03-Q3'06 (14)	Q4'06-Q4'09 (13)					
Q2'14-Q4'15 (6)	Q1'16-'Q3'17 (7)					
Q2'18-Q3'19 (6)	Q4'19-Q2'20 (3)					
Q3'20-Q1'23 (11)	Q2'23 -					

Down markets clear excess capacity

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On the Bottom



TL CarriersNet Income:Q2 Actual:-44% y/yQ3'23f-44%Q4'23f-29%Q1'24f-11%Q2'24f+ 9%Q3'24f+38%Q4'24f+42%

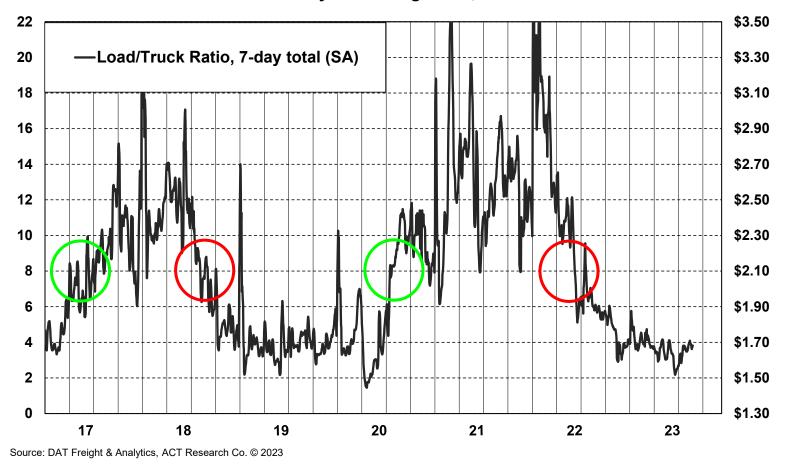
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Supply-Demand Balance Drives Rates

DAT Load/Truck Ratio & Spot Rate

January 2017 - August 17, 2023



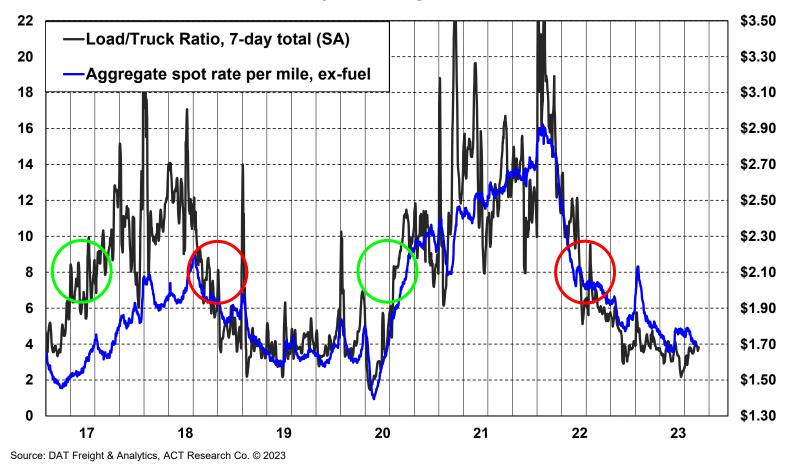
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1 ratio point = ~10¢ in rate

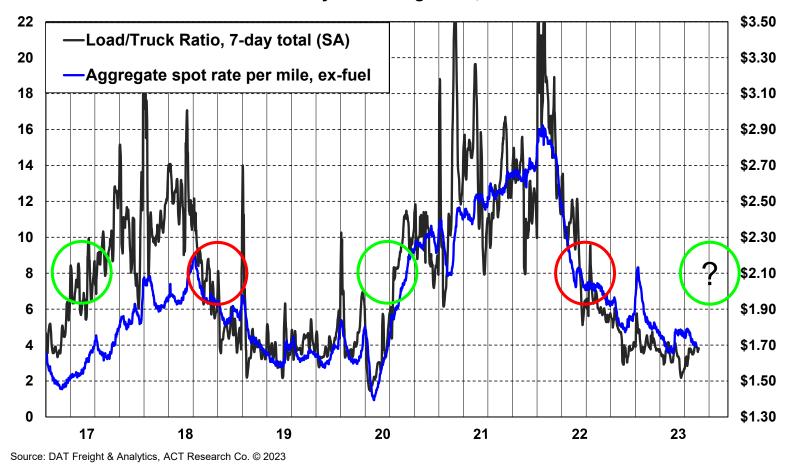
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USC8 Tractor Order Season (Q4+Q1) / (Q4+Q1) Current Next y/y y/y						
Q2'17	+58%	+37%				
Q3'18	+37%*	-30%				
Q3'20	+8%	+111%				
Q2'22	+22%*	???				

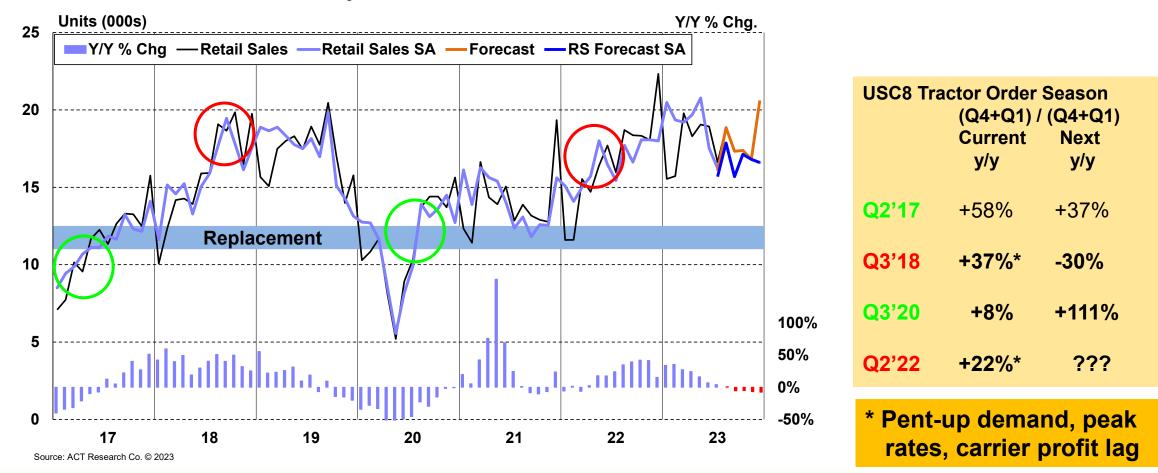
* Pent-up demand, peak rates, carrier profit lag



Capacity Lags the Cycle

U.S. Class 8 Tractors: Retail Sales

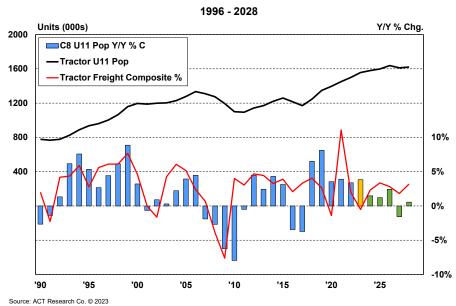
January 2017 - December 2023





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Onboarding Overcapacity



January 2000 - December 2024F Fleet Utilization (%) August '23 Update (Q2/July '23 Actual) 100% FCST -Driver Capacity Effect **98%** -Fleet Capacity Utilization 96% 94% 92% 90% 88% 86% 84% 82% 80% '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24

U.S. Class 8

Implied Tractor Fleet Utilization Rate

U.S. Class 8 Tractors/Artics: U11 Active Population

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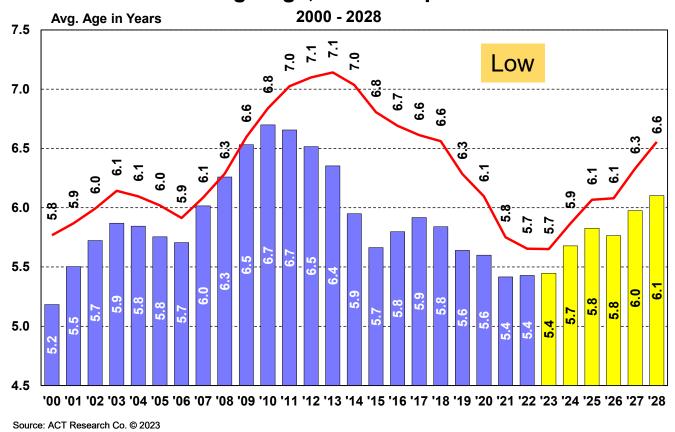
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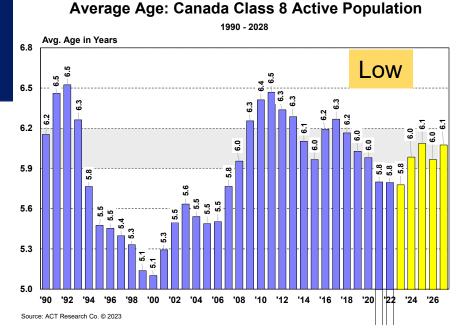


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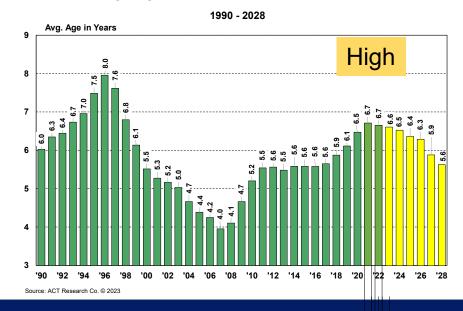
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U.S. Class 8 Population Model Outputs: Average Age, Active Population





Average Age: Mexico Class 8 Active Population

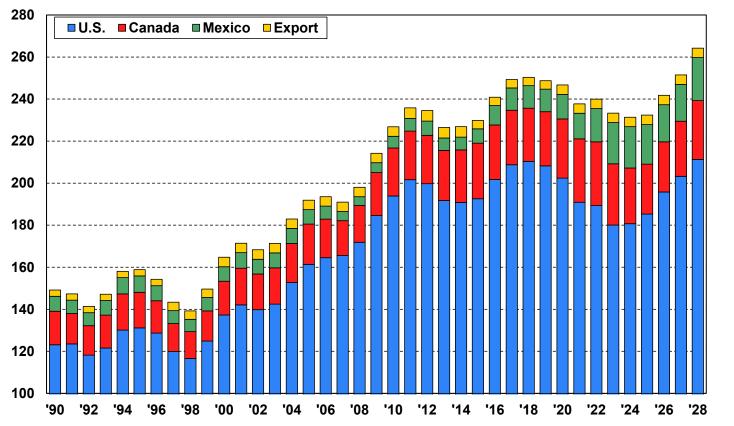




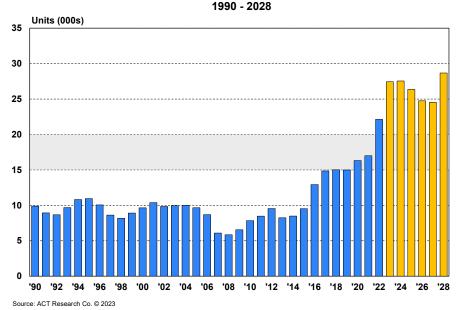
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Replacement: NA Class 8 Active Stock

1990 - 2028







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Pent-Up Demand Analysis: Class 8 Tractor

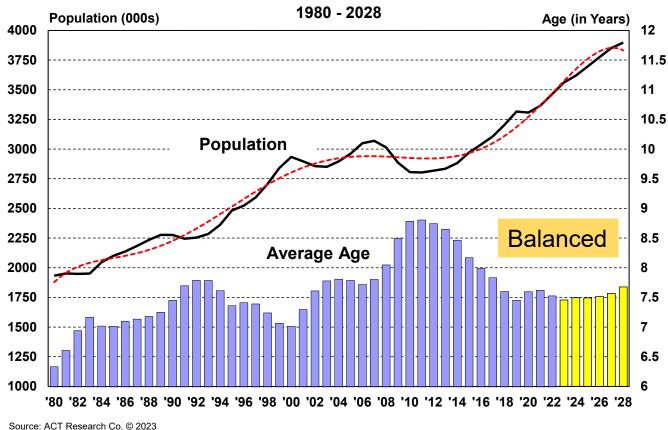
Pent Up U.S. Tractor Demand: 2022		Pent Up U.S. Tractor Demand: 2023		Pent Up U.S. Tractor Demand: 2024	
Pent-up demand 01-01-2022	110,000	Pent-up demand 01-01-2023	85,500	Pent-up demand 01-01-2024	1,700
ACT Tractor Freight Composite	1.96%	ACT Tractor Freight Composite	-0.54%	ACT Tractor Freight Composite	2.26%
Units per ppt of activity	5,000	Units per ppt of activity	5,000	Units per ppt of activity	5,000
Demand due to freight growth	9,800	Demand due to freight growth	(2,700)	Demand due to freight growth	11,300
Other demand factors*	20,000	Other demand factors*	(10,000)	Other demand factors*	15,000
Replacement Demand	145,000	Replacement Demand	144,000	Replacement Demand	143,000
Modeled Demand (Replacement + Freight)	174,800	Modeled Demand (Replacement + Freight)	131,300	Modeled Demand (Replacement + Freight)	169,300
Actual Retail Sales	199,300	Actual/Forecast Retail Sales	215,100	Actual/Forecast Retail Sales	169,500
Pent-up demand impact	(24,500)	Pent-up demand impact	(83,800)	Pent-up demand impact	(200)
Year-ending pent-up demand	85,500	Year-ending pent-up demand	1,700	Year-ending pent-up demand	1,500

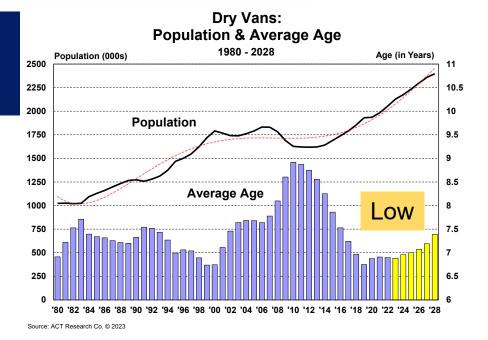
Other demand factors include carrier profits, used equipement values and productivity impacts

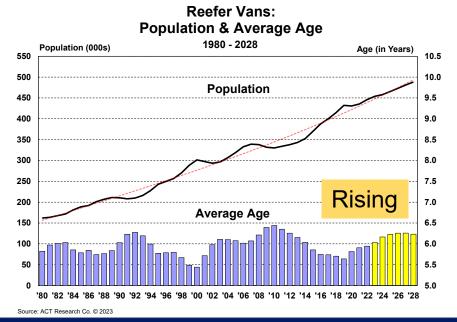


Pop Model Outputs: Trailer

Total Trailers: Population & Average Age

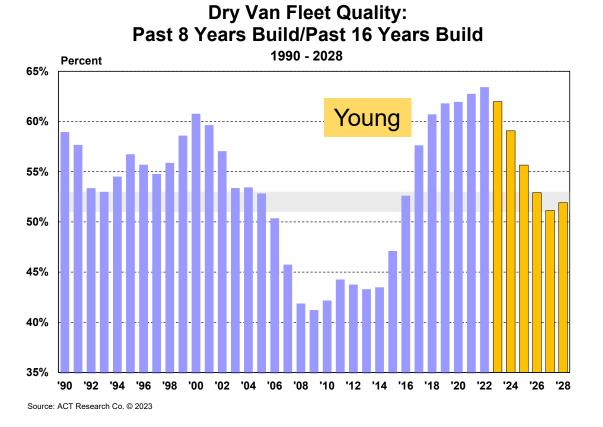








Pop Model Outputs: Trailer



Old

Reefer Vans: Past 7 Years Build/Past 14 Years Build

1990 - 2030

Fleet age supportive to the forecast upside as FSMA demand surge ('14-18) ages out

'04 '06

'08 '10 '12 '14 '16 '18 '20 '22 '24



Percent

62%

60%

58%

56%

54%

52%

50%

48%

46%

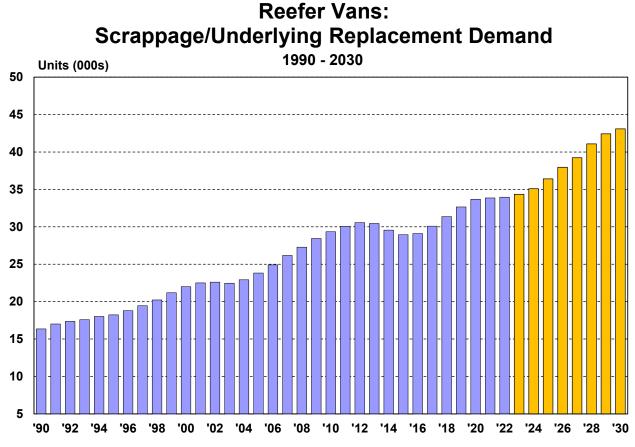
44%

'90 '92 '94 '96 '98 '00 '02

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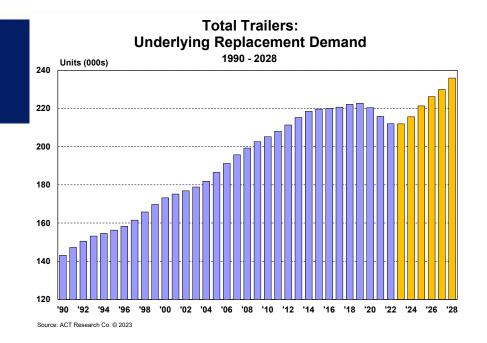
'26 '28 '30

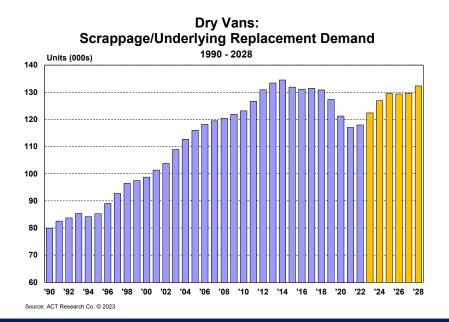
Pop Model Outputs: Trailer



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Very supportive underlying fundamentals as FSMA demand surge ages out







Pop Model Outputs: Dry Van:C8 Tractor Ratio

U.S. Dry Vans to Adjusted Tractor Population

Dry Vans Per Tractor 3.4 3.3 3.2 3.1 3.0 2.9 2.8 2.7 2.6 2.5 2.4 '90 '18 '20 '22 '24 '26 '28 '00 '02 '06 '08 '10 '12 '14 '16 '04

1990 - 2028

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"Power-only brokerage"

Fleets plan on deploying drop &

hook into spot market freight

Ratio bump in '27 stems for

lopsided deployment of capital

towards trailers post-EPA'27

Pent-Up Demand Analysis: Dry Van

Pent Up U.S. Van Demand: 2022		Pent Up U.S. Van Demand: 2023		Pent Up U.S. Van Demand: 2024		
Pent-up demand 01-01-2022	135,000	Pent-up demand 01-01-2023	117,580	Pent-up demand 01-01-2024	14,700	
ACT Dry Van Freight Composite	5.18%	ACT Dry Van Freight Composite	-3.43%	ACT Dry Van Freight Composite	0.90%	
Units per ppt of activity	6,000	Units per ppt of activity	6,000	Units per ppt of activity	6,000	
Demand due to freight growth	31,080	Demand due to freight growth	(20,580)	Demand due to freight growth	5,400	
TRLR:TK Ratio Change (1bp = 7.3k)	21,900	TRLR:TK Ratio Change (1bp = 7.3k)	(7,300)	TRLR:TK Ratio Change (1bp = 7.3k)	14,600	
Replacement Demand	118,000	Replacement Demand	122,000	Replacement Demand	127,000	
Modeled Demand (Replacement + Freight)	170,980	Modeled Demand (Replacement + Freight)	94,120	Modeled Demand (Replacement + Freight)	147,000	
Actual Retail Sales	188,400	Actual/Forecast Retail Sales	197,000	Actual/Forecast Retail Sales	173,600	
Pent-up demand impact	(17,420)	Pent-up demand impact	(102,880)	Pent-up demand impact	(26,600)	
Year-ending pent-up demand	117,580	Year-ending pent-up demand	14,700	Year-ending pent-up demand	(11,900)	



Pent-Up Demand Analysis: Reefer Van

Pent Up U.S. Reefer Van Demand: 2022	
Pent-up demand 01-01-2022	16,500
ACT Reefer Van Freight Composite	5.65%
Units per ppt of activity Demand due to freight growth	2,000 11,300
Replacement Demand	34,000
Modeled Demand (Replacement + Freight)	45,300
Actual Production	44,300
Pent-up demand impact	1,000
Year-ending pent-up demand	17,500

Pent Up U.S. Reefer Van Demand: 2023	
Pent-up demand 01-01-2023	17,500
ACT Reefer Van Freight Composite	-4.04%
Units per ppt of activity	2,000
Demand due to freight growth	(8,080)
Replacement Demand	34,500
Modeled Demand (Replacement + Freight)	26,420
Actual/Forecast Production	42,500
Pent-up demand impact	(16,080)
Year-ending pent-up demand	1,420

Pent Up U.S. Reefer Van Demand: 2024	
Pent-up demand 01-01-2024	1,420
ACT Reefer Van Freight Composite	1.95%
Units per ppt of activity	2,000
Demand due to freight growth	3,900
Replacement Demand	35,100
Modeled Demand (Replacement + Freight)	39,000
Actual/Forecast Production	41,000
Pent-up demand impact	(2,000
Year-ending pent-up demand	(580



TRAILERS



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CURRENT STATE OF THE INDUSTRY: AGGREGATE

Our key takeaway from July's data remains the same as in June: The clouds on the horizon bear watching, while simultaneously recognizing this is the seasonally weakest time of the year for forward-looking metrics.



OEM DISCUSSIONS: JULY & AUGUST



Step Right Up

- Softening Demand
- Cautiously Optimistic about '24
- Supply Normalizing
- Contingency Management
- Building Supply Resiliency
- Build Improving
- > 2023 Build Slots Full
- > 2024 Order Books Opening
- Cancels Moderating



OEM DISCUSSIONS: APRIL RECAP

Weathering the Storm

- Strong DemandSupply Constraints
- Bottlenecks Easing
- Build Improving

- Closed Orderboards
- Cancel Opportunities







CURRENT STATE OF THE INDUSTRY: AGGREGATE

Total Trailers							
Category	Ac	tual	Seasonally Adj.				
categoly	Jul-23	Jul-23 Last 13 Mo		Last 13 Mo			
Backlog	157,303	\rangle	173,046	\sim			
Build	24,669	\sim	25,003	$\sim\sim$			
Inventory	32,456	~~~	29,286	\sim			
New Orders	12,917	\sim	19,730	\sim			
Cancellations	2,743	~~~	3,063	\sim			
Net Orders	10,174	\sim	15,687	\sim			
Shipments	24,564	\sim	25,340	\sim			

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Demand Softening

- > Seasonal Slowing
- Some '24 Books Open
- Build Strong
- Backlogs Lower
- Inventory Higher
- Cancellations Elevated



US TRAILER ACTIVITY: AT A GLANCE Y/Y

Then (Jul '22)

1H'23 Books Full

BL/BU 7.6 / SA 8.4

Cancels Virtually Nonexistent 0.7%

Now (Jul '23)

~30% 1H'24 Open, ~17% 2H'24 Open

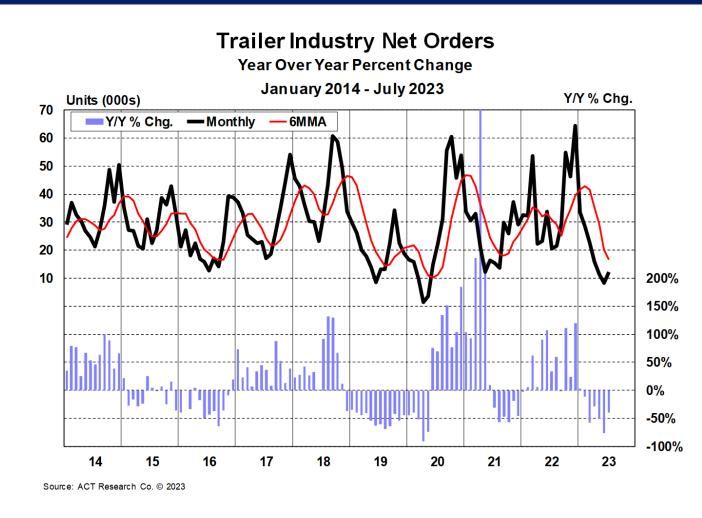
BL/BU 6.4 / SA 6.9

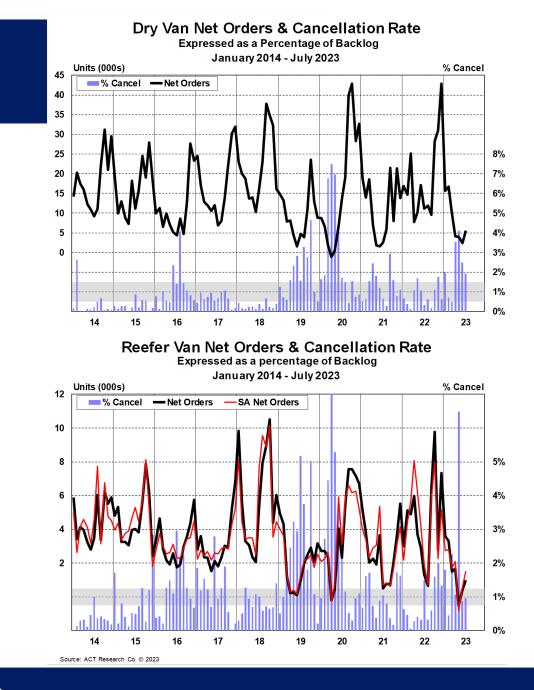
Cancels Grabbing Headlines 1.7% (+)

July 2023	Dry Van	Reefers	Flatbed	Dump	Liq Tank	Bulk Tank
Backlog	-15%	-21%	-15%	-16%	+1%	+42%
Build	+11%	+4%	-15%	-3%	+10%	+17%
Inventory	+28%	-6%	+23%	+1%	+3%	+3%
New Orders	-36%	-33%	-41%	-8%	-32%	-40%
Cancel (% of BL)	1.9%	1.0%	3.8%	0.8%	0.9%	0.7%
Net Orders	-51%	-27%	-55%	-4%	-39%	-43%
Shipments	+18%	+1%	-12%	-1%	+13%	+14%



Trailer Orders

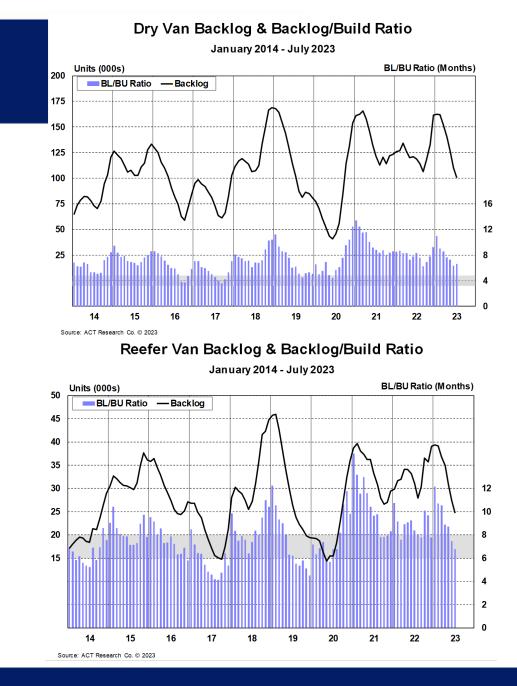




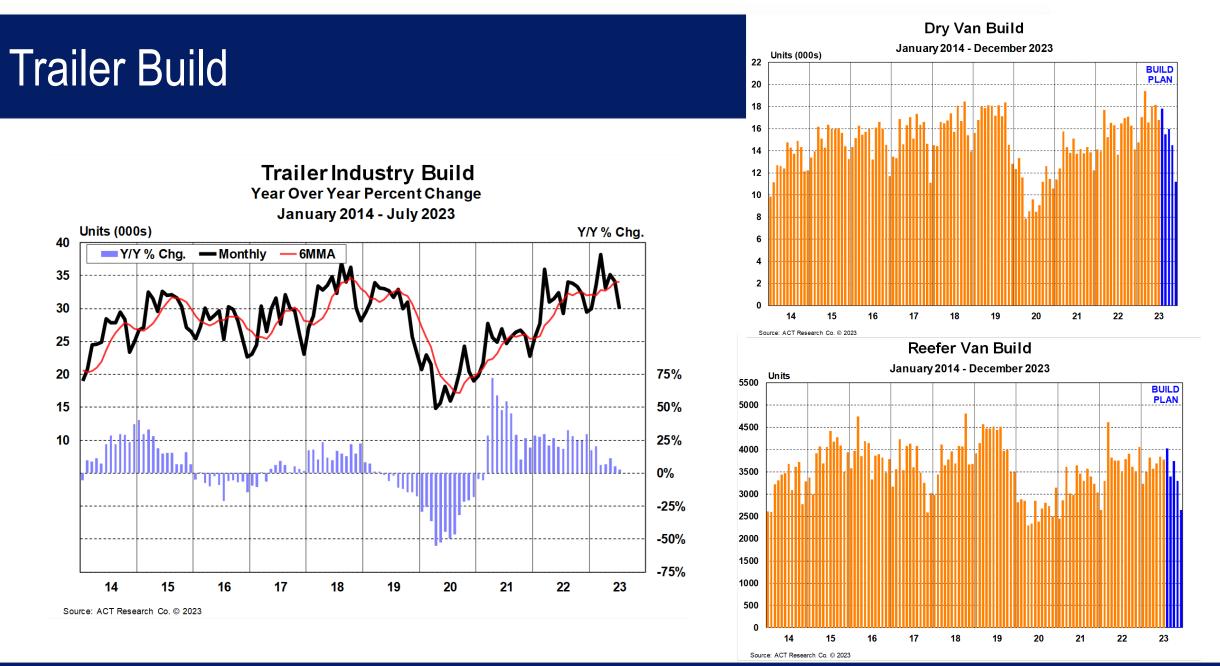


Trailer Backlogs

Total Trailers Backlog & Backlog/Build Ratio January 2014 - July 2023 **BL/BU Ratio (Months)** Units (000s) -Backlog Backlog SA **BL/BU** Ratio Λ Source: ACT Research Co. © 2023









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Very Soft Landing

	2021	2022	2023f	2024f	2025f	2026f	2027f	2028f
Production (000s)								
US Trailer	268k	308	313	280	304	309	309	290
ΥΥ%Δ	30%	15%	1%	-10%	8%	2%	0%	-6%
Dry Van	165.1	188.4	197.0	173.6	190.0	192.5	190.0	170.0
ΥΥ%Δ	30%	14%	5%	-12%	9%	1%	-1%	-11%
Reefer Van	38.6	44.3	42.5	39.0	44.0	45.7	47.0	48.4
ΥΥ%Δ	20%	15%	-4%	-8%	13%	4%	3%	3%
Flats	23.6	29.4	26.5	24.5	25.0	26.0	26.0	25.0
ΥΥ%Δ	65%	24%	-10%	-8%	2%	4%	0%	5%
US Total Axled	298	376	375	319	351	355	352	336
ΥΥ%Δ	29%	26%	-0%	-15%	10%	1%	-1%	-5%



CURRENT STATE OF THE TRAILER INDUSTRY: SUMMARY

- 2024 Demand
 - > Order season dependent
 - Cancellations should moderate from here
 - Backlogs: Still elevated, but need filling
 - Builds: Build rates still improving
 - Inventories: Elevated
- Supply Chain
 - Materials and Commodities: Lumpy
 - Disruptions: Fewer
 - Labor: Better
 - Cost Pressures: Easing





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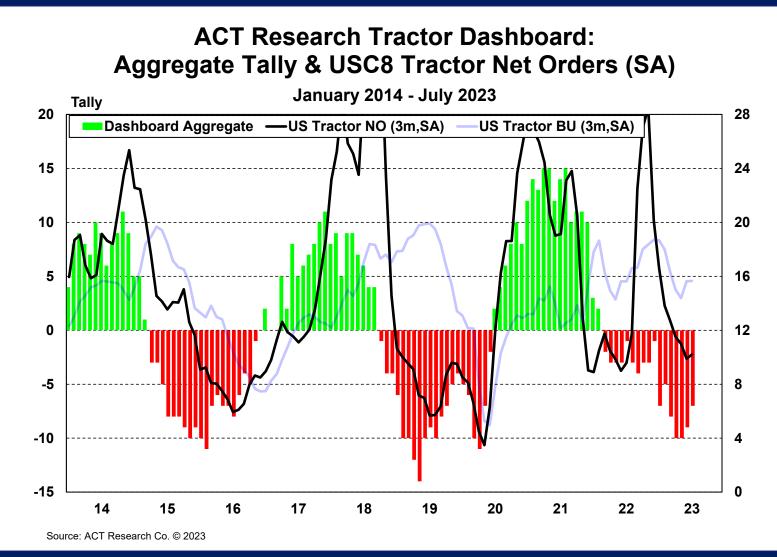
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Heavy-Duty Overview

Market supports in 2023: carrier \$, pent-up demand, CARB pull	 Topside supply constraints persist Pent-up demand largely sated by YE2023 Falling carrier profits through Q1'24 Class 8: Potential prebuying ahead of CARB Clean Truck
Coming downturn: Unavoidable, healthy, shallow	 Relatively lean inventory dampens end-of-cycle headwinds Less-than-usual carrier overbuying, but overbuying Trough profitability for carriers higher OEMs already pushing EPA 2027 narrative to fleets
Regulations will shape current 5-year cycle	 CARB Clean Truck (Jan. '24) EPA'27: High \$ mandate, alignment of willingness and ability create the potential for a record market in '26 Reefer: '14-'16 "FSMA" bubble drives replacements higher



Dashboard Analysis



Pandemic supply-chain issues have broken the linkage between the Dashboard and orders.

The relationship should re-exert itself as pent-up demand dissipates.



Full '23 BL and Unopened '24s = Weak Orders

Class 8 Tractor: N.A. Net Orders

January 2014 - July 2023



Class 8 Straight Truck with Day Cab: N.A. Net Orders

January 2014 - July 2023





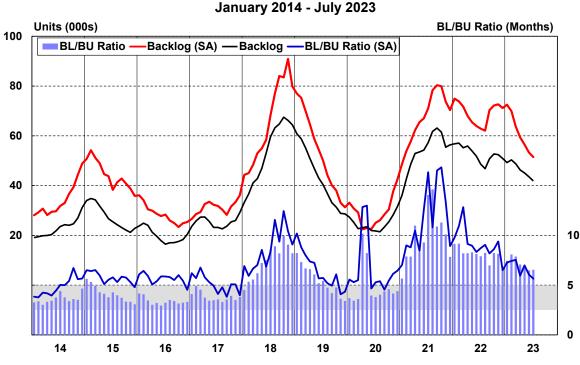
Waiting for 2024 Opening

Class 8 Tractor: N.A. Backlog & BL/BU Ratio

January 2014 - July 2023 Units (000s) **BL/BU Ratio (Months)** -Backlog (SA) — Backlog — BL/BU Ratio (SA) BL/BU Ratio Δ

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Class 8 Straight Truck with Day Cab: N.A. Backlog & BL/BU



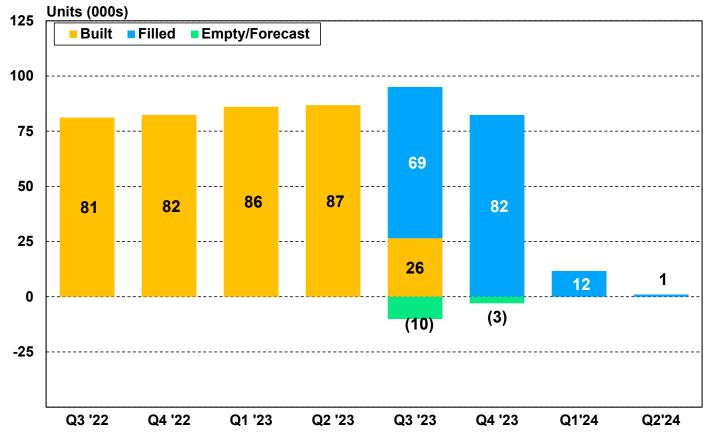
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2024 Order Dependent

Class 8 Backlog Fill

July 2023 Ending



 July'23 backlog: 164k

 2023 schedule:
 151k

 2024 schedule:
 13k

 OEM's BU Plan
 3'23 (bal):

 Q3'23 (bal):
 59k

 Q4'23:
 79k

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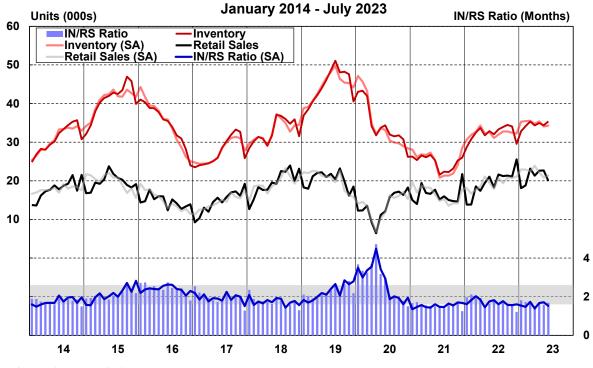
Uneven Distribution

JULY EN	DING		Next Qtr		BL/BU Low Bound	Excess	Excess	Excess Backlog @	
		Backlog B	-	<u>BL Days</u>	<u>Target</u> (days)	Backlog	Backlog (months)	Burn Rate (months)	
US	Tractor	103,000	870	118	95	23	1.1	2.1	Market segments in
	Truck	35,100	275	128	80	48	2.3	6.0	order season
Canada	Tractor	11,000	95	116	90	26	1.2	2.1	US & CA Tractor
	Truck	5,400	42	129	70	59	2.8	4.2	65% of NA market
Mexico	Tractor	4,800	43	112	60	52	2.5	4.0	
	Truck	1,000	15	67	55	12	0.6	2.3	
Export	Tractor	1,600	24	67	60	7	0.3	1.1	
	Truck	1,800	16	113	55	58	2.7	7.2	
TOTAL CI	ass 8	163,700	1,380	119	90.0	29	1.4	2.4	

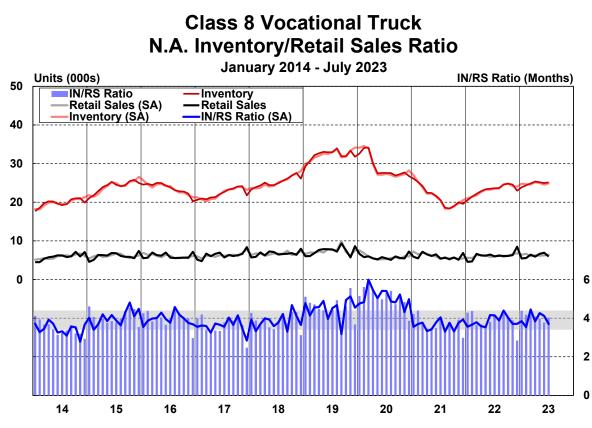


Strong Demand Support To Date

Class 8 Tractor: N.A. Inventory/Retail Sales Ratio



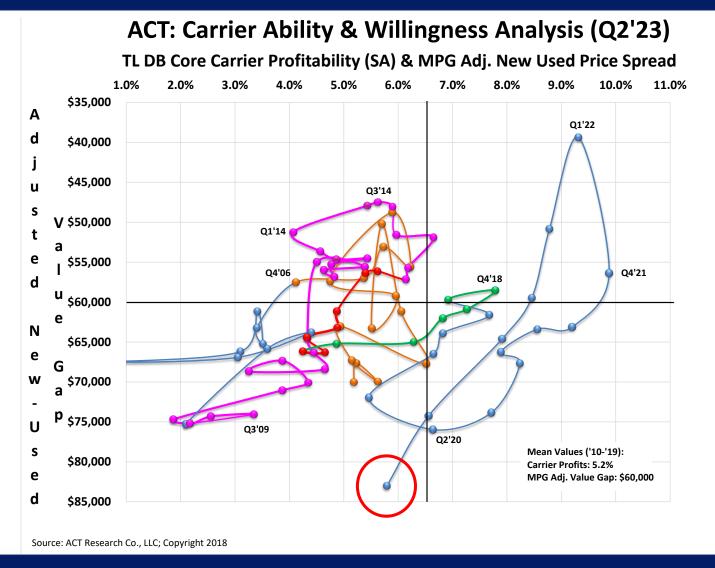
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Used: From Head- to Tailwind



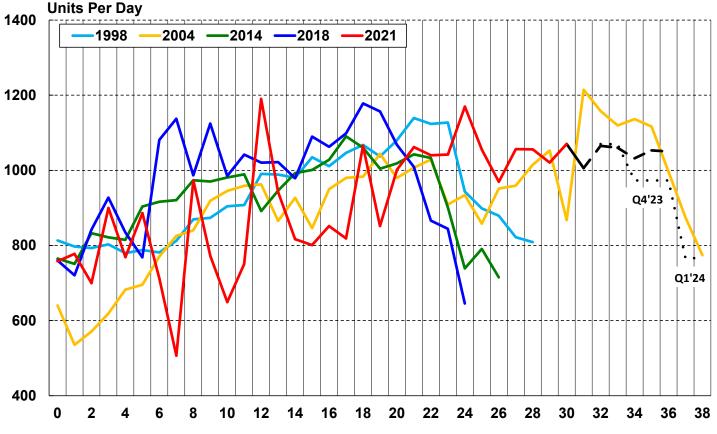


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Cycles Do Not End Gracefully

Class 8 Tractor: Arc & Duration of Peak Demand Cycle

Build rate progression following cycle-initiating order trend shift



ACT expectations and OEM build plan diverge in Q4

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Soft(ish) Landing

	2021	2022	2023f	2024f	2025f	2026f	2027f	2028f
Equipment Production	n (000s)							
NA Total Class 8	264k	315	337	285	320	389	216	276
ΥΥ%Δ	23%	19%	7%	-15%	12%	21%	-45%	28%
NA Tractor	196.1	235.2	256.1	208.7	238.1	284.1	156.2	200.5
ΥΥ%Δ	33%	20%	9%	-19%	14%	19%	-45%	28%
NA Truck	68.3	79.9	81.3	76.7	82.2	104.5	59.4	75.2
ΥΥ%Δ	3%	17%	2%	-6%	7%	27%	-43%	27%
Build by Destination								
US	222k	265	282	227	260	323	153	212
Canada	27k	29	32	27	30	41	21	29
Mexico	9k	13	14	24	24	19	31	26
Export	6k	8	10	8	6	5	10	9



REGULATORY RISKS COMING INTO FOCUS



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Impactful Regulations Inbound

After a decade of win-win regulations, winning gets expensive with market altering potential

- EPA Clean Truck 2027
 - NOx
 - Warranty and useful life extensions
- EPA GHG Phase 3, CARB ZEV tie-in: 2027-2032
 - EPA ZEV informed carbon targets
- Recipe for Disaster
 - Failure to meet ZEV targets could technically limit sales of ICE vehicles
 - Reliance on outside entities to support ZEV adoption
 - Utilities
 - Infrastructure suppliers
 - Customers



2027 is going to be expensive

Useful life: minimum time an engine must be emissions compliant

	Mileage	Years	Hours
Spark HDE	110k	10	
Light HDE	110k	10	
Medium HDE	185k	10	
Heavy HDE	435k	10	22k

Useful Life, Current

Useful Life, 2027

	Mileage	Years	Hours
Spark HDE	200k	15	10k
Light HDE	270k	15	13k
Medium HDE	350k	12	17k
Heavy HDE	650k	11	32k

Warranty, Current

Warranty: The portion of UL that OEMs are on the hook to support

	Mileage	Years	Hours
Spark HDE	50k	5	
Light HDE	50k	5	
Medium HDE	100k	5	
Heavy HDE	100k	5	

Source: EPA Clean Trucks Plan

Warranty, 2027

	Mileage	Years	Hours
Spark HDE	160k	10	8k
Light HDE	210k	10	10k
Medium HDE	280k	10	14k
Heavy HDE	450k	10	22k



Willingness + Ability = Prebuy

	Ν	/1Y2027\$	MY20	27 %	Anticipated	Share of A	nticipated	Share of	Combined
	Cha	ange Op.	Change	e Op.	Prebuy:	new	Prebuy:	new	2025-2026
		<u>Costs</u>	<u>c</u>	Costs	<u>2025</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>Market</u>	Prebuy
US Class 8 Tractor	\$	30,414		14%	15,343	8%	65,026	36%	80,369
US Class 8 Vocational	\$	30,366		12%	4,916	8%	18,082	28%	22,998
US Total Class 8					20,259	8%	83,108	34%	103,367
US Classes 6-7	\$	14,290		14%	5,167	6%	24,472	22%	29,639
US Total Classes 6-8				\bigcirc	25,426	7%	107,580	25%	133,006

Costs

Technology + warranty (from Ricardo) Taxes (FET, state) Increased insurance, financing Fleets already buying extended warranties will not be subject to the full cost of the regulation

EPA'07 estimated at ~8% price increase



Willingness + Ability = Prebuy

• 2025

- Current projection: Heart of next freight cycle
- Freight rates, carrier profits accelerating
- High carrier awareness of mandate costs

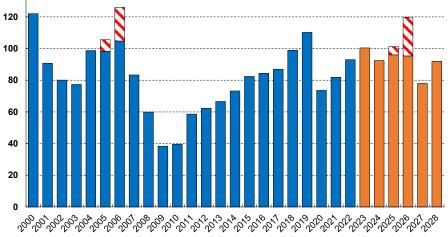
• 2026

- Carrier profits near record levels
- OEMs/supply-chain flow, not demand, will be key 2026 demand determinant

• 2027

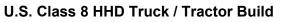
- Newton's Third Law prebuy payback
- Demand delays on higher prices
- Freight cycle risk
- Alt-fuel TCOs get much more competitive

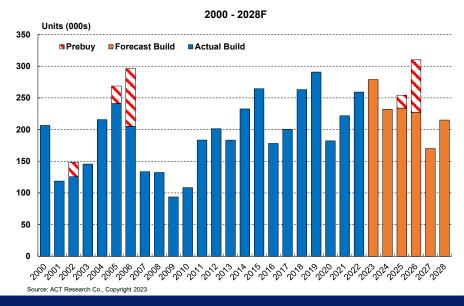
U.S. Class 6-7 MHD Truck Build 2000 - 2028F Units (000s) Prebuy Porecast Build Actual Build



Source: ACT Research Co., Copyright 2023

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GHG+ZEV: Flirtin' With Disaster

	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
LHD CI. 2b-5 vocational	22%	28%	34%	39%	45%	57%
MHD CI. 6-7 vocational	19%	21%	24%	27%	30%	35%
HHD CI. 8 vocational	16%	18%	19%	30%	33%	40%
Cl. 8 tractors, Day cabs	10%	12%	15%	20%	30%	34%
Cl. 8 tractors, Sleeper	0%	0%	0%	10%	20%	25%

Source: EPA



Summary

- Good support for trend-type economic growth (assuming risks don't bite)
 - Healthy US balance sheets, positive RDPI, housing, inventory set up macro cycle in '24 into '25
 - Reports of weak China economy should benefit on the goods inflation front
- Freight market balance looser 1H'23, bottoming in 2H'23, tightening by ~1H'24
 - Helping to solidify up-cycle demand into 2025
 - Too many trucks entering a shrinking/stagnant freight market offset by rapidly shrinking driver supply
- Truckload rate/profit downcycle sharper, shallower, shorter
 - Elevated trough-level fleet profits, absence of major equipment overbuy are "different-this-time" factors supporting shallower market trough
- 2024 is the transition year into a profitability and regulatorily driven 2026 "supermarket"





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