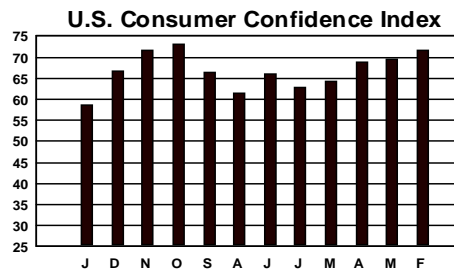


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Jeep in Talks to Supply Modified J8-Variants to U.S. Military, Yearly Volume Seen at 25,000 or Less

Chrysler Group LLC's Jeep sport utility-type vehicle-making operation is in talks with the U.S. government about possible supply of military-type vehicles to the U.S. Armed Forces after an exit nearly 40 years ago.

A Chrysler executive and a U.S. Defense Department official both confirmed to The Ledger that the Jeep unit received a list of requirements for bidding on a future government contract—seen by early 2014—for the potential supply of Jeeps spun off its J8-model vehicles. Initial volume is seen at less than 25,000 units annually.

Diesel engines for the U.S. Military-type Jeeps would be supplied from VM Motori, in which Fiat S.p.A. holds a 50% equity position. Chrysler is 58.5% owned and under the management control of Fiat.

Chrysler engineers currently are working to design the J8-model spin-off with "significantly enhanced suspension and armory" which require "significant engineering applications." Other highly modified components also are under engineering review, including engine cradle and wheel mounts, possible chassis enhancements, etc.

Final assembly sourcing for U.S. Military-type Jeeps was not immediately known. Chrysler currently manufactures Jeep J8-platform vehicles at plants in Cairo, Egypt, and Duncan, S.C. Current production volumes were not disclosed.

Early last year, Chrysler established a Jeep Government & Military Sales unit with a Washington office in Bethesda, Md., to pursue re-entry of vehicle supply to the U.S. Military. It now produces 11 variants of three and five-door J8-model Jeeps for a wide range of use such as border patrol, ambulance activity, light patrol, armored vehicles for discreet and more overt military duties, personnel and cargo shuttles, and more standard operations.

Jeep J8-model vehicles are powered by 2.8-liter turbocharged, 195 horsepower, four-cylinder diesel

engines sourced from VM Motori and mated to five-speed automatic overdrive transmissions. Other design features include: four-wheel disc brakes with ABS; part-time 4WD; HVAC; enhanced air filtration system; a fuel system providing a 391-578 mile driving range; standard payload capacity of 2,000 lbs. and 400 lbs. front and rear passenger airbags, and other items. Other standard items include: Dana front and rear axles, limited slip on the rear axle; front coil springs; rear leaf

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Jeep J8 light patrol military vehicle

GM to Produce Cruze Diesel Cars in U.S.

General Motors Co., a major maker and seller of cars, plans to begin producing Chevrolet Cruze-model, sedan-type compact cars in mid-2013 at a site in Lordstown, Ohio, fitted with 2.0-liter, 148 horsepower, turbocharged diesel engines using exhaust gas recirculation and sourced from Germany.

Production schedules for the 2014 Chevrolet Cruze Clean Turbo Diesel-model car was not disclosed. In 2012, General Motors sold 33,000 units of Chevrolet Cruze diesel-powered cars worldwide. It produced 279,382 units of Chevrolet Cruze gasoline-powered vehicles at the Lordstown plant in the same period.

General Motors said the Chevrolet Cruze diesel-powered cars would be sold in the United States and Canada, targeting the Volkswagen Jetta TDI as the vehicle's key competitor.

The company said the 2.0-liter turbocharged diesel engines with 258 foot-pounds of torque and an over-boost feature would be mated to AF40-model Aisin six-speed automatic transmissions that deliver an average 42 miles per gallon of fuel. The cars will be base priced at \$25,695.00 each and "will be below stringent U.S. environmental standards including Tier 2 Bin 5 emission standards."

Specifications of the new Chevrolet Cruze diesel-powered car include: 3,475 pounds of overall weight; a wheelbase of 105.7 inches; length of 181 inches; MacPherson strut front and Z-Link rear suspension; electric power steering; four-wheel antilock disc brakes; directly injected common rail fuel injection with Poezo fuel injectors; variable nozzle turbocharger; piston oil jets; dual overhead camshafts; ceramic glow plugs; intercooling; variable-swirl intake manifold; 17-inch alloy wheels, and a 15.6 gallon fuel tank.

Volkswagen to Build New Golf Cars at Puebla

Volkswagen AG's Mexico unit, a major maker and seller of cars, ended months of speculation as it acknowledged formal plans to begin production of next-generation Volkswagen Golf-model cars at Puebla, Mex., during the first quarter of 2014. Anticipated assembly schedules were not disclosed.

Volkswagen said, "Localization has become increasingly important in automotive manufacturing as a way to safeguard against currency fluctuations and to be closer to the market in which the manufacturer sells. Golf models made at Volkswagen de México's plant will be supplied to the North and South American markets."

In 2012, the car-making plant at Puebla produced 604,508 units of Volkswagen-branded vehicles.

Volkswagen confirmed last September it also would launch production of next-generation Audi Q5 sport utility-type vehicles in 2016 at a new plant in Puebla. Building construction begins in mid-2013. Cost of the overall project was not disclosed. Production capacity at the new facility was pegged at 150,000 units annually.

Volkswagen said the SUV-making facility, Audi AG's first manufacturing plant in North America, would serve Mexico vehicle-buyers, as well as export markets elsewhere in the world.

Volkswagen also confirmed last July it launched final assembly earlier in the month of redesigned Volkswagen Beetle-model subcompact cars spun off the chassis of existing Jetta-model cars at Puebla. Production schedules for the vehicles were not disclosed at the time.

Volkswagen quit manufacturing Beetle-model cars at Puebla earlier in 2011, in lieu of a major redesign for the 2012 model year.

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folding front windshield; 17-inch steel wheels with tires sourced from BF Goodrich, and 22-gallon fuel tank.

Armored Jeep J8 variants offer ballistic and blast (underbody, roof and side-blast) protection. They possess gross vehicle weights of 9,040 pounds with curb weights of 7,940 pounds and payloads of 1,100 pounds each.

The armored variants also are designed for the use of optional equipment such as strobe lighting for the front and rear, winch-bar and winch, roof hatch for emergencies, exhaust anti-insert modification, communications systems, modifications for air transport by fixed wing planes or helicopters, etc.

Chrysler also has designed a one-ton military trailer for haulage by Jeep J8-model vehicles.

Willys-Overland created the Jeep in 1941 and began supplying the vehicles to the U.S. Military during World War II at a cost of \$648.74 per vehicle. In all, nearly 640,000 units of the Jeeps were built for the U.S. Military and its allies in the war. Willys was sold to Kaiser Motors in 1953. American Motors acquired the Jeep-making assets in 1970. In 1987, Chrysler acquired American Motors.

Toyota is World's Largest Car, Truck-Maker in 2012

Toyota Motor Corp. outflanked General Motors Co. to become the world's largest maker and seller of cars and light-duty trucks during 2012, turning over 9.9 million units. General Motors built 9.5 million units and sold 9.3 million units in the period.

Other OEMs ranked by volume include: Renault-Nissan at 8.1 million units; Ford and Volkswagen at 5.7 million units each; Honda Motor Co. Ltd. at 4.1 million units; Peugeot Citroen at 3.0 million units; Suzuki at 2.9 million vehicles; Daimler AG's Mercedes-Benz unit at 1.4 million units; Mitsubishi Motors at 1.1 million units; Fuji Heavy Industries' Subaru unit and others.

Toyota Motor Corp., a major maker and seller of Toyota, Lexus, Daihatsu and Hino-branded cars and trucks, said its 2012 full-year global production of vehicles advanced by 26.1% 9,909,440 units, making it the world's largest maker of cars, trucks and buses. In 2011, Toyota production of vehicles fell by 8.2% to 7,858,091 units due to a catastrophic earthquake during March 2011 in Japan and massive flooding in October 2011 in Thailand. Output of Toyota-branded cars and trucks increased to 8,736,529 units from 6,928,813 units in 2011. Daihatsu-branded vehicle assembly advanced to 997,455 units from 801,678 units, and Hino-badged truck and bus production increased to 175,456 units from 127,600 units during the same periods.

Nissan Readies U.S. Entry for Note 3-Cylinder Car

Nissan Motor Co. Ltd.'s U.S. unit, a major maker and seller of cars, will begin selling new 2014-model Nissan Versa Note cars in the United States during mid-2013, with a base price of \$13,990.00 each.

The Nissan unit did not identify sourcing of the new Versa Note car. It will possess much of the features of a recently redesigned Nissan Note-model vehicle currently in production in Japan. It pegged fuel economy of the vehicle at 40 miles per gallon.

Nissan previously disclosed last September it obtained 21,880 "market orders" in the month for its redesigned Nissan Note-model compact-type cars in Japan. Nissan said last July it would begin making and selling redesigned Nissan Note-model compact-type cars in Japan by the fall of 2012 and in Europe early in 2013.

Nissan said it has built and sold 940,000 units of the cars since 2005, when the vehicles debuted. It said European production of the redesigned Note-model cars, powered by two new engines—one of which is a three-cylinder supercharged and directly injected powerplant, would be sourced from an existing plant in Britain.

Nissan said the new hatchback-type Note-model car would possess an advanced 'Around View Monitor' system for reverse and parallel parking. It said the new cars also would be fitted with a redeveloped compact and lightweight continuously variable transmission and an 'Idling Stop System' for two-wheel-drives.

It also said last September the new Nissan Note-model car possesses a newly developed, direct-injection Miller-cycle gasoline engine with a "highly efficient" supercharger. Nissan said the HR12DDR engine accounts for 73% of total orders since last September 3.

Canada Car Sales

	Jan 13	Jan 12	2012	2011
BMW 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, X1, Z4	998	924	16,636	16,827
MINI Cooper	113	139	4,574	3,592
Total BMW	1,111	1,063	21,210	20,419
Chrysler 200	659	619	5,743	7,170
Chrysler 300	230	457	5,760	3,045
Chrysler Dart	447	—	3,460	—
Chrysler Sebring	—	—	—	304
Dodge Avenger	424	204	4,858	4,680
Dodge Caliber	1	188	282	4,919
Dodge Challenger	82	67	1,485	2,350
Dodge Charger	395	670	4,058	4,137
Dodge Viper	—	1	7	43
Fiat 500	328	321	8,474	5,392
Total Chrysler LLC	2,566	2,527	42,509	32,030
Maybach	—	—	4	2
Mercedes-Benz B	201	1	454	2,440
Mercedes-Benz C, CL, CLK, CLS	393	577	10,616	9,447
Mercedes-Benz E, S, SL, SLK, SLR	178	240	5,743	7,169
Smart For Two	34	87	2,387	1,851
Total Daimler AG	806	905	19,204	20,909
Ford C-MAX	158	—	155	—
Ford Crown Victoria	—	9	30	2,575
Ford Fiesta	481	535	11,817	13,065
Ford Focus	1,358	1,374	27,936	25,736
Ford Fusion	1,263	685	16,698	18,403
Ford Mustang	124	143	5,431	4,433
Ford Taurus	197	115	4,938	3,264
Lincoln MKS	24	25	485	630
Lincoln Town Car	—	—	—	310
Lincoln MKZ	29	42	867	1,500
Total Ford Motor	3,634	2,928	68,107	69,916
Buick LaCrosse	52	175	2,377	2,839
Buick Lucerne	—	117	557	2,239
Buick Regal	98	218	1,767	2,846
Buick Verano	226	87	5,084	32
Cadillac ATS	106	—	189	—
Cadillac CTS	57	139	2,157	3,048
Cadillac DTS	—	1	4	—
Cadillac STS	—	—	—	13
Cadillac XTS	60	—	270	—
Chevrolet Aveo	—	47	100	6,231
Chevrolet Camaro	87	153	2,557	3,750
Chevrolet Corvette	13	12	250	352
Chevrolet Cobalt	—	—	1	360
Chevrolet Cruze	2,136	1,619	32,628	33,900
Chevrolet Impala	117	500	7,733	9,287
Chevrolet Malibu	498	346	5,697	10,913
Chevrolet Sonic	601	469	8,963	1,241
Chevrolet Spark	87	—	—	—
Chevrolet Volt (electric car)	44	11	1,225	275
Pontiac G3/G5/G6/G8/Grand Prix/Solstice/Vibe	—	—	—	42
Total General Motors	4,182	3,895	71,967	77,595
Acura CSX	—	2	27	1,795
Acura ILX	190	—	2,259	—
Acura RL	—	—	29	56
Acura TL	111	222	3,223	3,229
Acura TSX	78	78	1,438	1,659
Honda Accord/Hybrid	888	359	9,930	7,818
Honda Civic/Hybrid	2,503	4,939	64,962	55,090
Honda Fit	336	200	4,736	2,835
Honda Insight/S2000	17	3	168	243
Honda CR-Z/FCX Clarity	4	8	238	517
Total Honda Motor	4,127	5,810	87,110	73,242
Hyundai Accent	1,329	1,329	22,580	22,280
Hyundai Elantra	2,956	2,399	50,950	44,970
Hyundai Equus	4	9	116	116
Hyundai Genesis	111	164	2,979	3,625
Hyundai Sonata	804	702	14,572	16,343
Hyundai Veloster	219	470	5,741	1,902
Kia Forte	549	609	14,856	13,984
Kia Magentis	—	—	—	52
Kia Optima	532	435	11,992	12,125
Kia Rio	800	641	13,949	6,849
Kia Soul	323	417	7,560	11,651
Kia Spectra/Rondo/Borrego	216	261	6,316	6,154
Total Hyundai Motor	7,269	7,436	151,612	130,061
Total Jaguar	46	33	644	776
Mazda2/3	1,943	2,285	44,230	46,244
Mazda5/6	81	737	10,365	9,760
Mazda MX-5 Miata	16	20	711	612
Mazda RX-8	—	4	43	165
Total Mazda Corp.	2,790	3,046	55,379	56,781
Mitsubishi Eclipse/Spyder	1	17	241	590
Mitsubishi Galant/Lancer	456	473	7,519	6,672
Mitsubishi i (electric car)	—	12	196	23
Total Mitsubishi Motors	461	502	7,966	7,285
Nissan Altima	499	863	12,793	12,537
Nissan Juke	179	223	3,738	4,586
Nissan Maxima	103	88	2,025	2,069
Nissan 350Z/370Z/GT-R	12	11	606	525
Nissan Leaf (electric car)	37	30	240	170
Nissan Sentra	759	706	11,008	12,880
Nissan Versa	521	655	12,476	14,487
Nissan Cube	13	39	438	459
Infiniti G35/M45	161	202	3,323	4,011
Total Nissan Motor	2,284	2,807	49,947	51,734
Porsche Boxster, Cayman	9	21	369	275
Porsche 911/Panamera	64	56	1,006	834
Total Porsche	73	77	1,375	1,109
Saab 9-3	—	3	15	115
Saab 9-5	—	2	6	52
Total Saab N.A.	—	5	21	167
Subaru BRZ	41	—	504	—
Subaru Impreza	400	787	9,095	5,376
Subaru Impreza WRX/Sti	78	128	2,117	2,288
Subaru Legacy	102	118	2,687	3,115
Subaru Outback	438	415	7,049	7,072
Subaru XV/Crosstrek	404	—	2,005	—
Total Subaru	1,463	1,448	23,451	17,851
Suzuki Swift	—	—	—	18
Suzuki SX4	161	159	2,963	2,969
Suzuki Kizashi	23	27	688	734
Total Suzuki Motor	184	186	3,651	3,721
Toyota Corolla	2,465	2,337	40,906	36,663
Toyota Camry	790	1,007	18,203	12,334
Toyota Avalon	105	115	2,644	496
Toyota Matrix	673	741	12,982	14,895
Toyota Prius	429	263	10,041	2,134
Toyota Yaris	310	578	10,955	7,968
Toyota Scion FR-S/iQ/xD/xB/tC	290	285	5,783	4,720
Lexus CT/HS/IS/ES/GS/LS/SC/LFA	359	329	7,336	6,076
Total Toyota Motor	5,421	5,759	106,633	85,286
Audi A3/A4/A5	454	665	9,551	8,717
Audi A6/A7/A8/R8/TT	115	186	2,644	2,083
Volkswagen Beetle	86	61	1,984	380
Volkswagen Jetta	1,805	1,513	26,904	26,749
Volkswagen Golf/R	578	576	11,711	12,163
Volkswagen GTI	95	79	1,587	1,756
Volkswagen CC/Eos	29	16	678	708
Volkswagen Passat	345	316	8,019	3,009
Total Volkswagen AG	3,507	3,412	63,078	55,565
Volvo 30/40/50	8	60	607	1,254
Volvo 60/70/80	111	84	1,858	1,998
Total Volvo Cars N.A.	119	144	2,465	3,252
Grand Total	40,043	41,804	776,325	707,699

Mexico Car, Light Truck Sales

	Jan 13	Jan 12	2012	2011
Acura	212	136	2,164	N/A
Alfa Romeo	11	9	93	N/A
Audi	853	574	9,482	N/A
Bentley	2	—	10	N/A
BMW	605	551	8,006	N/A
Chrysler	7,118	6,214	88,023	N/A
Fiat	404	520	5,038	N/A
Ford	6,785	6,627	82,328	N/A
General Motors	15,184	13,940	186,383	N/A
Honda	5,283	4,545	52,351	N/A
Infiniti	98	34	736	N/A
Isuzu	46	58	1,706	N/A
Jaguar	10	7	117	N/A
Land Rover	120	49	927	N/A
Lincoln	128	146	2,054	N/A
Mazda	2,023	2,579	25,424	N/A
Mercedes-Benz	761	675	8,966	N/A
Mini	354	308	3,821	N/A
Mitsubishi	653	782	8,753	N/A
Nissan	21,141	18,501	244,962	N/A
Peugeot	449	376	5,204	N/A
Porsche	73	30	650	N/A
Renault	1,721	1,516	25,030	N/A
Seat	2,095	1,791	21,114	N/A
Smart	142	109	1,634	N/A
Subaru	17	40	283	N/A
Suzuki	1,065	1,075	10,733	N/A
Toyota	4,485	4,169	56,278	N/A
Volkswagen	12,293	9,850	133,964	N/A
Volvo	138	86	1,513	N/A
Total	84,269	75,297	987,747	N/A

Brazil Car Sales

	2013	2012	2012	2011
	Jan	Jan	Year	Year
CAOA (formerly Hyundai)	2,170	4,199	—	—
Fiat	57,372	42,366	679,294	596,860
Ford	17,748	17,032	255,443	244,065
General Motors	45,241	46,337	535,711	529,270
Honda	7,487	3,755	120,056	76,608
Hyundai	9,030	—	22,053	—
Mercedes-Benz	547	273	5,825	9,350
Mitsubishi	635	240	6,736	674
Nissan	6,057	7,273	87,196	53,543
Peugeot Citroen	10,799	10,298	138,647	163,483
Renault	12,176	13,607	180,699	174,361
Toyota	7,397	3,629	63,617	53,455
Volkswagen	50,592	42,466	655,228	591,038
Others	4,092	5,163	60,118	92,212
Total	231,343	196,638	2,810,623	2,584,919

Argentina Car Business

	2013	2012	2012	2011
	Jan	Jan	Year	Year
SALES				
Fiat	8,295	7,613	60,096	73,221
Ford	3,521	5,008	59,779	58,879
General Motors	6,550	8,376	120,420	131,272
Honda	842	411	12,604	12,128
Mercedes-Benz	305	243	3,730	3,469
Peugeot Citroen	7,332	3,171	96,834	97,499
Renault	1,664	5,070	79,202	102,265
Toyota	1,314	919	15,722	11,763
Volkswagen	11,822	14,331	136,460	170,753
Total	41,645	45,142	584,847	661,249
PRODUCTION				
Fiat	11,111	6,272	73,863	113,468
Ford	1,114	5,768	48,492	57,934
General Motors	8,918	6,873	128,501	135,678
Honda	1,289	103	8,114	879
Mercedes-Benz	—	—	—	—
Peugeot Citroen	6,364	945	115,645	129,042
Renault	2,902	6,261	85,159	91,759
Toyota	—	—	—	—
Volkswagen	1,767	2,020	37,602	48,473
Total	33,465	28,242	497,376	577,233

NAFTA Car Assembly by Plant

	Jan 13	Jan 12	% Chge	Dec 12	% Chge
Bowling Green, Ky.	1,717	793	+116.5	1,186	+ 44.8
Detroit (Hamtramck), Mich.	6,064	—	+100.0	2,975	+103.8
Fairfax, Va.	22,002	25,030	- 12.1	1	+100.0
Lansing (Grand River), Mich.	4,936	4,312	+ 14.5	7,385	- 33.2
Lordstown, Ohio	21,274	23,551	- 09.7	12,258	+ 73.6
Orion Twp. Mich.1	3,675	11,831	+ 15.6	6,435	+112.5
Oshawa #1, Ont.	12,106	13,055	- 07.3	11,581	+ 04.5
Oshawa #2, Ont.	14,018	16,184	- 13.4	8,312	+ 68.6
Ramos Arizpe, Mex.	3,886	—	+100.0	2,657	+ 46.3
San Luis Potosi, Mex.	7,303	6,795	+ 07.5	5,644	+ 29.4
Total General Motors	106,981	101,551	+ 05.3	58,434	+ 83.1
Chicago, Ill.	9,003	8,715	+ 03.3	9,326	- 03.5
Cuautitlan, Mex.	13,181	12,367	+ 06.6	8,764	+ 50.4
Flat Rock, Mich.	5,941	6,864	- 13.4	8,103	- 26.7
Hermosillo, Mex.	30,787	18,140	+ 69.7	21,613	+ 42.4
Wayne, Mich.	30,313	19,464	+ 55.7	23,948	+ 26.6
Total Ford	89,225	65,550	+ 36.1	71,754	+ 24.3
Belvidere, Ill.	7,046	—	+100.0	8,938	- 21.2
Brampton, Ont.	20,396	19,135	+ 06.6	16,494	+ 23.7
Detroit (Conner Ave), Mich.	9	—	+100.0	—	+100.0
Sterling Heights, Mich.	23,772	15,127	+ 57.1	18,739	+ 26.9
Toluca, Mex.	3,616	6,176	- 41.5	4,138	- 12.6
Total Chrysler	54,839	40,438	+ 35.6	48,309	+ 13.5
Alliston, Ont.	22,971	26,942	- 14.7	15,344	+ 49.7
Greensburg, Ind.	19,336	17,420	+ 11.0	11,530	+ 67.7
Marysville, Ohio	43,193	43,038	+ 00.4	36,015	+ 19.9
Total Honda	85,500	87,400	- 02.2	62,889	+ 36.0
Montgomery, Ala.	34,100	29,244	+ 16.6	23,100	+ 47.6
West Point, Ga.	13,247	8,345	+ 58.7	8,100	+ 63.5
Total Hyundai/Kia	47,347	37,589	+ 26.0	31,200	+ 51.8
Canton, Miss.	15,050	14,805	+ 01.7	11,753	+ 28.1
Cuernavaca, Mex.	46,868	54,856	- 14.6	33,000	+ 42.0
Smyrna, Tenn.	21,835	21,295	+ 02.5	20,481	+ 06.6
Total Nissan	83,753	90,956	- 07.9	65,234	+ 28.4
Lafayette, Ind.	16,540	17,088	- 03.2	11,706	+ 41.3
Total Subaru	16,540	17,088	- 03.2	11,706	+ 41.3
Fremont, Calif.	1,787	—	+100.0	1,275	+ 40.2
Total Tesla	1,787	—	+100.0	1,275	+ 40.2
Blue Springs, Miss.	14982	2,875	+421.1	9,224	+ 62.4
Cambridge, Ont.	15481	23,148	+ 33.1	15,776	- 01.9
Georgetown #1, Ky.	22,063	21,239	+ 03.9	14,454	+ 52.6
Georgetown #2, Ky.	24,002	17,498	+ 37.2	9,581	+150.5
Lafayette (SIA), Ind.	8,464	8,835	- 04.2	5,714	+ 48.1
Total Toyota	84,992	73,595	+ 15.5	54,749	+ 55.2
Chattanooga, Tenn.	19,223	8,125	+136.6	12,786	+ 50.3
Puebla, Mex.	36,319	30,445	+ 19.3	32,612	+ 11.4
Total Volkswagen	55,542	38,570	+ 44.0	45,398	+ 22.3
Total U.S.	399,574	325,494	+ 22.8	275,013	+ 45.3
Total Canada	84,972	98,464	- 13.7	67,507	+ 25.9
Total Mexico	141,960	128,779	+ 10.2	108,428	+ 30.9
Total North America	626,506	552,737	+ 13.3	450,948	+ 38.9

Note: All data are estimates, subject to revision.

Mazda Mexico Venture to Make Toyota Cars by 2015

Mazda Motor Corp.'s venture in Mexico with Japan's Sumitomo Corp., named Mazda Motor Manufacturing de Mexico S.A. de C.V., plans to spend \$650.0 million to expand the new plant's capacity at Salamanca City, Mex., by 27.8% through March 31, 2016, to produce an additional 50,000 units of Toyota Motor Corp.-branded vehicles starting in the summer of 2015.

The Mazda venture also will accommodate capacity expansion for higher production schedules of Mazda SKYACTIV vehicles. Overall plant capacity here will rise to 230,000 units from 180,000 units annually. It will build Mazda2, Mazda3 and Toyota-model vehicles, employing 4,500 workers.

