





2006 Headlines

- Toyota leads the six largest competitors in total manufacturing productivity (assembly, stamping, engine and transmission), using 29.93 labor hours per vehicle.
- ♦ GM captures 3 of 4 Best Plant awards.
- Honda leads the six largest companies in vehicle assembly productivity with 21.13 hours per vehicle.
- ♦ The gap among the six major North America automakers continues to narrow.
- ♦ The correlation between quality and productivity continues to strengthen.
- Improved labor productivity allows money to be redirected to make future vehicles more appealing.
- Flexibility through more competitive agreements is beginning to pay off, but more must be done.
- ♦ GM and Ford buyouts partially offset volume losses, and will have a bigger impact in 2007.
- Fewer plants are producing more vehicles and a wider variety of models supported by flexibility and productivity gains throughout the industry.



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