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- Buddy Lo, Automotive Analyst

### This report looks at the following areas:

- · New car market to slow briefly before resuming growth
- · Cheap gas helps fuel the light truck boom and dampen small car demand
- · Recalls and scandals impact consumer perceptions and buying behavior

For the purposes of this Report, a "new car" will mean any newly assembled vehicle that has never been titled or registered before purchase and comes with a new vehicle warranty that initiates when the vehicle is sold.

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