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COMMERCIAL TRUCK GUIDELINES Industry Update

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• Class 8 Auction market little changed

Market has less tolerance for higher mileage

• Class 8 retail conditions stable

Sales volume down notably in November and December

• Duty market generally weak in December

Cabovers and heavier conventionals down notably

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COMMERCIAL TRUCK MARKET TRENDS

Market Conditions Maturing as 2018 Closes Out

The Class 8 auction and retail channels closed out 2018 with no real surprises. Conditions are pointing to a maturing boom cycle. Medium duty trucks were mixed to downward.

Sleeper Tractors – Auction

December auction volume was mildly lower than November. Pricing for our benchmark model was also somewhat lower, particularly for newer trucks with higher mileage. The market appears to have less tolerance for slightly high mileage See

below for detail.

Model year 2015: \$43,550 average; \$1,950 (4.3%) lower than November

Model year 2014: \$32,000 average; \$750 [2.3%] lower than November

Model year 2013: \$30,250 average; \$1,400 (4.4%) lower than November

Model year 2012: \$25,000 average; \$345 [1.4 %] lower than November

Model year 2011: \$21,850 average; \$1,225 (5.9%) higher than November



Strong pricing through the third quarter of 2018 left the year with essentially no monthly depreciation (0.2% per month is our estimate). On average, trucks four to six years of age brought 21.5% more money in 2018 compared to 2017. Market dynamics are pointing to somewhat less-hot conditions as 2019 unfolds.

See the "Volume of all Aerodynamic Sleeper Tractors Sold..." and "Average Selling Price: Benchmark Sleeper Tractor..." graphs for detail.

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Average Selling Price: Benchmark Sleeper Tractor Sold through the Two Largest Nationwide No-Reserve Auction Companies





Sleeper Tractors - Retail

There were no real surprises to close out the year, with trucks with average and lower mileage bringing very strong money. The drop in the model-year 2016 average noted below is due primarily to a large group of identically-equipped trucks selling at bulk pricing. Otherwise, depreciation was minimal to nonexistent, with late-model trucks only showing minor weakness if mileage was higher than average.

The average sleeper tractor retailed in December was 69 months old, had 459,967 miles, and brought \$57,235. Compared to November, the average sleeper was identical in age, had 4,417 (1.0%) fewer miles, and brought \$409 (0.7%) less money. Compared to December 2017, this average sleeper was 4 months newer, had 28,042 (6.5%) more miles, and brought \$9,905 (20.9%) more money.

Looking at trucks three to five years of age, December's average pricing was as follows:

Model year 2016: \$73,147; \$2,317 [9.6%] lower than November

Model year 2015: \$62,591; \$450 (0.9%) higher than November

Model year 2014: \$53,087; \$4,125 [10.7%] higher than November

On a year-over-year basis, late-model trucks sold in calendar-year 2018 brought 10.7% more money than in the same period of 2017. Depreciation in 2018 averaged 0.3% per month, compared to 1.6% last year.

See the "Average Retail Selling Price: 3-5 Year-Old Sleeper Tractors" and "Average Retail Selling Price of Selected 3-5 Year-Old Sleeper Tractors" graphs for detail.

Class 8 sales per dealership came in substantially lower than expected in the last two months of 2018, dropping nearly a full truck month-over-month to 4.1 in November and up only slightly to 4.5 in December.

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See "Number of Trucks Retailed per Dealership Rooftop" graph for detail.

Looking forward over the long term, Class 8 orders dropped dramatically in the last two months of the year, into the 20,000 range in both months. Orders dropped below deliveries in December, which is not particularly critical, but is an inflection point that should be noted. The industry appears to be coming down the far side of the plateau, as the "beat-thetariffs" business inventory buildup is behind us and 2018 tax breaks become simply the new cost of doing business. Deliveries of new trucks will remain strong into the second half of 2019, but it looks like demand is on the downward slope as supply heads in the other direction.

See the "Retail Value Forecast" graph for a look at how we see used truck pricing unfolding over the next four years.

Medium Duty Trucks

December's medium duty market was generally weak, with only Class 4's performing well month-overmonth.

Starting with Class 3 – 4 cabovers, December's average pricing came in at \$10,598. This figure is a whopping \$4,108 [28.4%] lower than November, and \$4,461 [29.6%] lower than November 2017. The main driver of the decrease appears to simply be a lack of lower-mileage trucks in the marketplace. Unlike last month, trucks with under 75,000 miles were scarce at the auctions in December. This month's decline pushed average monthly depreciation for 2018 down to 2.3%, just edging out 2017's 2.4% per month average.

See the "Average Wholesale Selling Price: 4-7 Year-Old Class 3-4 Cabovers" graph for detail.

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Looking at conventionals, Class 4's averaged \$19,131 in December. This figure is \$734 [4.0%] higher than November, and \$475 [2.4%] lower than December 2017. Average mileage was 8% lower than November, contributing to the increase. Monthly depreciation in 2018 averaged a very mild 0.8%, compared to 1.5% in 2017. Despite relative strength in recent months, Class 4's sold in 2018 brought 4.1% less money than in 2017.

Class 6's finished the year on a weak note, with our cohort averaging \$16,271 in December. This figure is \$2,354 (12.6%) lower than November, and \$2,419 (12.9%) lower than December 2017. Volume was notably lower in December, and a group of low-priced units impacted the average. Depreciation for this group averaged a historically-typical 1.9% per month in 2018, compared to 2.1% per month in 2017. Despite a mixed performance in recent months, Class 6's sold in 2018 brought 11.0% more money than in 2017.

See the "Average Wholesale Selling Price: 4-7 Year-Old Conventionals by GVW Class" graph for detail.

Forecast

Two months of notably lower new truck orders is pretty close to a trend. Buyers are satisfied with the

trucks they have in the pipeline, and deliveries will be strong into the second half of 2019. Economic growth will moderate as businesses stop pulling ahead inventories and the 2018 tax breaks become the new normal. Section 179 tax incentives and bonus depreciation remain in place for 2019, which will cushion maturing demand. Expect conditions in the first half to look similar to recent months, with an increasing supply of used trucks causing mildly higher depreciation.

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