

Americans Can't Get Enough of Large Cars, Trucks and SUVs, According to AutoTrader.com November Trend Engine Report November Report Also Offers Look at Top Searches for all 2010

ATLANTA, Dec. 20, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Small cars and fuel efficiency were all the rage at the first major auto show of the season in Los Angeles in November, but shoppers are still attracted to larger vehicles, according to the AutoTrader.com November Trend Engine report, covering searches and site activity on AutoTrader.com for November 2010. The November report also includes the top-searched new, used and certified pre-owned (CPO) vehicles for the year.

"While there is a greater focus in the industry on producing fuel-sipping cars, Americans traditionally lean toward vehicles that provide more room and more power when gas prices are low-to-moderate like they are now," said AutoTrader.com CEO Chip Perry. "The dominance of shopper interest in larger cars, big trucks and SUVs has continued for much of the second half of 2010."

Mixed Bag as Cars, SUVs and Trucks Jockey for Position on New, Used & CPO Lists in November

While stylish cars and family sedans had the most spots on AutoTrader.com's list of the top 20 most-searched new vehicles in November, big trucks and SUVs continue mounting a comeback. For the first time since July, there are more trucks than cars in the top five new-vehicle spots. The new Ford F-150 reclaimed the No. 1 spot in November, beating out October's No. 1 new vehicle, the Toyota Camry, which fell to No. 3. The new Chevrolet Silverado 1500 came in at No. 4 and was joined by the new Dodge Ram 1500 at No. 5.

The new Jeep Grand Cherokee, though it was the only SUV to show a decrease in average asking price, leapt an impressive seven spots from the previous month, and a whopping 79 from the same time a year ago. In fact, all SUVs on the list moved up in popularity—both month-over-month and year-over-year.

Larger sedans secured the largest percentage of spots on the new-car list, with the Ford Fusion making the only big leap for new sedans on the list in November, moving up seven spaces month-over-month, landing at No. 12 on the Top 20 new-car list.

Conversely, trucks and SUVs make up the majority of vehicles listed on both the top 20 most-searched used and top 20 most-searched CPO vehicles lists. The Ford F-150 topped the list of most searched used cars on AutoTrader.com in November and the BMW 3-Series topped the list of the most-searched CPO cars in November.

"As 2010 comes to an end with shoppers showing a still-strong focus on larger vehicles, we'll be keeping a close eye on activity around the small car and green car segments to see if they heat up in 2011," said Perry. "New technologies such as turbocharged engines that provide more power while maintaining efficiency as well as small hybrid and electric cars have garnered significant media attention this year, and it will be

interesting to see if those innovations are enough to attract today's car shoppers. My guess is they will if the continued economic recovery causes gas prices to rise significantly during 2011."

Ford secured the No. 1 most-searched overall brand spots for both new cars and used cars on AutoTrader.com in November of this year, positions the brand held in November of 2009 as well.

New, Used and CPO Average Asking Prices Continue to Climb

As would be expected in a month of double-digit sales growth for most of the auto manufacturers, the price story for November is strong for the most-searched new vehicles on AutoTrader.com. Average asking prices are up on 13 of the top 20 new cars. The biggest new-car average asking price jumps in November were on the Hyundai Sonata, up almost 8% compared to November 2009, and the new Ford Mustang, up almost 5% compared to this time last year.

Average asking prices also continued to increase on used and CPO cars listed for sale on AutoTrader.com in November, reflecting the continued imbalance of supply and demand in the used car space. Inventories of used cars have been low most of this year, while as a result of the economy demand for them has been up. At the same time, sluggishness in the new car market has also constrained the supply of used cars as fewer people having been trading in their cars to purchase new.

The average asking prices increased for 16 of the top 20 used cars listed for sale on AutoTrader.com in November. The biggest increases were on the Chevy Silverado 1500, up just over 5% from November of 2009, and the Ford F-150, up 4.26% compared to November of last year.

CPO average asking prices were also strong, with asking prices increasing on 15 of the top 20 CPO vehicles listed for sale on AutoTrader.com in November. The CPO BMW 5-Series saw the biggest average price jump year-over-year at 9.25%. The CPO Chevrolet Tahoe also saw a big jump in average asking price, up 7.14% compared to November of 2009.

"November was a strong month across the board for the industry," said Perry at AutoTrader.com. "New car sales were up significantly year-over-year, and CPO sales also saw a record month for 2010, which are great signs for the economic recovery," Perry said. "With increasing confidence, consumers are getting more and more comfortable moving forward on purchasing their next car, so we expect prices to remain strong. As more cars are purchased, the available inventory of quality pre-owned cars will increase, likely putting a cap on the asking prices for pre-owned vehicles."

Ford, Chevrolet, Toyota and Honda Place Strong in Year-End New, Used and CPO Rankings

Ford models captured four of the top 20 most-search new-car spots in AutoTrader.com's year-end rankings. The new Ford Mustang came in as the No.1 most-searched new car on AutoTrader.com for the whole of 2010, followed by the new Ford F-150. Chevrolet and Honda models both captured three spots on AutoTrader.com's top 20 most-searched new car list.

Ford was also a winner in the used-car space, with the used F-150 topping the list of the most-searched used vehicles on AutoTrader.com in 2010, followed by the BMW 3-Series at No. 2 for the year. Chevrolet was also a big brand winner on the used car list, with Chevrolet models capturing three of the top 20 most-searched used car spots.

The BMW 3-Series topped the list of the most-searched CPO vehicles on AutoTrader.com in 2010. Toyota was the big CPO brand winner, with CPO models from Toyota capturing five of the top 20 spots for the year. CPO models from Honda and Chevrolet also garnered lots of interest from car shoppers this year, the three models from each manufacturer landing on the list of the top 20 most-searched CPO vehicles on AutoTrader.com.

November Site Traffic Increases; Mobile Site Tops One Million for Third Month

More than 15 million unique monthly unique visitors went to AutoTrader.com in November 2010, a 12% lift from the 13.6 million who visited the site in November 2009.

This increase was supported by numerous marketing initiatives, including advertising on national cable and network radio, major brand exposure at recent auto shows and an extensive partnership with the NBA. November was also an excellent month for the AutoTrader.com mobile site, which again received over one million unique visitors. This is the third month that the mobile site has surpassed the one million mark.

Top 10 Articles on AutoTrader.com in November

AutoTrader.com publishes insightful and informative articles about the automobiles and car shopping, including auto-shopping how-to tips, car reviews and automotive trend stories. In November, the most-viewed stories on AutoTrader.com, in order from one to 10, were:

1. [Toyota Recalls 1.53 Million Cars Worldwide](#): Toyota recalls another 740,000 cars sold in the U.S.
2. [Five American Cars to be Thankful For](#): a look at five cars that indicate a brighter economic future.
3. [Ford's F-Series Receives a New V6](#): the V6 returns to Ford's full-size pickup lineup.
4. [2011 Hyundai Sonata 2.0T: Who Needs a V6 Anyway? – New Car Review](#): Hyundai takes the turbocharged path for 2011 Sedan.
5. [Toyota and Tesla Team Up to Make a RAV4 EV](#): an all-electric RAV4 is on the horizon.
6. [Would an Entire Weekend Test Drive Change Your Mind?](#) : AutoMatic and Enterprise Rent-A-Car team up to offer extended test drives.
7. [At 32 and Younger, 'Gen Y' Determines the Future of the Auto Industry](#): annual survey of over 42,000 new vehicle buyers in the U.S. sheds light on what's next

for the auto industry.

8. [Buick Regal GS Launches in Miami Beach](#): Buick introduces its most mot aggressive car in decades—a high-performance version of its [Regal](#) sedan.
9. [Is Toyota Lame for Calling Parents Lame?](#): tongue-in-cheek commercials draw the ire of some viewers.
10. [2011 Mini Cooper Countryman: Like a Mini, Only Bigger – New Car Review](#) : the Mini gets bigger and roomier in a new model.
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These articles and more, including coverage of upcoming auto shows, can be found at www.autotrader.com/research.

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NOVEMBER TOP 10 NEW VEHICLE BRANDS SEARCHED		
MAKE	Rank 11/10	Rank 11/09
Ford	1	1
Chevrolet	2	2
Toyota	3	3
Honda	4	4
Dodge	5	6
Nissan	6	5
BMW	7	10
Jeep	8	15
GMC	9	8
Volkswagen	10	11

NOVEMBER TOP 10 USED VEHICLE BRANDS SEARCHED		
MAKE	Rank 11/10	Rank 11/09
Ford	1	1
Chevrolet	2	2
Toyota	3	3
Dodge	4	4
BMW	5	5
Nissan	6	6
Honda	7	7
Mercedes Benz	8	8
Jeep	9	9
GMC	10	10

NOVEMBER NEW CARS							
MAKE	MODEL	VDP Rank 11/10	VDP Rank 10/10	VDP Rank 11/09	Avg. Price 11/10	Avg. Price 11/09	Avg. Price % Change
Ford	F-150	1	2	1	37,242	35,871	3.82%
Honda	Civic	2	3	5	19,965	20,073	-0.54%
Toyota	Camry	3	1	2	24,710	24,566	0.59%
Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	4	5	4	33,597	34,082	-1.42%
Dodge	Ram 1500	5	6	11	35,145	34,808	0.97%
Honda	CR-V	6	8	21	25,706	25,843	-0.53%
Ford	Mustang	7	4	8	34,370	32,737	4.99%
Honda	Accord	8	7	3	26,282	25,909	1.44%
Toyota	Corolla	9	9	6	18,300	18,287	0.07%
BMW	3 Series	10	10	16	47,610	47,282	0.69%
Volkswagen	Jetta	11	11	20	23,830	22,828	4.39%
Ford	Fusion	12	19	12	25,528	25,681	-0.60%
Jeep	Wrangler	13	16	18	29,796	29,209	2.01%
Jeep	Grand Cherokee	14	21	93	36,654	37,082	-1.15%
Ford	Escape	15	20	19	27,425	26,716	2.65%
Ford	Focus	16	15	13	18,790	18,772	0.10%
Ford	F-250	17	13	15	47,206	45,867	2.92%
Chevrolet	Camaro	18	12	7	33,399	34,369	-2.82%
Hyundai	Sonata	19	17	29	23,675	21,932	7.95%
Chevrolet	Malibu	20	22	10	24,376	24,691	-1.28%

NOVEMBER USED CARS							
MAKE	MODEL	VDP Rank 10/10	VDP Rank 9/10	VDP Rank 10/09	Avg. Price 10/10	Avg. Price 10/09	% Change
Ford	F-150	1	1	1	19,948	19,723	1.14%
BMW	3-Series	2	2	2	24,677	25,808	-4.38%
Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	3	3	3	19,975	19,010	5.08%
Ford	Mustang	4	4	4	17,499	17,149	2.04%
Ford	F-250	5	5	5	24,504	23,503	4.26%
Dodge	Ram 1500	6	7	7	18,271	17,664	3.44%
Honda	Accord	7	6	6	15,749	15,985	-1.48%
Chevy	Tahoe	8	9	8	25,097	24,460	2.60%
Jeep	Wrangler	9	8	13	20,256	19,496	3.90%
Chevrolet	Silverado 2500	10	11	10	23,610	22,665	4.17%
Dodge	Ram 2500	11	13	12	24,959	24,044	3.81%
Honda	Civic	12	10	9	13,198	13,728	-3.86%
Infiniti	G35/G37	13	12	11	21,979	22,573	-2.63%
Toyota	Tacoma	14	14	16	19,405	19,315	0.47%
BMW	5-Series	15	15	14	30,870	30,768	0.33%
Jeep	Grand Cherokee	16	16	17	16,594	16,249	2.12%
Nissan	Altima	17	17	15	14,685	14,354	2.31%
Toyota	Tundra	18	19	21	22,737	22,628	0.48%
Audi	A4	19	18	19	20,742	20,500	1.18%
GMC	Sierra 1500	20	23	25	20,924	20,158	3.80%

NOVEMBER CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED							
MAKE	MODEL	VDP Rank 10/10	VDP Rank 9/10	VDP Rank 10/09	Avg. Price 10/10	Avg. Price 10/09	% Change
BMW	3-Series	1	1	1	29,243	30,659	-4.62%
Honda	Accord	2	2	2	18,810	18,596	1.15%
Chevrolet	Sliverado 1500	3	4	3	24,517	23,371	4.90%
Ford	F-150	4	3	7	25,120	23,767	5.69%
Toyota	Tundra	5	5	5	26,334	25,268	4.22%
Chevrolet	Tahoe	6	6	4	33,691	31,446	7.14%
Toyota	Tacoma	7	7	10	22,644	22,539	0.47%
BMW	5-Series	8	9	8	38,791	35,505	9.25%
Toyota	Camry	9	8	6	17,641	18,768	-6.00%
Audi	A4	10	10	11	26,358	26,311	0.18%
Honda	Civic	11	11	9	15,758	16,659	-5.41%
Toyota	Highlander	12	16	13	25,683	24,017	6.94%

Acura	TL	13	12	12	26,394	26,759	-1.37%
Volkswagen	Jetta	14	13	25	16,317	16,097	1.37%
Honda	Pilot	15	17	17	25,377	24,501	3.57%
Acura	MDX	16	15	29	32,497	32,148	1.09%
Toyota	4Runner	17	18	19	25,862	24,826	4.17%
Ford	Mustang	18	14	14	21,434	20,196	6.13%
BMW	X5	19	19	24	41,746	41,875	-0.31%
GMC	Sierra 1500	20	20	16	25,735	24,325	5.80%

YEAR-END: TOP 20 MOST VIEWED NEW VEHICLES IN 2010		
MAKE	MODEL	2010 Rank
Ford	Mustang	1
Ford	F-150	2
Chevrolet	Camaro	3
Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	4
Toyota	Camry	5
BMW	3-Series	6
Dodge	Ram 1500	7
Honda	Civic	8
Honda	Accord	9
Ford	F-250	10
Jeep	Wrangler	11
Chevrolet	Corvette	12
Toyota	Corolla	13
Honda	CRV	14
Volkswagen	Jetta	15
GMC	Sierra 1500	16
Ford	Fusion	17
Hyundai	Sonata	18
Nissan	Altima	19
Dodge	Challenger	20

YEAR-END: TOP 20 MOST VIEWED USED VEHICLES IN 2010		
MAKE	MODEL	2010 Rank
Ford	F-150	1
BMW	3-Series	2
Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	3
Ford	Mustang	4
Ford	F-250	5

Honda	Accord	6
Dodge	Ram 1500	7
Jeep	Wrangler	8
Honda	Civic	9
Chevrolet	Tahoe	10
Infiniti	G35/37	11
Chevrolet	Silverado 2500	12
Dodge	Ram 2500	13
Toyota	Tacoma	14
Nissan	Altima	15
BMW	5-Series	16
Jeep	Grand Cherokee	17
Toyota	Tundra	18
Audi	A4	19
Ford	Explorer	20

YEAR END: TOP 20 MOST VIEWED CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED VEHICLES IN 2010		
MAKE	MODEL	2010 Rank
BMW	3-Series	1
Honda	Accord	2
Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	3
Ford	F-150	4
Toyota	Tundra	5
Chevrolet	Tahoe	6
Toyota	Camry	7
Toyota	Tacoma	8
Audi	A4	9
Honda	Civic	10
BMW	5-Series	11
Ford	Mustang	12
Acura	TL	13
Volkswagen	Jetta	14
Toyota	Highlander	15
Honda	Pilot	16
Toyota	4-Runner	17
Acura	MDX	18
GMC	Sierra 1500	19
Chevrolet	Suburban	20

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