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This year marks the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Automotive Trends Report. This report, which provides the public unparalleled insight into the automotive industry, exemplifies not only the important work that the EPA is doing today, but also the long and rich history of the agency's commitment to science, data and transparency.

The EPA was founded with strong bipartisan support to protect our environment and public health. The EPA's partnership with the automotive industry was established from the very beginning, as the Clean Air Act of 1970 tasked the fledgling agency with the ambitious goal of reducing car pollution. In the years that followed, the EPA's emissions standards have catalyzed widespread use of new, clean technologies; eliminated lead in gasoline; reduced evaporative emissions from vehicles; and ultimately led to an impressive [99 percent reduction](#) of common vehicle-tailpipe pollutants, such as hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and particulate matter. These improvements have made direct impacts on our air quality, improved people's health and saved lives.

Through all the incredible change and innovation that has taken place in the auto industry since 1975, the Trends Report has been there to provide data, insight and transparency to the American public. The EPA has been gathering and maintaining data that covers every new light-duty vehicle produced for sale in the United States since model year 1975, and this unique dataset forms the foundation of this annual resource. As with each iteration, this edition adds new analysis and more data, including new layers of transparency through its online companion data tools. The report also provides a detailed look at how automotive manufacturers are doing under the EPA's current light-duty greenhouse gas standards, providing critical transparency on this important program. By understanding our history and by setting a common baseline for where we are today, the Trends Report is part of the backbone of what the EPA and the automotive industry have accomplished and will be able to accomplish in the future.

I am proud to introduce the 50th anniversary EPA Automotive Trends Report. This report continues to be a critical way that the EPA delivers on its mission to protect human health and the environment for more than half a century and counting. Congratulations to the incredible career team at the EPA who have made this report possible. I hope that everyone who relies on this authoritative report finds it as insightful and informative as ever.

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