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## FleetPartner E-News

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### Recalls

Ford is recalling certain model year 2009 and 2010 F150 vehicles manufactured from January 18, 2008, through November 30, 2009. The interior door handle may fracture during normal usage resulting in insufficient spring force to return the handle to the fully stowed position. In the event of a side impact crash, the door handle spring can fail, causing the door latch to open. Recall is expected to begin on or about February 14, 2011. You can call Ford at 1-866-436-7332 for more information.

Ford is recalling 1,658 2011 Ford Explorers that were manufactured from July 15<sup>th</sup> through December 13<sup>th</sup> 2010. The second-row seats do not meet all federal standards and pose a safety risk in the event of a crash, the National Highway Traffic Administration said. The recall is expected to begin on or about February 15, 2011. You can call Ford at 1-866-436-7332 for more information.

### Industry News

The first month of 2011 comes to a close and the numbers are in: GM comes out on top, with Ford and Toyota rounding out the top three with the highest increases over the same period last year, *as reported by Motor Trend*. *Leading the list for January 2011* are 1) GM: 178,896, up 21.8 percent, 2) Ford: 127,317, up 13.3 percent, and 3) Toyota: 115,856, up 17.3 percent. The Toyota Camry and Nissan Altima top midsize sedan sales, while Toyota Corolla, Honda Civic, and Chevy Cruze top compact sales.

### Production Updates

Ford has been experiencing slowdowns in production with their 2011 Ford F150 models. Shortage of parts of V-6 engines forced a weeklong shutdown of a suburban Detroit plant. We will provide updates on your weekly status report.

Toyota has decided to delay build on the new 2012 Camry. The 2011 Camry build out date has now been extended to 5/10/2011.

### FleetPartner News

Our new redesigned website will be completed in the coming weeks. Not only will you notice a totally new look and feel, but we have improved the navigation to make it easier for you to build and price a new vehicle. In addition, our green pages have been upgraded, giving you more resources to learn about green vehicles.

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