How Will the Increase in Off-Lease Volume Affect Used Car Residuals?
Today’s Speakers

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Agenda

» Economics of off-lease vehicles
» State of the US vehicle fleet
» Effect of off-lease volume on used vehicle prices
» Conclusion, Q&A
No Doubt That Off-Lease Volume Will Rise

Estimate of potential off-lease units per quarter, thousands

Forecast

Sources: Moody’s Analytics, CreditForecast.com
The Economics of Off-Lease Vehicles
Record New Vehicle Sales Were in 1978

In demographically adjusted terms

New Vehicle Sales, ann. m (L)

New Vehicles per Licensed Driver (R)

Sources: BEA, Federal Highway Administration, Moody’s Analytics
Signs that Leasing is Losing its Luster

Lease auto finance originations and auto finance total delinquency balance

Sources: Moody’s Analytics, CreditForecast.com
Vehicle Supply & Demand

High numbers of off-lease vehicles increases both supply and demand.

The direction of price change ultimately depends on the relative magnitude of these shifts.
Current Forecast Calls For Trend Price Increase

Manheim vehicle value index, Jan 95 = 100

Sources: Manheim, Moody’s Analytics
Consumer Preferences Change Very Slowly

» A person who is normally happy owning a 3-8 year old car may have been tempted by a cheap new car lease, but will likely revert to form.

» There are risks to the industry associated with people shifting back from new cars to used cars.

» If there really were “too many” new cars on the road, while we would expect the average vehicle age to be falling, we do not.
The State of the US Vehicle Fleet
Retirement Rate Will Support Used Car Prices

Estimated vehicles retired or due for retirement, 1998 = 100

Sources: Moody’s Analytics, Consumer Expenditure Survey
Vehicle Retirements Highest for 14 Year Old Cars

Annual vehicle retirements by age, 2010-2020, millions

Retirements peak when vehicles are between 11 and 15.

Sources: Moody’s Analytics, Consumer Expenditure Survey
Fewer Middle Aged Cars, More Old Cars than 2008

Relative distribution of cars by age, %

Sources: Moody’s Analytics, BLS (Consumer Expenditure Survey)
Earlier Recessions Had a More Muted Impact

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The 2001 recession had no effect on the distribution

Effect of the 1991 recession

Sources: Moody’s Analytics, BLS (Consumer Expenditure Survey)
Retirements Will Be Low From 2020-2025

Relative distribution of cars by age, %

The “hole” will shift over time like this

Retirements will fall when the “hole” hits this window.

Sources: Moody’s Analytics, Consumer Expenditure Survey
Retirement Rate Will Support Used Car Prices

Estimated vehicles retired or due for retirement, 1998 = 100

Sources: Moody's Analytics, Consumer Expenditure Survey
How Will This Affect Prices?
Buyers of 6-8 Year Old Cars Will be Squeezed

Relative distribution of cars by age, 2015, %

The lack of middle aged cars will offset increased off-lease volume.

Sources: Moody’s Analytics, BLS (Consumer Expenditure Survey)
Conclusion

» Given the “hole” and the related decline in vehicle retirements, the supply picture will look very different in three years.

» Within next two years, risks are more finely balanced than most realize:
  - Off-lease volume is definitely a risk. Will off-lease demand balance off-lease supply?
  - A high vehicle retirement rate represents a potential upside risk.

» On balance, while we will continue to expect softness in prices for young cars, broad indices like the Manheim will remain solid.
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