Industrial output in manufacturing fell quite sharply during the recession, but has risen strongly over the past thirty-three months, averaging 6.7% and has recovered 73.8% of the loss during the recession.

Manufacturing capacity utilization has been rising since June 2009.

And while manufacturing jobs have been rising, they have only recovered 21.1% of the jobs lost during the downturn.

Manufacturing has a long way to go in order to recover job losses.
Declines in manufacturing output were broad-based during the Great Recession – especially in vehicle and primary metals manufacturing.

The recovery has also been broad-based with vehicle and primary metals manufacturing leading the way.

Industrial output: December 2007 - June 2009

The purchasing managers' index remains above 50

Industrial production is forecast to rise at a solid pace

Light vehicle sales have markedly improved

Prices for new vehicles continue to rise

Consumer price index - new vehicles

Industrial output: June 2009 - March 2012

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Increases in new domestic production share has offset losses in Detroit-3 market share.

Over the past year Detroit three market share has fallen, while the domestically produced share has been flat.

The share of foreign nameplate sales that are produced domestically has been rising.

Inventories are below desired levels, especially for passenger cars.

Consumer attitudes to car buying remains low.

Economic indicators point to moderate growth for vehicles.
Vehicle sales are expected to rise this year and next year.

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