PASSENGER RAIL CARS: SELECTED VEHICLE STATS

Commuter Rail, FY2008*

Revenue vehicles	6,617
New passenger vehicles delivered	218
Average vehicle age	16.3 years
Total revenue miles operated	310.2

Heavy Rail, FY2008

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Revenue vehicles	11,377	
New passenger vehicles delivered	555	
Average vehicle age	21.1 years	
Total revenue miles operated	655.4	

Light Rail, FY2008

Revenue vehicles	1,969
New passenger vehicles delivered	53
Average vehicle age	15.7 years
Total revenue miles operated	87.3

^{*}Commuter rail data includes passenger cars only.

Source: 2010 American Public Transportation Association Public Transportation Fact Book

A CAR MARKET WITH POTENTIAL

The U.S. passenger rail-car supply industry could be in for a boom as Amtrak upgrades its car fleet and adds high-speed trains, and as lawmakers consider a transportation bill that calls for greater investments in public transit, including rail, according to a Duke University Center on Globalization, Governance & Competitiveness study prepared for the Apollo Alliance.

States such as New York, Pennsylvania and California, which are home to a combined 80 passenger-car-related manufacturing facilities, would reap major benefits from the bill, according to the study, titled "U.S. Manufacture of Rail Vehicles for Intercity Passenger Rail and Urban Transit: A Value Chain Analysis."

The report analyzes U.S. rail vehicle production in six categories: intercity passenger, high-speed, regional, metro, light rail and streetcars. Growth in the U.S. rail manufacturing industry will require committing "much larger and more consistent U.S. investments to intercity passenger and urban transit rail," the report concludes.