

# Heavy-duty vehicle fuel economy policies and opportunities

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# Key messages

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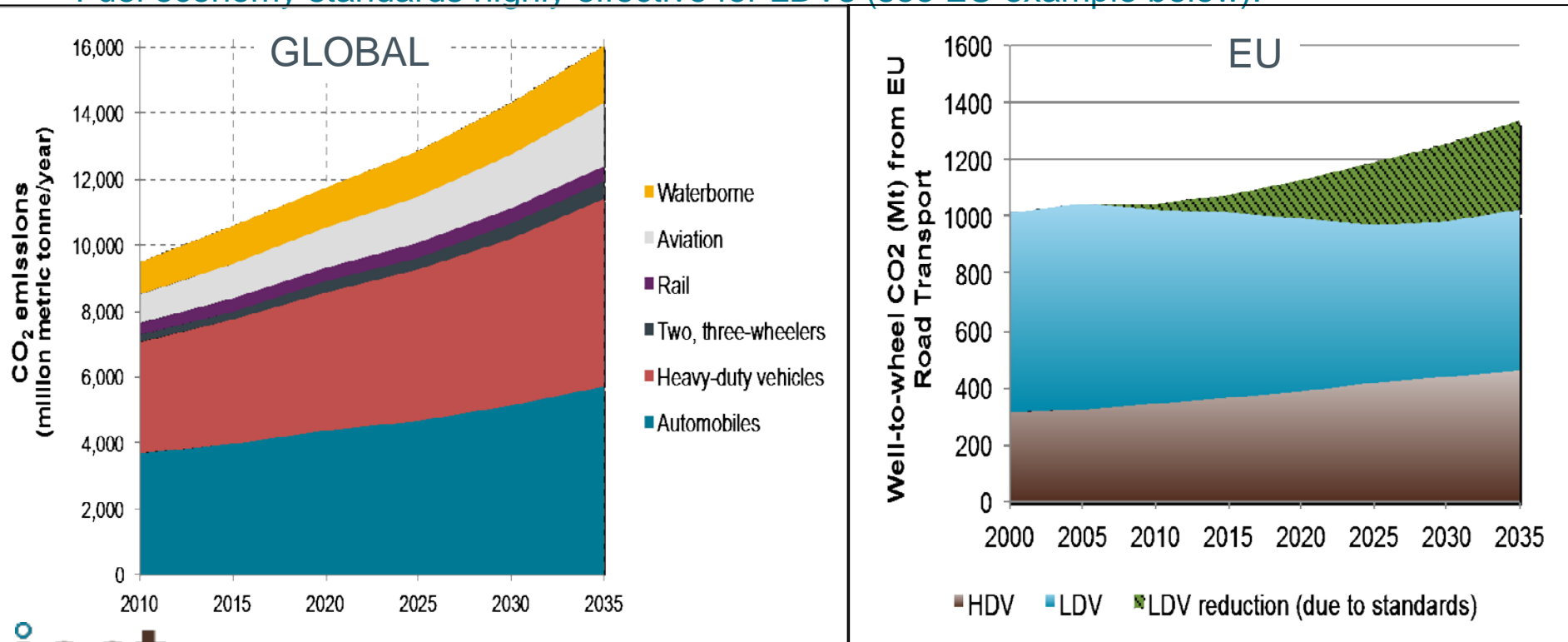
1. To date, only four countries have adopted fuel economy standards for heavy-duty vehicles
2. Globally, energy consumption from heavy-duty trucks and buses is nearly equivalent to passenger vehicles.
3. While the vehicle segment is diverse, a small number of vehicle types dominate fuel consumption in each market (e.g., tractor trailers, straight trucks, delivery trucks).
4. Given high fuel consumption, heavy-duty vehicles are extremely attractive targets for policy action as fuel savings offset increases in technology costs.
5. Key regulatory elements have already been developed – regulatory design, test cycles and protocols, simulation models – thus paving the way for accelerated policy adoption.

Global context

Inventories  
Policy landscape

# Growing Importance of HDVs

- Growth in HDV energy use forecast at 72% increase 2010-2030 outstripping other modes.
- HDVs responsible for approximately 45% of on-road CO<sub>2</sub> emissions over the next 35 years,
- Current LDV efficiency standards cover over 83% of global sales with only 47% of sales are covered for HDVs policies.
- Fuel economy standards highly effective for LDVs (see EU example below).



# HDV Global Fuel Efficiency Standards Landscape

- Four countries in the world currently have HDV CO<sub>2</sub>/efficiency standards (10 countries/regions have LDV standards)
- Standards are not harmonized or equivalent (differences include stringency levels, segments covered, technologies covered, simulation models)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Japan				Phase 1										Phase 2	
U.S.			Phase 1					Phase 2							
Canada			Phase 1					Phase 2							
China	Phase 1		Phase 2						Phase 3						
EU							Certification, Monitoring, Reporting								
India									Phase 1						
Mexico									Phase 1						
S.Korea									Phase 1						

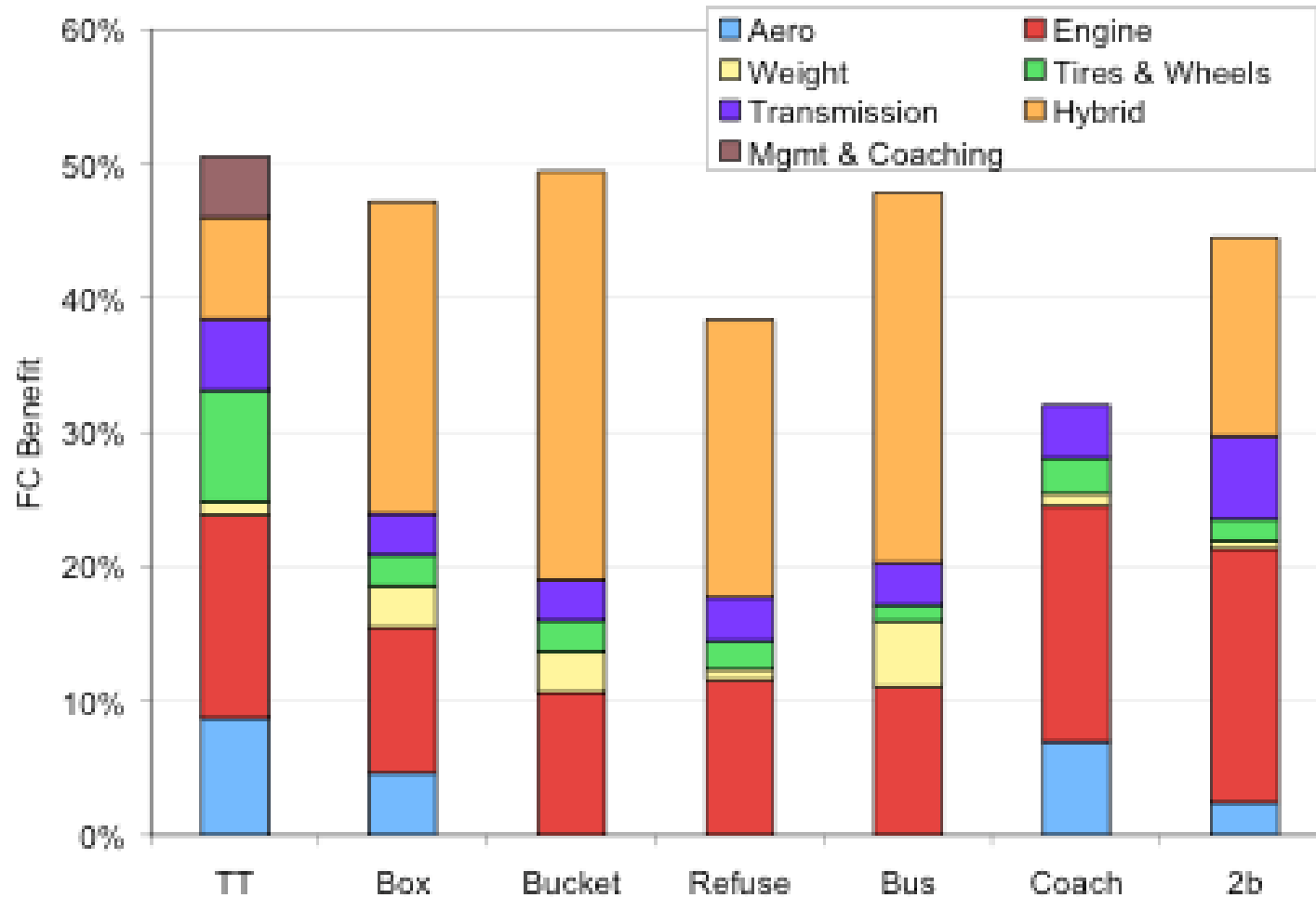
*Hashed areas represent unconfirmed projections of the ICCT*

# Case study

**U.S. & Canada HDV  
GHG rules**

# Foundational Research for U.S. HDV GHG Regulations:

National Academy of Sciences Report found 35 – 50% improvement could be achieved in the 2015 to 2020 timeframe.



National Academy of Sciences (2010) FIGURE S-1 Comparison of 2015-2020 New Vehicle Potential Fuel Savings Technology for Seven Vehicle Types: Tractor Trailer (TT), Class 3-6 Box (Box), Class 3-6 Bucket (Bucket), Class 8 Refuse (Refuse), Transit Bus (Bus), Motor Coach (Coach), and Class 2b Pickups and Vans (2b). Also, for each vehicle class, the fuel consumption benefit of the combined technology packages is calculated as follows:  $\%FC_{package} = 1 - (1 - \%FC_{tech1})(1 - \%FC_{tech2})(1 - \%FC_{techN})$  where  $\%FC_{techx}$  is the percent benefit of an individual technology. SOURCE: TIAx (2009) ES-4.

# Strategy: Prioritize Vehicle Segments with High Fuel Use

## Class 7/8 Tractors



## Class 2B/3 Pickup Trucks and Vans



## Everything Else!





# US program is 4 rules bundled together: Engine, Tractor, Vocational, Pickups and Vans.

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Vehicle Type	Subclass		Engine	Vehicle only	Vehicle + Engine	
<b>Tractors</b>	Day Cabs	Class 7 Low/mid Roof	6%	4%	10.3%	
		Class 7 High Roof	6%	7%	13.0%	
		Class 8 Low/mid Roof	6%	3%	9.1%	
		Class 8 High Roof	6%	8%	13.6%	
	Sleeper	Class 8 Low Roof	6%	12%	17.5%	
		Class 8 Mid Roof	6%	12%	18.0%	
		Class 8 High Roof	6%	17%	23.4%	
	<b>Vocational</b>	Light HD	Class 2b - 5	9%	0%	8.6%
		Medium HD	Class 6 - 7	9%	0%	8.9%
Heavy HD		Class 8	5%	1%	5.9%	
<b>Pickups &amp; Vans</b>	Gasoline				12.0%	
	Diesel				17.0%	

Largest reductions – and regulatory attention – focus on the vehicle categories that use the most fuel. In HD sector, combination tractors and pickup trucks use about 70% of the fuel.

# Compliance Example: U.S. Simulation Tool

The screenshot shows the GEM simulation tool interface. The title bar reads 'GEM\_sim'. The main heading is 'Greenhouse Gas Emissions Model (GEM)'. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Identification:** Manufacturer Name: AAA Tractors; Vehicle Configuration: "Classic"; Date: 29-Aug-2011; Vehicle Family: Tractor Family #1; Vehicle Model Year: 2014.
- Regulatory Subcategory:** A list of radio button options for different vehicle classes and cab types, with 'Class 8 Combination - Sleeper Cab - High Roof' selected.
- Simulation Inputs:** A list of input fields with values: Coefficient of Aerodynamic Drag: 0.75; Steer Tire Rolling Resistance [kg/metric ton]: 7.5; Drive Tire Rolling Resistance [kg/metric ton]: 7.8; Vehicle Speed Limiter [mph]: 65; Vehicle Weight Reduction [lbs]: 0; Extended Idle Reduction: 5.
- Simulation Type:** Radio button options for 'Single Configuration' (selected), 'Plot Output', and 'Multiple Configurations'.
- Buttons:** A large green 'RUN' button.

Determined by testing

"yes/no" parameters

# Compliance Example: Tractor Trailer

“Classic” style



Drag inducing features: flat grill and bumper, protruding elements

Frontal area

Drag coefficient

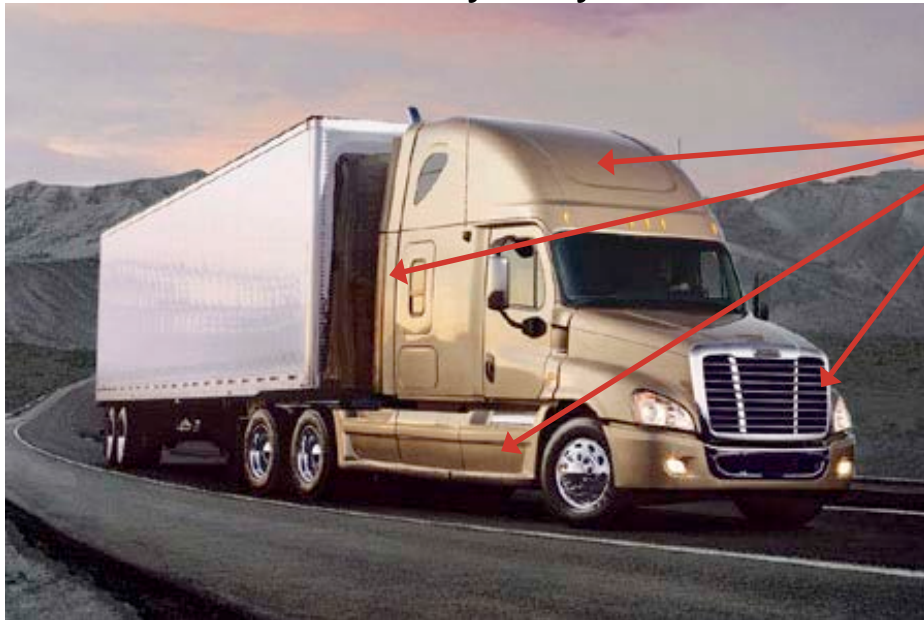
Step 1: coastdown testing to determine  $C_d * A$

$C_d * A = 7.7 \rightarrow$  this tractor belongs to “Bin I”

	Class 7		Class 8	
	Day Cab		Day Cab	Sleeper Cab
	High Roof		High Roof	High Roof
Aerodynamic Test Results ( $C_d A$ in $m^2$ )				
Bin I	$\geq 8.0$	$\geq 8.0$	$\geq 7.6$	
Bin II	7.1 – 7.9	7.1 – 7.9	6.7 – 7.5	
Bin III	6.2 – 7.0	6.2 – 7.0	5.8 – 6.6	
Bin IV	5.6 – 6.1	5.6 – 6.1	5.2 – 5.7	
Bin V	$\leq 5.5$	$\leq 5.5$	$\leq 5.1$	

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“SmartWay” style



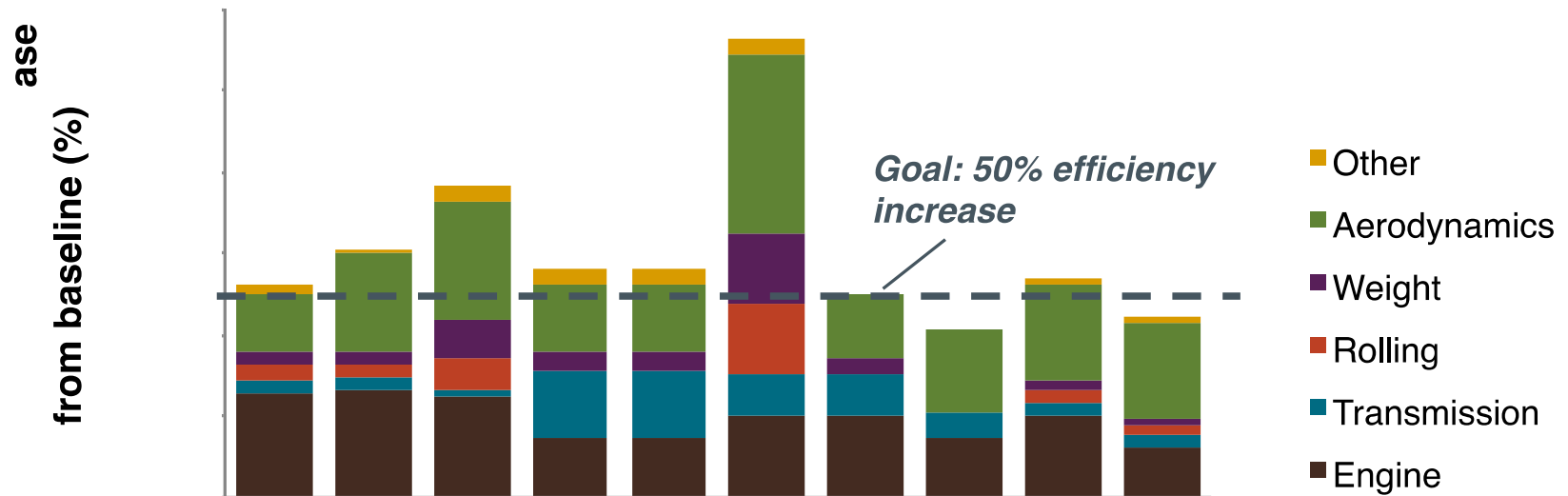
Drag reducing features:  
smoothed front grill and bumper, roof fairing, chassis fairings, side extenders, etc.

In the coastdown test, Smartway Tractor will have a lower drag result than Classic Tractor because of all of these aerodynamic enhancements

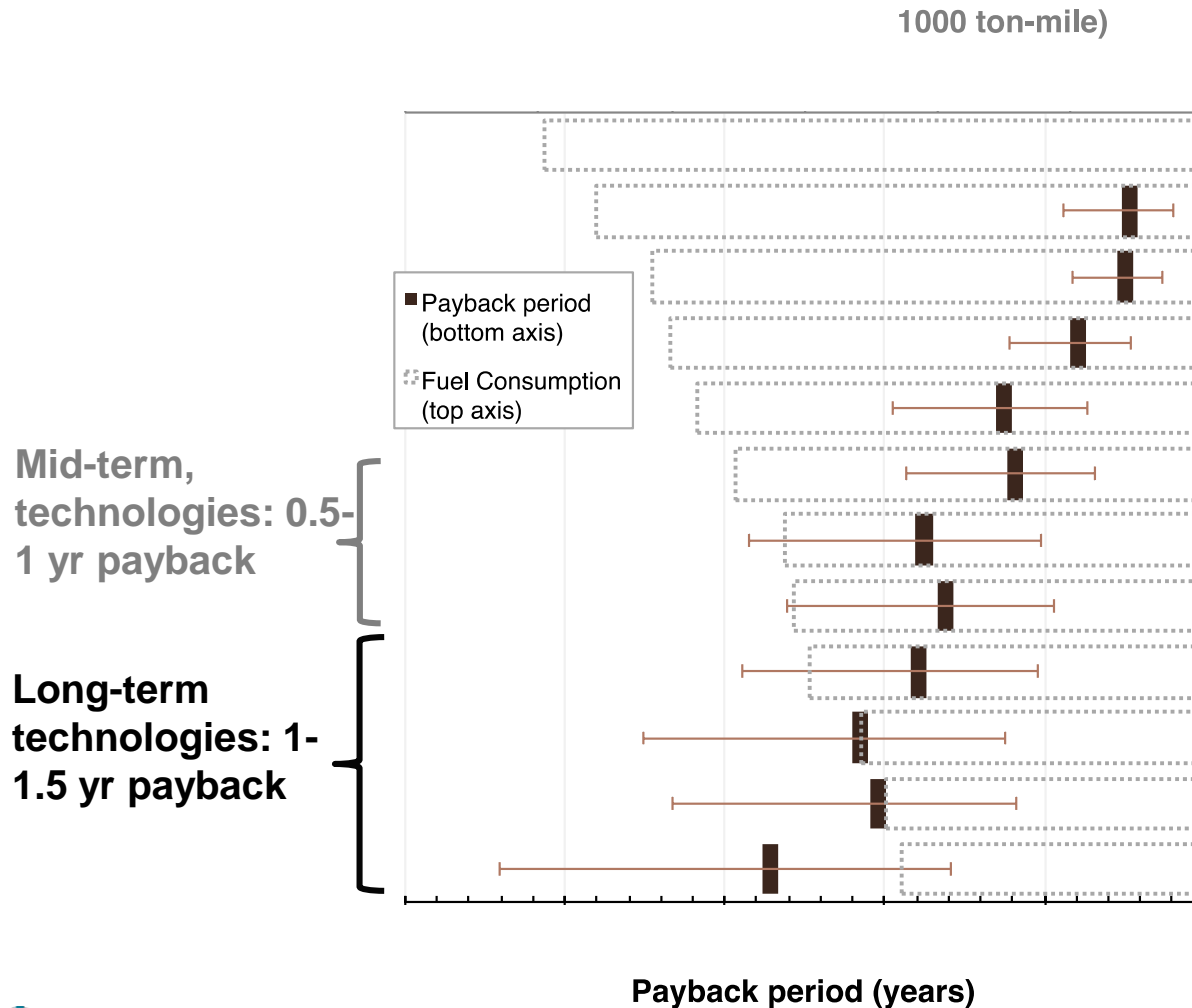
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# U.S. Super Truck Program Informs Phase 2 Proposal

- Goal: Demonstrate 50% increase in freight efficiency (e.g., ton-mi/gal)
  - For a given payload, this would approximately result in 10 mpg tractor-trailers (from 6-7 mpg baseline)
- Progress to date:

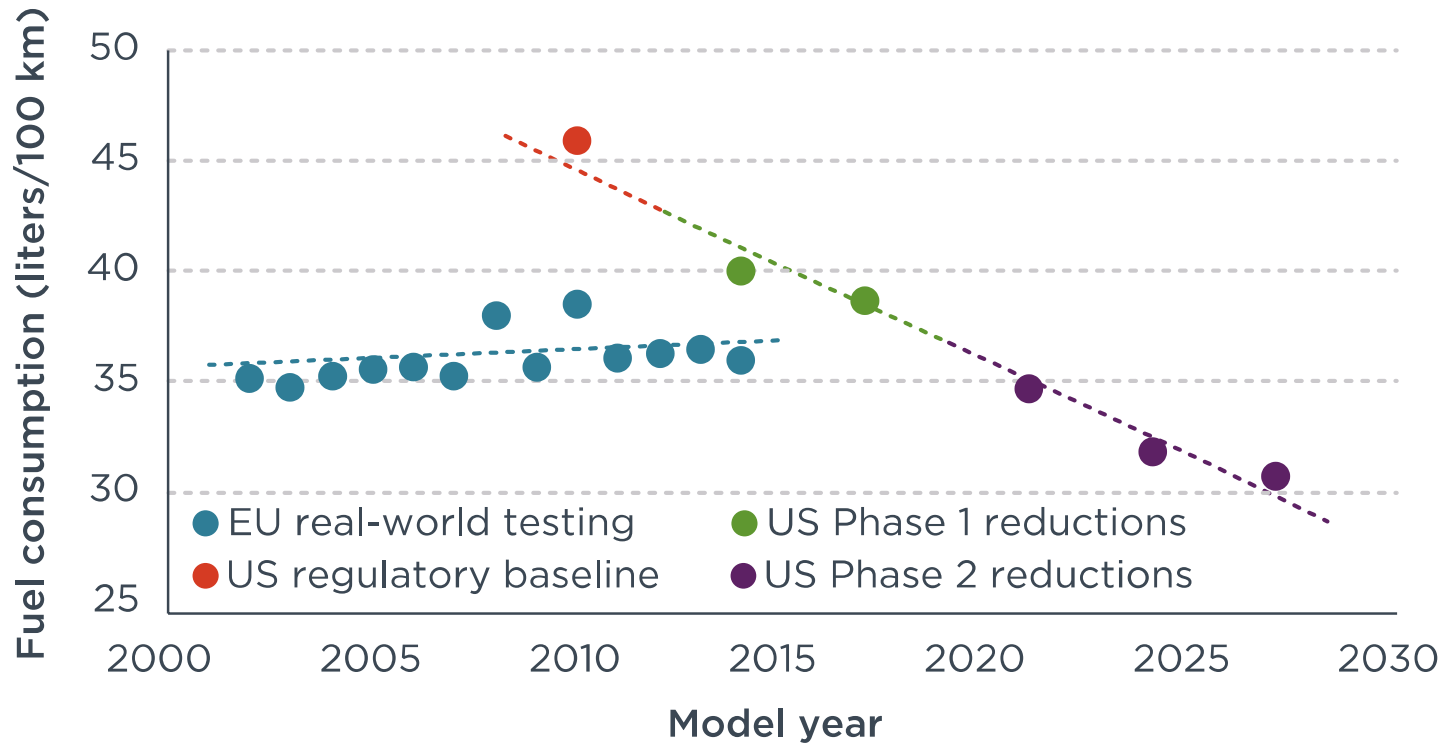


# ICCT Analysis of Technology Potential and Payback Periods for Phase 2 Rule Proposal



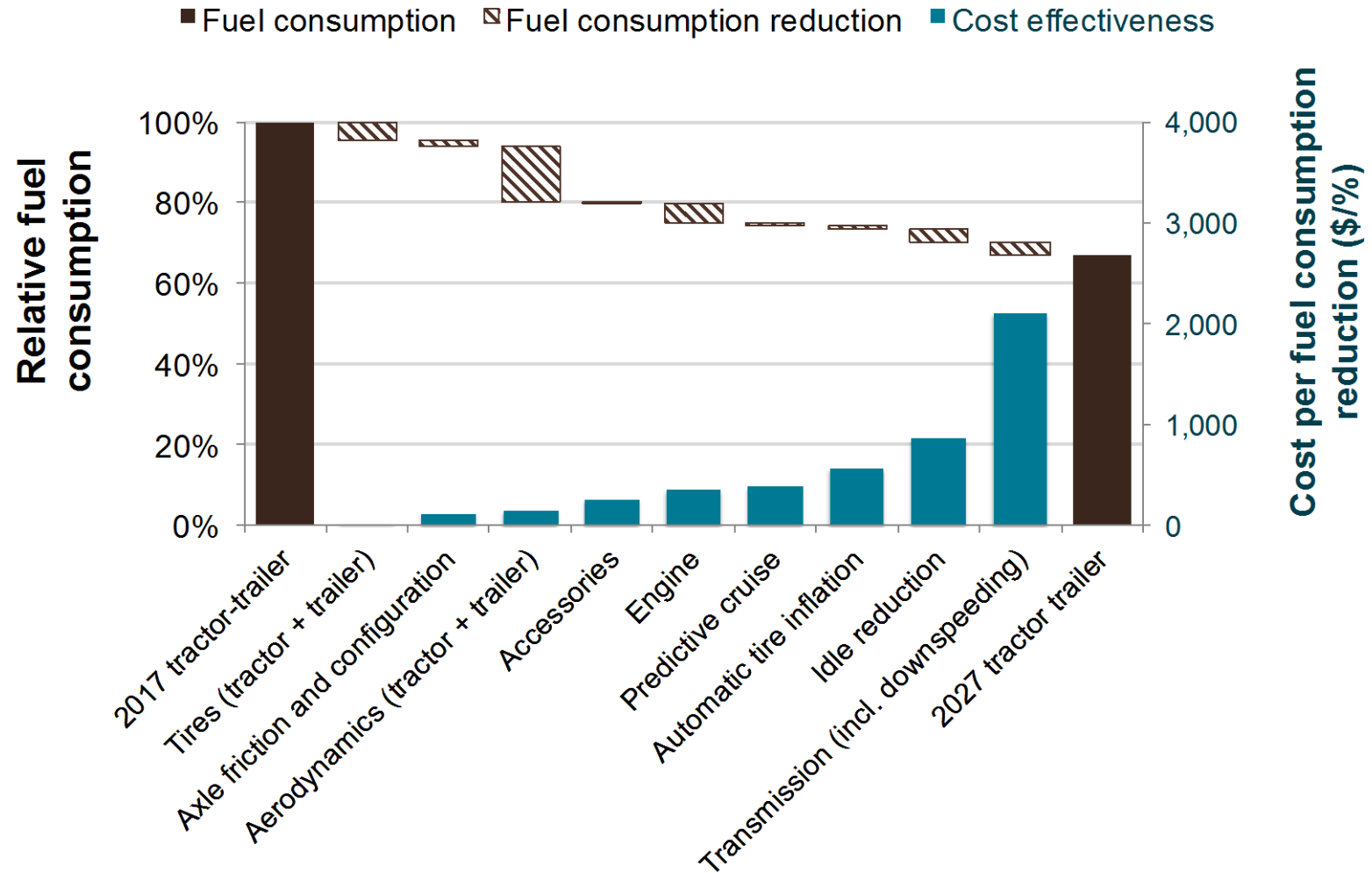
# US trucks are expected to overtake EU in energy efficiency in part due to US fuel economy regulations

## Fuel consumption of tractor-trailers EU vs. US:



# Phase 2 Sample Compliance Pathway

New tractor + trailer fuel consumption reduction of 34% from 2018 to 2027





# ICCT Research For FIA Foundation

**Baseline fuel economy  
Technology potential**

# Project methodology

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- **Objective:**

- To develop a global fuel consumption baseline for heavy-duty vehicles coupled with potential efficiency improvements based on technology and cost assessment.
- Based on this information, the ICCT will make recommendations to GFEI on how to establish a global fuel economy target similar to the passenger vehicle target.

- **Methodology:**

- **Select representative vehicles.**

- Five markets: Brazil, China, EU, India, and US.
- Two segments: tractor-trailer and rigid trucks (these two segments cover the vast majority of on-road freight hauling).

- **Gather engine and vehicle data to create a baseline.**

- Engine maps
- Vehicle parameters (tires, aerodynamics, mass, etc.)
- Operation (speed profile, grade, payload)

- **Simulate technology potential of known technologies**

- “End point” technology packages equivalent to US SuperTruck (advanced technology demonstration project) technology level
- This analysis does not include “future” zero emissions technology (significant electrification or fuel cell)

- **Map remaining world markets**

- To the most appropriate market
- Use ICCT roadmap model to estimate sales-weighted reductions that are possible.

# Duty cycles, payloads, and other assumptions






- Payloads and duty cycles listed below (kept constant throughout years of analysis)
- Assume no significant change to vehicle configuration, engine size
- Assume no significant change to logistics, infrastructure, etc

		Duty cycle	Average speed (km/h)	Maximum Payload (tonnes)	Representative Payload (tonnes)
Tractor-trailer	Brazil	Brazil - WHVC	76.3	19.5	19.5
	China	China - WHVC	72.7	25	25
	Europe	ACEA Long Haul	77.3	25.5	19.3
	India	India - WHVC	32.9	27.2	27.2
	US	US Phase 2 cycles	99.1	21.3	17.2
Rigid trucks	Brazil	US Vocational Multipurpose	36	6.5	3.2
	China	WHVC-China	51.3	6.2	3.1
	Europe	ACEA Urban / Regional	49	5.5	2.7
	India	ARB Transient	24.6	8	4
	US	US Vocational Multipurpose	36	5.3	2.6

# Typical tractor-trailer characteristics in each region

	Brazil	China	Europe	India	US
Gross vehicle weight (tonnes)	36	40	40	40	36
Vehicle curb weight (tonnes)	16.7	15	14.5	13	14.7
Maximum payload (tonnes)	19.3	25	25.5	27	21.3
Volume capacity (m <sup>3</sup> )	135	84	93	110	112
Axle configuration	6x2	6x4	4x2	4x2	6x4
Trailer axle number	3	3	3	3	2
Engine Displacement (liters)	13	10	12.8	5.9	15
Engine power (kW)	324	250	350	134	340
Transmission type	AMT	MT	AMT	MT	MT
Transmission gears	12	10	12	6	10
Transmission gear ratios	11.32-1	14.8-1	14.9-1	9.19-1	12.8-0.73
Rear axle ratio	4.38	4.11	2.64	6.83	3.7
Tire size	295/80R22.5	12R22.5	315/80R22.5	10R20	295/75R22.5
Engine criteria pollutant emission standard/vehicle fuel efficiency standard	Proconve 7	China IV	Euro VI	Bharat III	EPA 2010
Vehicle fuel efficiency standard	NA	Stage 2	NA	NA	GHG 2014

# Comparison of HDVs in different markets (tractor trailers)

	Brazil	China	EU	India	US
					
Axel config.	6x2	6x4	4x2	4x2	6x4
Curb weight (tractor)	9.7t	10t	7.4t	6t	8.5t
GVW	35t	40t	40t	40t	36t
Transmission	AMT, 12 spd.	MT, 10 spd	AMT, 12 spd.	MT, 6 spd.	MT, 10 spd.
Engine Displ.	13L	11L	13L	6L	15L
Engine Power	~325kW	~250kW	~350kW	~135kW	~340kW
Emissions std.	Proconve 7	China IV	Euro VI	Bharat III	US EPA 2010

# Key Messages

- Heavy-duty trucks and buses are a major contributor to global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and oil use, particularly in emerging markets.
  - HDV sector is behind LDV sector in implementation efficiency standards
- Regulatory action to address CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and fuel use from heavy-duty vehicles is accelerating around the world.
  - Japan, US, China and Canada currently have programs while India, Mexico, Korea and Europe are actively developing programs.
- Low volumes of heavy-duty vehicles and engines create economic incentives for global alignment of standards.
  - Global harmonization of regulatory programs is challenging due to diverse vehicle types and drive cycles, but shared use of simulation models holds promise.
- Supported by FIA Foundation, the ICCT is developing a global baseline for heavy-duty vehicle fuel economy and technology potential in 2030.
  - According to our research, fuel economy policies could substantially accelerate adoption of technology in the HDV sector, leading to ~ 30 GT of carbon reductions by 2050 cumulatively.

# Thank you



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