CARS Data Dictionary for Final Data File (as of September 30th, 2011)
Paid CARS Transactions

This data file contains transaction information entered electronically for each of the 677,238 CARS transactions that were paid by the conclusion of the program for a total of $2,851,092,000. Please note that confidential commercial information concerning dealers and privacy information concerning consumers have been redacted. The redacted information includes banking information and identification (franchise) codes for dealers; names, home addresses, telephone numbers, and State identification numbers for consumers; and the last six characters of the new vehicles' vehicle identification numbers (VINs).

The data file is being provided in two formats: comma delimited text (ASCII) with a quotation mark (") as a text qualifier and Microsoft Access. The comma-delimited file can be read into most standard statistical and database software. The comma-delimited file also has the field names in the first row. The comments section below notes whether each field is numeric or text. All fields that sometimes contain text should be treated as text fields to avoid errors during importing. The Microsoft Access file is readable with the appropriate Microsoft Access software. Both files contain the same 42 fields, which are described below.

Field Name	Field Description	Comments
Vendor_id	Vendor (dealer) identification	Unique number assigned to each of the dealers (numeric)
Dealer_name	Name of the dealer	(text)
Address_line1	Dealer address line 1	(text)
Address_line2	Dealer address line 2	(text)
Address_line3	Dealer address line 3	(text)
Address_line4	Dealer address line 4	(text)
City	Dealer city	(text)
State	Dealer State	(text)
ZIP	Dealer ZIP	(text)
Area_code	Dealer area code	Area code entered by dealers in a variety of formats (text)
Phone	Dealer phone number	Phone numbers entered by dealers in a variety of formats (text)
Invoice_id	Invoice (transaction) identification	Unique number assigned to each of the invoices (numeric)
Invoice_num	Dealer's invoice number	Code provided by the dealer for internal tracking purposes; not a unique key (text)
Invoice_date	Invoice date	Please see the Note to Analysts regarding date fields. (text)
Sale_date	Sale date	Please see the Note to Analysts regarding date fields. (text)
Disposal_status	Crush/Shred or Transfer Facility (Auction, etc.)	Dealer's intention at time of transaction. (text)

Disposal_facility_nmvtis_id	Disposal facility ID	Five digit unique number assigned by NHTSA to disposal facilities (See list at http://www.cars.gov/files/ disposal-salvage/ELVS.pdf.) Code 99999 used for salvage auctions. (numeric)
Disposal_facility_contact_info	Disposal facility contact information	Free text field of dealer provided information in a variety of formats (text)
Sales_type	Purchased or Leased	(text)
Invoice_amount	$3,500 or $4,500	(numeric)
Trade_in_VIN	Trade-in Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)	(text)
Trade_in_vehicle_category	Passenger Automobile (P), Category 1 Truck (1), Category 2 Truck (2) or Category 3 Truck (3)	Selected by dealers based upon EPA side-by-side (See http://www.fueleconomy.gov/ feg/CarsSearchIntro.shtml.) (text)
Trade_in_make	Trade-in make	From EPA pick list (text)
Trade_in_model	Trade-in model	From EPA pick list (text)
Trade_in_year	Trade-in model year	From EPA pick list (numeric)
Trade_in_vehicle_drive_train	Trade-in drive train / engine	From EPA pick list (text)
Trade_in_mileage	Trade-in combined fuel economy (miles per gallon or mpg)	From EPA pick list (numeric)
Trade_in_title_state	Trade-in vehicle title State	(text)
Trade_in_registration_state	Trade-in vehicle registration State	(text)
Trade_in_registration_start	Trade-in registration start date	Please see the Note to Analysts regarding date fields. (text)
Trade_in_registration_end	Trade-in registration expiration date	Please see the Note to Analysts regarding date fields. (text)
Trade_in_insurance_start	Trade-in insurance start date	Please see the Note to Analysts regarding date fields. Field not required (text)
Trade_in_NMVTIS_flag	Date dealer flagged trade-in in the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS)	Field not required (text)
Trade_in_odometer_reading	Trade-in odometer reading	Recorded by dealer. May not reflect actual mileage such as when odometer "rolls over." (numeric)
New_vehicle_VIN_trunc	Truncated new VIN	The last six characters of the new VIN are redacted per NHTSA's Privacy Policy (text)

New_vehicle_category	Passenger Automobile (P), Category 1 Truck (1), Category 2 Truck (2) or Category 3 Truck (3)	Selected by dealers based upon EPA side-by-side (text)
New_vehicle_make	New vehicle make	From EPA pick list (text)
New_vehicle_model	New vehicle model	From EPA pick list (text)
New_vehicle_year	New vehicle model year	From EPA pick list (numeric)
New_vehicle_drive_train	New vehicle drive train / engine	From EPA pick list (text)
New_vehicle_car_mileage	New vehicle combined fuel economy (mpg)	From EPA pick list (numeric)
New_vehicle_MSRP	New vehicle (base) Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price (MSRP)	(numeric)