

Growing stocks of unsold cars around the world (13 pictures)...

ED note: when I first saw these pics of course I felt sick to my stomach...what was happening to mt beloved car industry? I now think that if we saw these same pics in the spring of 2008 we would think wow, look at all the cars ready to be sold!

Is this collection of cars typical of any big shipment getting ready to be loaded onto one of those massive car carrying ships? The first pic is the only one to really demonstrate gloom as the test track is shut down and cars are placed on it.

At any rate they mostly are stunning photographs!

Larry Pfister send me the link to these images from an English Website.

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Nissan has announced plans to cut its Sunderland workforce by 1,200. Thousands of unsold cars are stored around the factory's test track

Photograph: Nigel Roddis/Reuters



Honda is halting production at its Swindon plant in April and May, extending the two-month closure announced before Christmas to four months. Honda and Japanese rival Toyota are both cutting production in Japan and elsewhere. Pictured, Hondas await export at a pier in Tokyo
Photograph: Andy Rain/EPA



Land Rover Freelander cars await distribution outside the Halewood operations site in Liverpool

Photograph: Christopher Furlong/Getty



Earlier this week Jaguar Land Rover said 450 British jobs would go Photograph: Christopher Furlong/Getty



The open car storage areas in Corby, Northamptonshire, are reaching full capacity Photograph: David Goddard/Getty

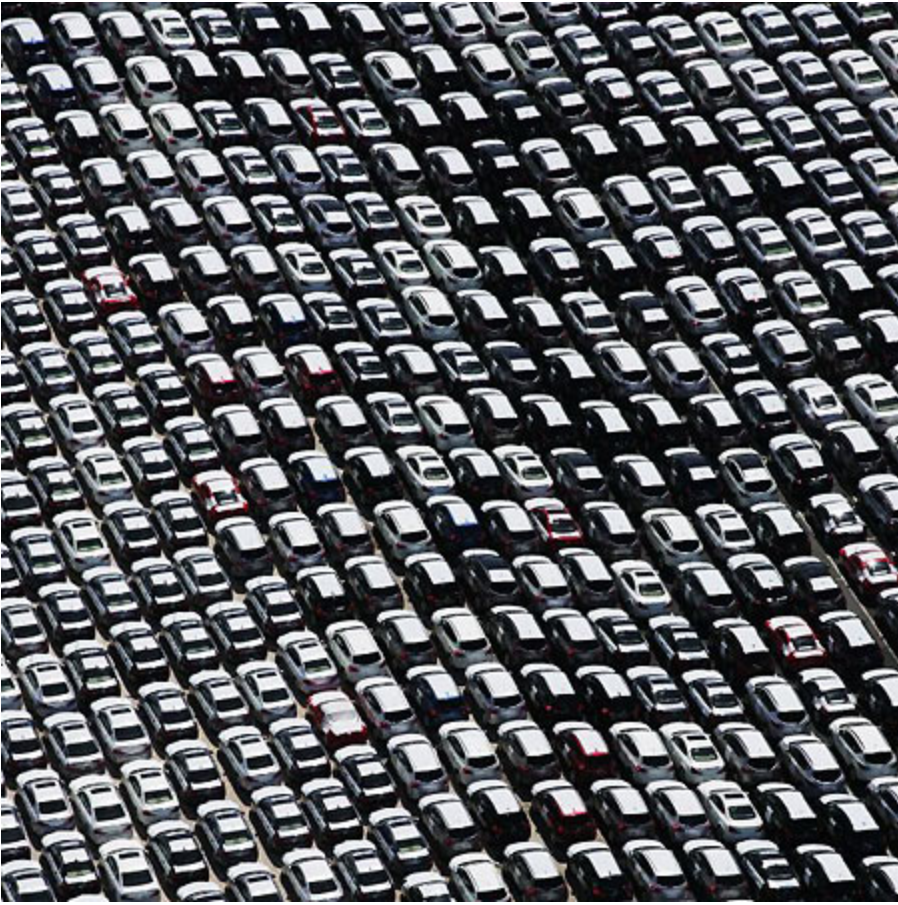


Imported cars stored at Sheerness open storage area awaiting delivery to dealers Photograph: David Goddard/Getty



Newly imported cars fill the 150-acre site at the Toyota distribution centre in Long Beach, California

Photograph: David McNew/Getty



The build-up of imported cars at the port of Newark, New Jersey

Photograph: Mark Lennihan/AP



Stocks of Ford trucks in Detroit, Michigan Photograph: Spencer Platt/Getty



New cars jam the dockside in the port of Valencia in Spain Photograph: Mike Hewitt/Getty



Peugeot cars await shipment to Italian dealers at the port of Civitavecchia Photograph: Giampiero Sposito/Reuters



Unsold cars at Avonmouth Docks near Bristol Photograph: Matt Cardy/Getty



With many manufacturers on extended Christmas shutdown, the number of cars rolling off production lines in December fell 47.5% to just 53,823

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