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# **Automotive Aluminum: Continued Gains in Fuel Economy**

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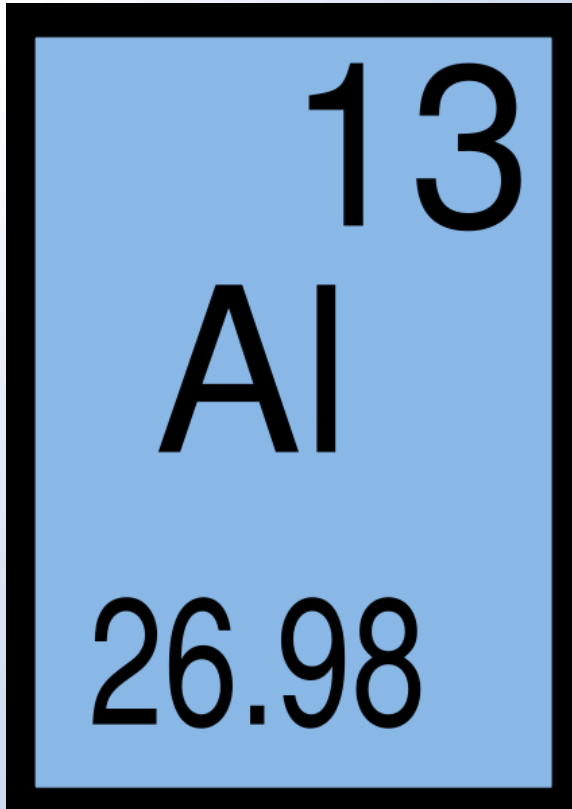
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# About The Aluminum Association's Aluminum Transportation Group (ATG)



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# Aluminum Facts



- Aluminum - most abundant metal
- 75% of all aluminum produced since 1888 is still in use
- Recycled aluminum uses 5% of the energy required to produce primary aluminum
- 95+% of Automotive aluminum is recycled

# Outline

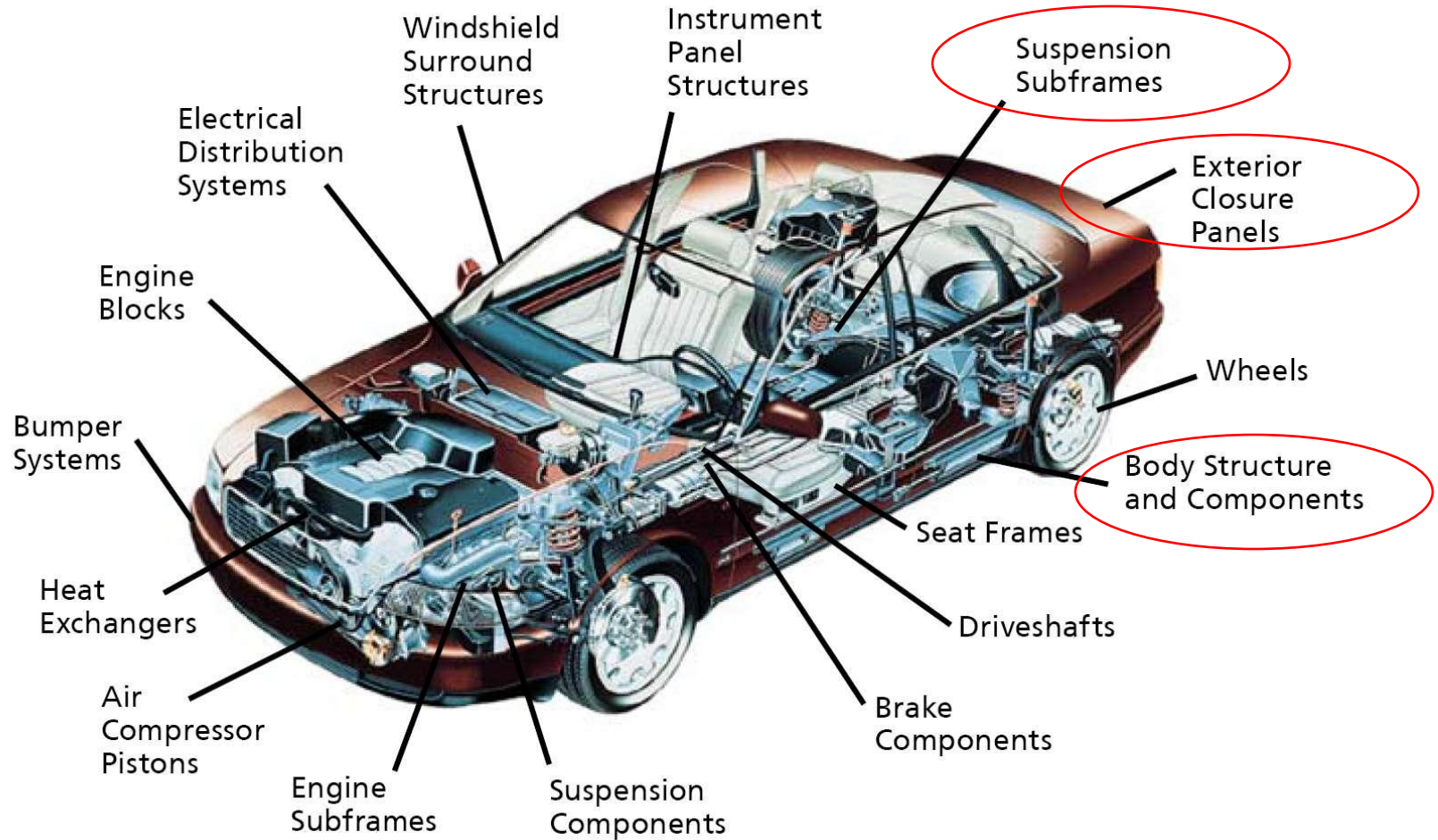
- **Auto Aluminum Today**
  - Demand Drivers
- **Weight, Fuel Efficiency, Cost**
  - SI / CI
  - Hybrid
  - Electric (EV, HEV)
- **Weight and Life Cycle – Energy, CO<sub>2</sub>**
- **Auto Aluminum Forecast**

# Auto Aluminum Demand Drivers

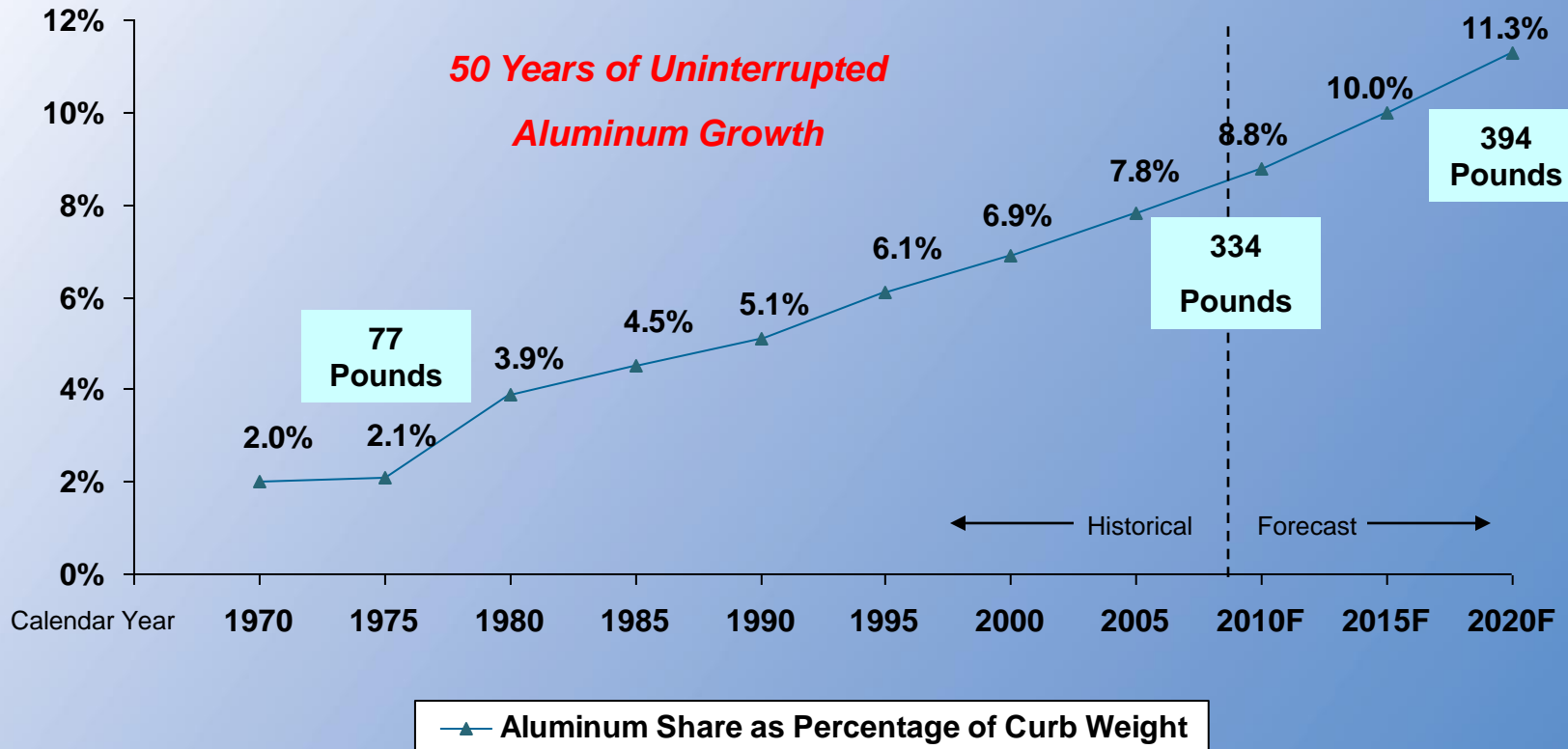
- Not a new automotive material
- Weight reduction
  - Fuel Economy (CAFE)
  - Performance
- Inhibitors
  - Cost / Benefit (vs. steel)



# Aluminum Use in Light Duty Vehicles



# Auto Aluminum Content – Percent of Curb Weight (North America)



# Partial List of High Aluminum Content Vehicles (1)

European Union Aluminum Content		N. American Aluminum Content		Japan Aluminum Content	
Over 500 lbs.	400 to 500 lbs.	Over 500 lbs.	400 to 500 lbs.	Over 500 lbs.	400 to 500 lbs.
Audi A6	Rover Defender	Altima	Chrysler 300	Nissan Cima/Q45	Subaru Legacy
Audi A7/Q7	Range Rover	Maxima	Charger	Nissan Fuga/M45M36	Nissan Stagea
Audi A8	Renault Espace	Lincoln LS	Magnum	Nissan Skyline/G35	Nissan Fairady Z
Audi TT	Renault Vel Satis	Navigator	Ford F150	Toyota Celsior	Toyota Majesta
Audi LeMans	Citron C6	Expedition	Explorer	Toyota Soarer	Toyota Aristo
Bentley Continental	Volvo V70	Corvette	Ford GT	Toyota Crown	Honda S2000
BMW 5 Series	Volvo S60	Cadillac CTS	Mustang	Toyota Mark X	Dahatsu Copen
BMW 6 Series	Volvo S80	Cadillac STS	Legacy/Outback	Honda Legend	Honda Insight
BMW 7 Series	Porsche 911	Cadillac DTS	New Escalade	Acura RL	
Rolls royce Phantom	Porsche Boxster	Cadillac XLR	New Suburban	Mazda RX8	
Mercedes C Class	Porsche Cayenne	Pacifica	New Yukon		
Mercedes E Class	Opel Signum	BMW Z4	New Tahoe		
Mercedes S Class	Opel Vectra		Subaru Tribeca		
Mercedes CLK	Saab 9-3		Lincoln Town Car		
Mercedes SL Roadster	Saab 9--5		Ford 500		
Mercedes Maybach			Ford Freestyle		
Jacuar XJ 350					
Jaguar XK 150					
VW Phaeton					
Ferrari F430					
Various Aston Martin					
Various Lamborghini					

**80+ Vehicles**

(1) 400+ lbs.

# 2009 OEM Analysis



## 2009 DODGE CHARGER- E Segment Unibody

- 413 Pounds of finished aluminum
- 10.9% of overall weight is aluminum
- Aluminum:
  - Driveline
  - Hood, suspension arms, knuckles



## 2009 NISSAN ALTIMA- D Segment Unibody

- 409 Pounds of finished aluminum
- 13% of overall weight is aluminum
- Aluminum:
  - Driveline
  - Hood, suspension arms, knuckles

# 2009 OEM Analysis



## 2009 HONDA CIVIC- C Segment Unibody

- **310 Pounds** of finished aluminum
- **11.5%** of overall weight is aluminum
- Aluminum:
  - Driveline
  - Bumper beams, knuckles

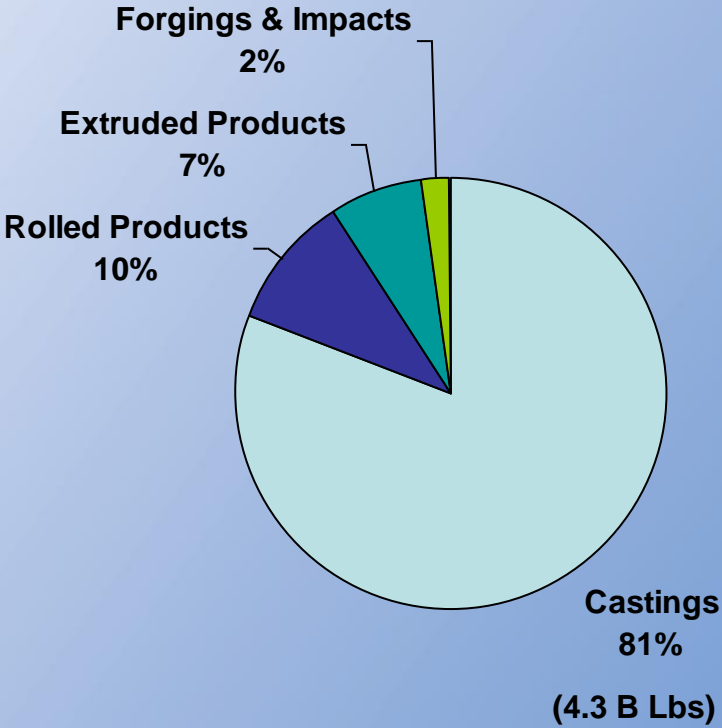


## 2010 LINCOLN MKT (2009 PRODUCTION) E Segment Unibody

- **431 Pounds** of finished aluminum
- **10.6%** of overall weight is aluminum
- Aluminum:
  - Driveline
  - Hood, suspension arms, knuckles

# Transportation Shipments by Product

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The Aluminum Association

Total = 6.3 B Lbs

**Weight Reduction**  
**vs.**  
**Fuel Economy**

# Impact of Vehicle Weight Reduction on Fuel Economy for Various Vehicle Architectures

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# Study Objectives

- Quantify impact of vehicle weight reduction
  - Fuel economy
  - Performance
- Quantify impact of engine downsizing
  - Maintain vehicle performance level
- Evaluate weight reduction with engine types
  - Gasoline (SI)
  - Diesel (CI)

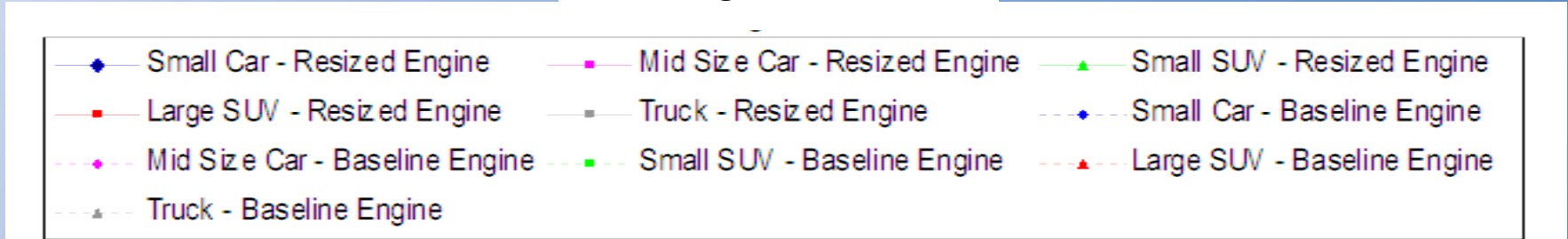
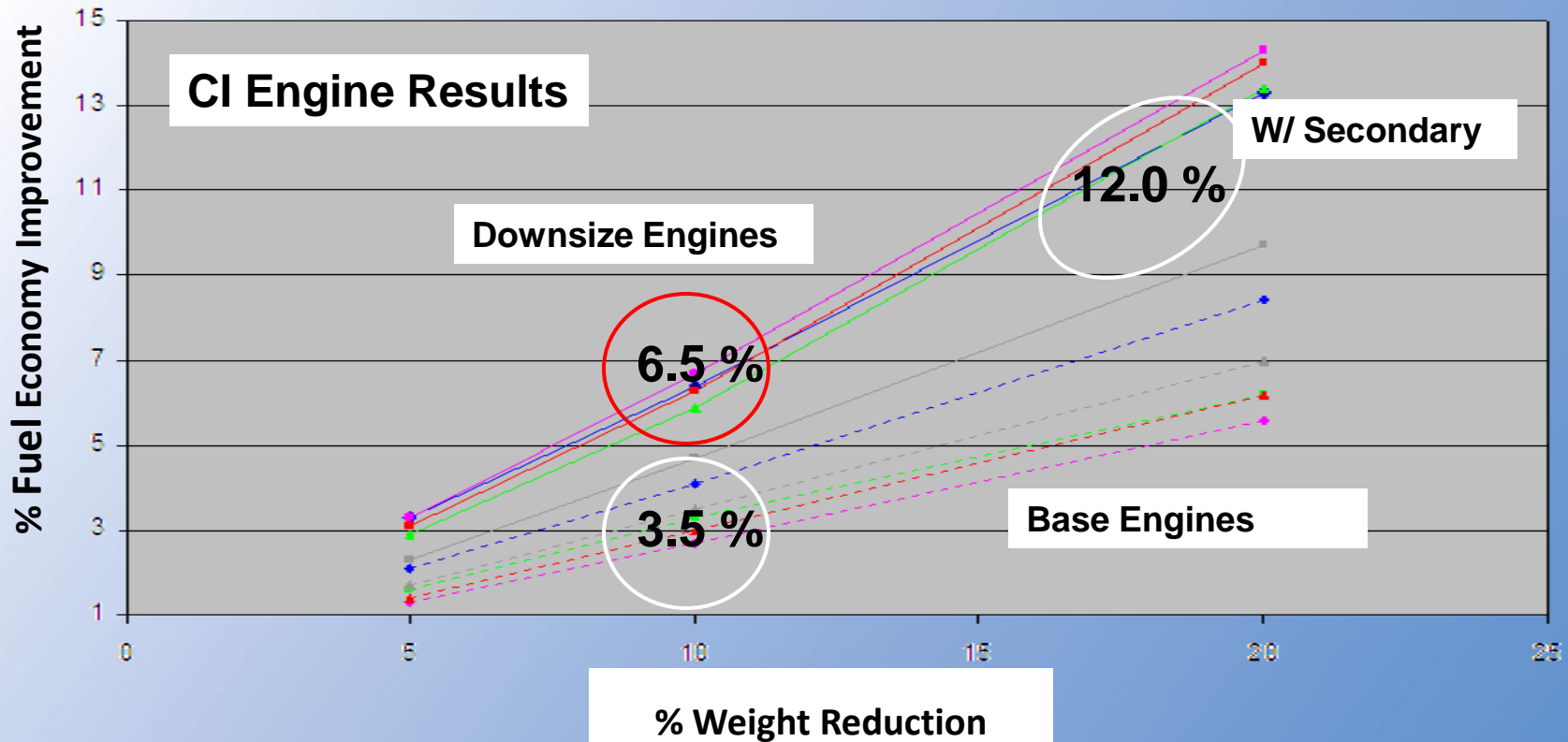
# **Vehicle Selection**

- **Vehicle Classes**
  - Range of vehicle weights and engines
  - passenger and light-duty truck
- **Comparator Vehicle**
  - Small Car / Mini Cooper
  - Mid-Size Car / Ford Fusion
  - Small SUV / Saturn Vue
  - Large SUV / Ford Explorer
  - Truck / Toyota Tundra

# Vehicle Simulations

- Vehicle fuel economy (MPG)
  - EPA FTP75 (City)
  - EPA HWFET (Highway)
  - ECE (European)
  - Steady State: 30, 45, 60 and 75 MPH
- Vehicle performance (sec.)
  - 0 – 10 MPH
  - 0 – 60 MPH
  - 30 – 50 MPH
  - 50 – 70 MPH
- Each vehicle:
  - Baseline
  - Base engine: weight reduced by 5%, 10% and 20%
  - Reduced weight and engine downsized to match the baseline vehicle performance

# Weight Reduction vs. Fuel Economy



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	Fuel Economy Improvement / 10% Weight Reduction (EPA Combined Drive Cycle)			
	Passenger Vehicle		Truck	
	Base Engine	Downsized Engine	Base Engine	Downsized Engine
Gasoline	3.3%	6.5%	3.5%	4.7%
Diesel	3.9%	6.3%	3.6%	4.6%

Fuel economy impact of weight reduction

- Similar for gasoline and diesel vehicles

Truck engines

- Downsized to a lesser degree – maintain loaded performance
- Vehicles rated to tow a trailer benefit the least

# FD807 – Electric Vehicle Component Sizing vs. Vehicle Structural Weight Report

13 - May - 2009

Fred Jacquelin – Section Leader

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# PEV/PHEV Study Criteria

- **Vehicles –**

Small car – BMW Mini

Small SUV – Saturn Vue

- **Performance**

Range: 40 / 80 miles

Acceleration: 10 sec. 0-60 MPH, FTP75

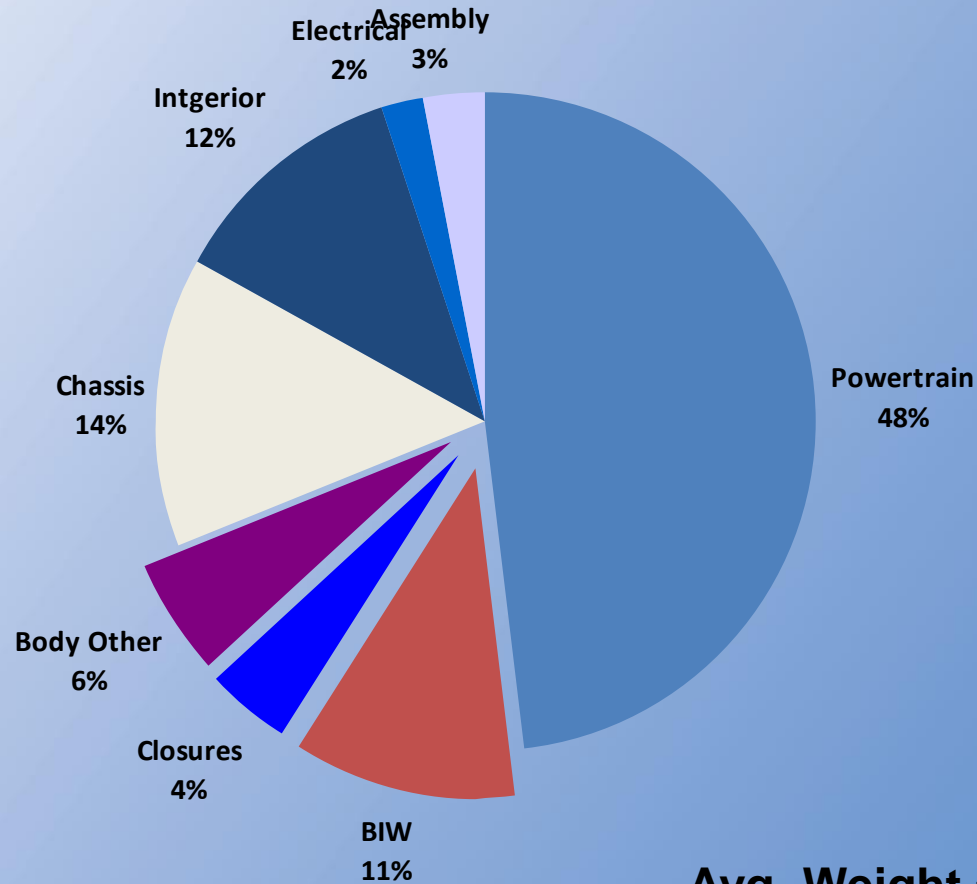
Top speed: 100 MPH

**Note:** PHEV, operates on batteries only, carries mass of ICE engine and associated “support systems”

# Simulation Assumptions

- **Rolling and Aero Resistance – Baseline Vehicles**
  - No secondary loads – steering, HVAC, etc.
  - No additional structure to support battery (51 – 209 Kg)
- **Battery – Lithium-Ion, Sized for Range**
  - SOC 0.9-0.25, 115 W-h/kg, 155 W-h/l
- **Motor - Sized For Performance**
  - (FTP75, 0-60 time)
  - top speed
  - 3.05 kW/kg motor power density
- **Regenerative Braking @1000N, Throttle = 0**
- **Final Drive Ratio - Fixed**

# Weight Distribution of a Mid-Sized “Aluminum” Car



**Avg. Weight = 1270 Kg**

# Vehicle Weight Analysis

## Small Car

**Base (Steel)** **1,304 Kg**

- Powertrain system (571) Kg
- + Hybrid charging 348
- + e Powertrain 124
- (99)

**HEV (Steel)** **1,205 Kg**

- Hybrid charging (348)
- Structure design (PT) (52)
- Light Weighting (AIV) (147) (12%)
- e Powertrain (36)
- (583)

**EV Light Weight (Al)** **622 Kg**

# Vehicle Weight Analysis Small Car

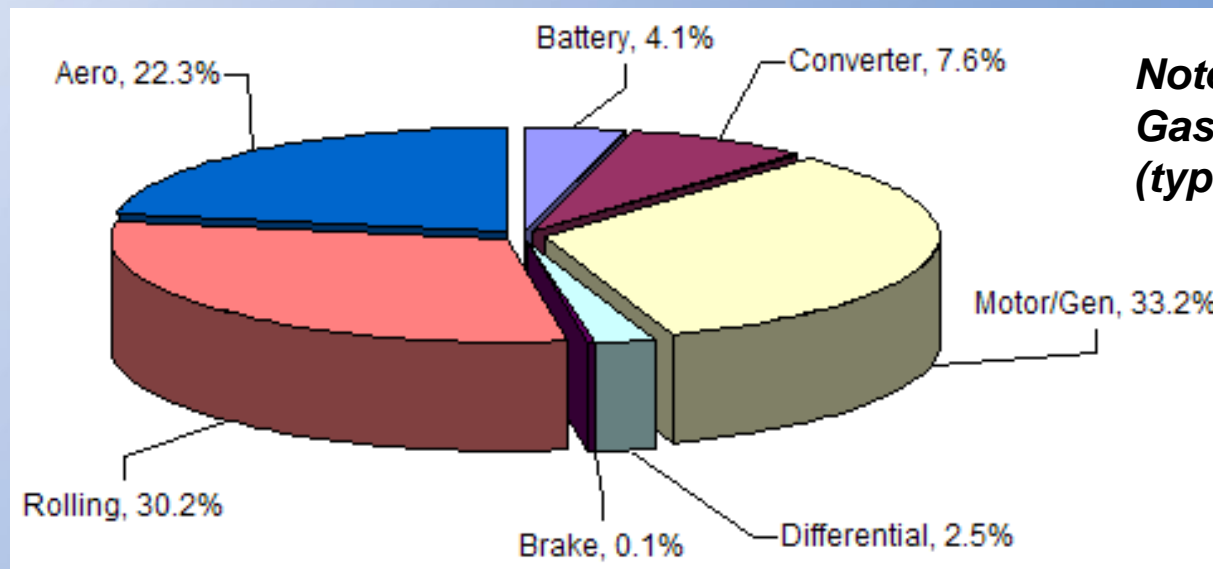
## EV Weight Reduction with Aluminum :

BIW	96 KG reduction
Closures	28
Chassis	<u>23</u>
Total	147 KG *

\* 19% of EV (622 Kg) final weight !

# Small Car – Energy Usage

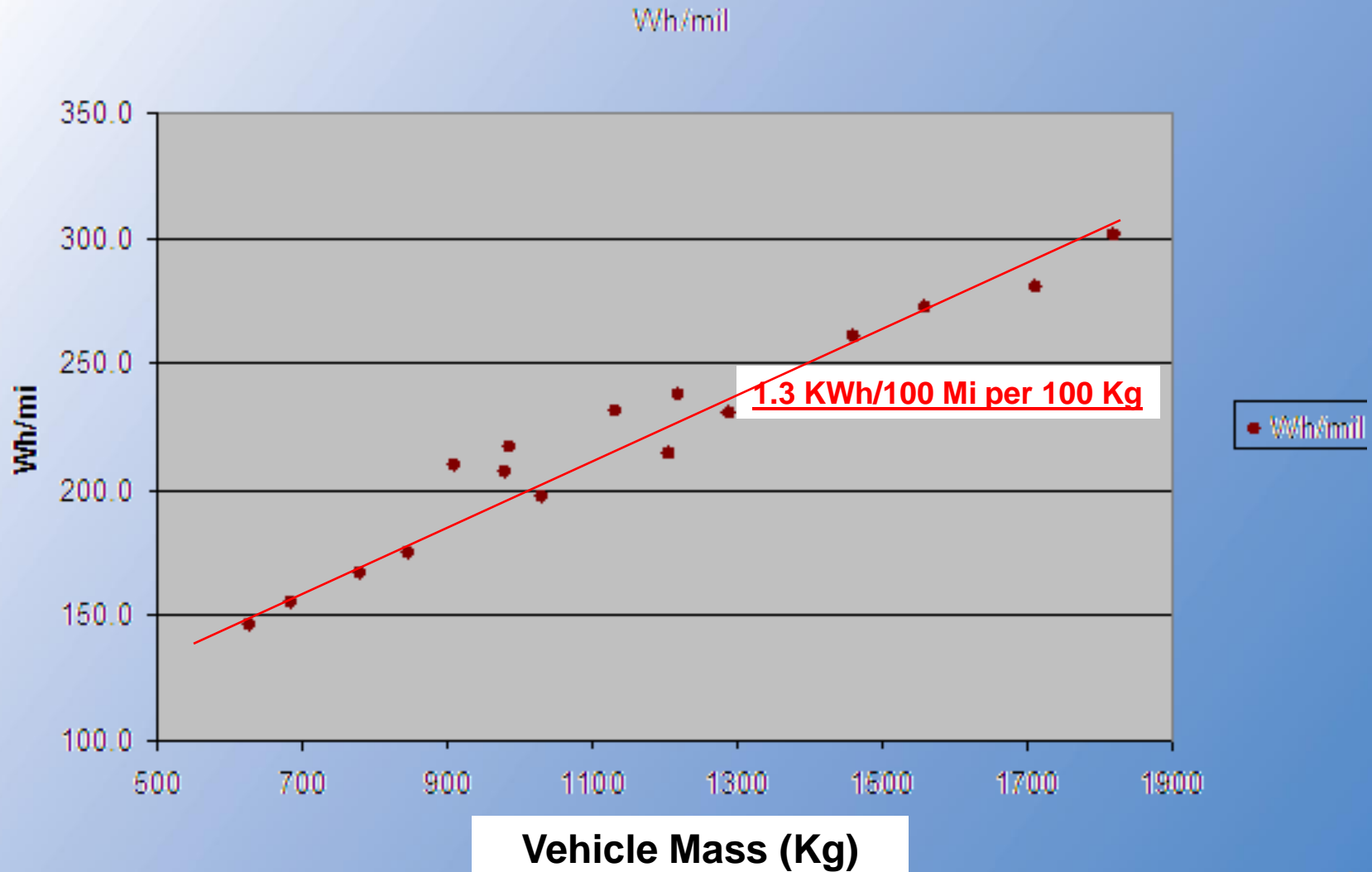
PHEV (Fe): 1205 kg  
[Regen = 20.9%]



**Note:**  
**Gasoline:**  
**(typ.) >60%**

Schedule (FTP75)

# EV Mass vs. Energy Consumption



# PEV (PHEV) Study Findings

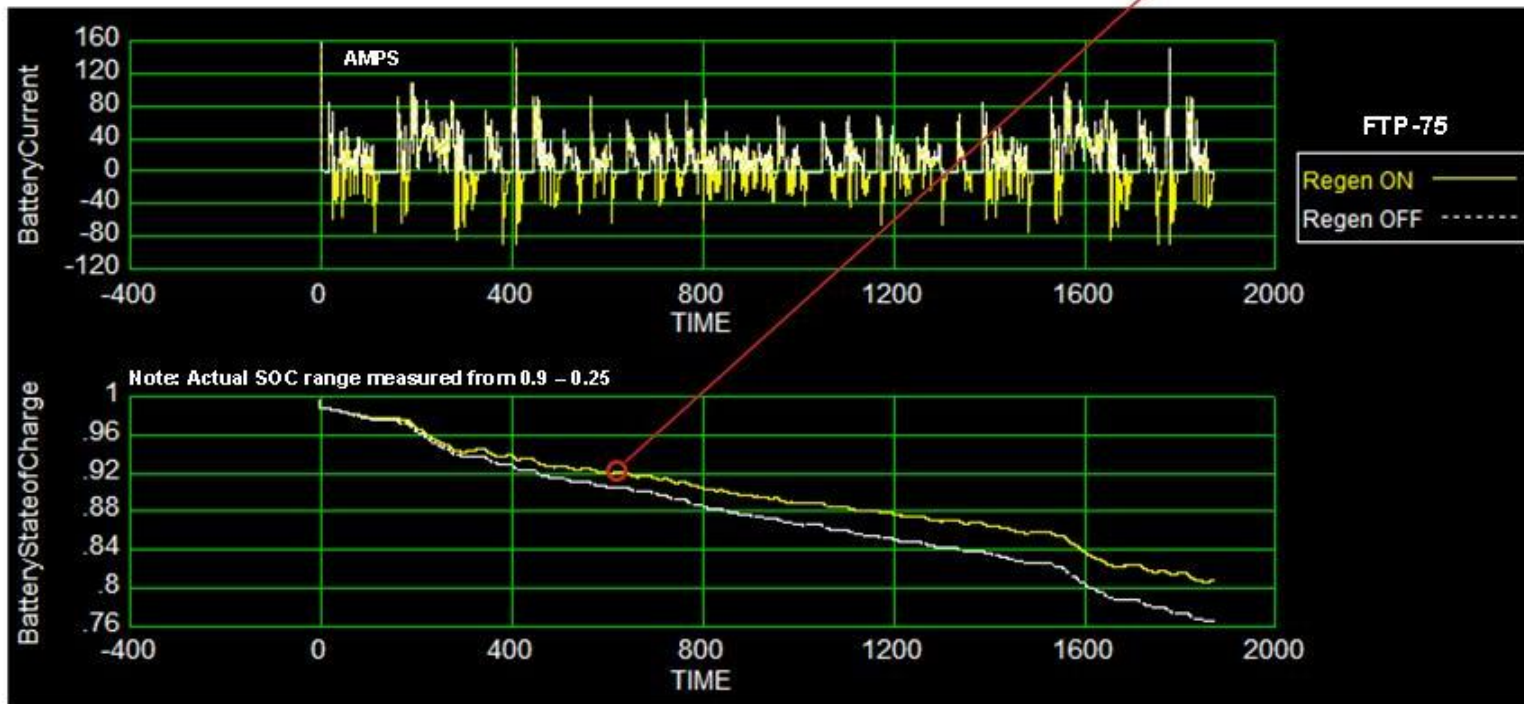
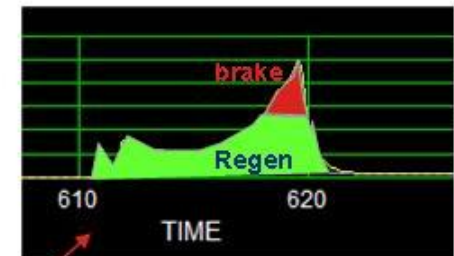
- **10% Mass Reduction: 4 – 6% reduction in battery size**
- **Low Mass Aluminum Structure Achieves**
  - Weight reduction potential: **147 Kg** (19%)
    - Reduce battery cost: **\$ 900 – \$ 1,950** (@ \$750/KWh)
    - Expected aluminum structure cost premium : **\$ 630**
    - **Net cost savings = \$775**
  - Reduced energy consumption: **1.3 KWh / 100 Mi per 100 Kg**

# **Regenerative Braking PEV/PHEV**

- **Impact of regenerative braking**
- **Effect of weight reduction on benefit**

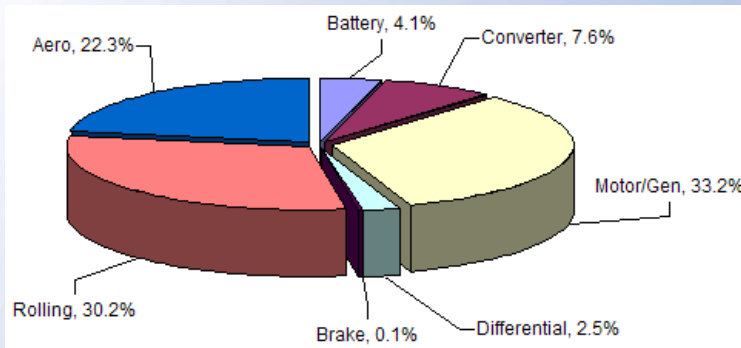
# Regenerative Braking Small Car

The EV motor and battery size allow for large brake regeneration capture. No safety control was implemented and a fixed threshold was used to separate regen braking from mechanical braking.

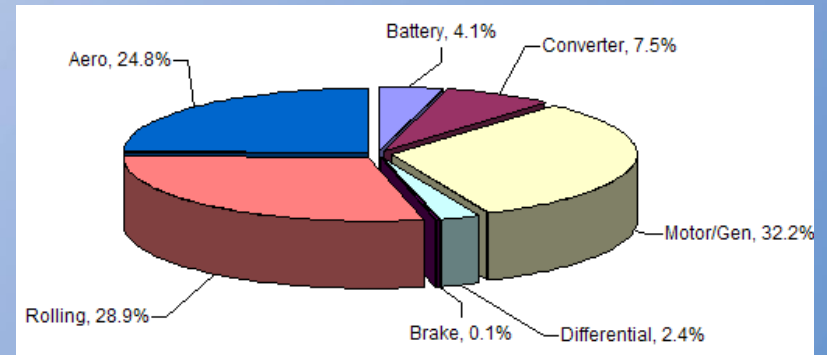


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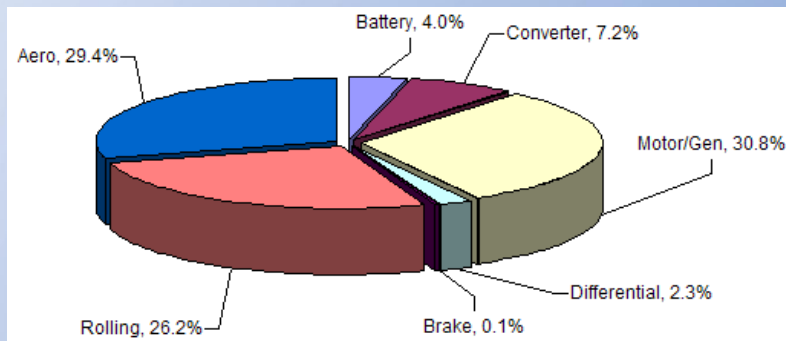
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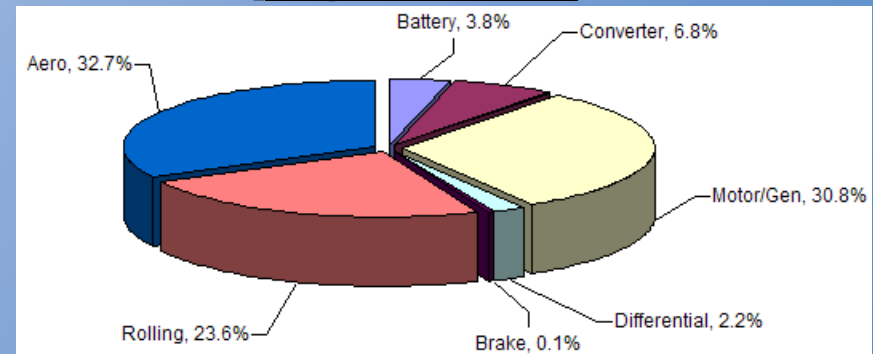
**PHEV (Al): 1031 kg**  
**[Regen = 20%]**



**PEV (Fe): 781 kg**  
**[Regen = 18.1%]**



**PEV (Al): 627 kg**  
**[Regen = 15.6%]**



# PEV (PHEV) Study Findings

- **Regenerative Braking**
  - Recycles 15 – 20% of FTP75 drive cycle energy
  - Impact (%) essentially independent of vehicles mass

# Automotive Aluminum Life Cycle

**Mass  
Reduction**



**Better Fuel  
Economy**



**Reduced  
Emissions**



**Improved  
Safety**



**Enhanced  
Performance**



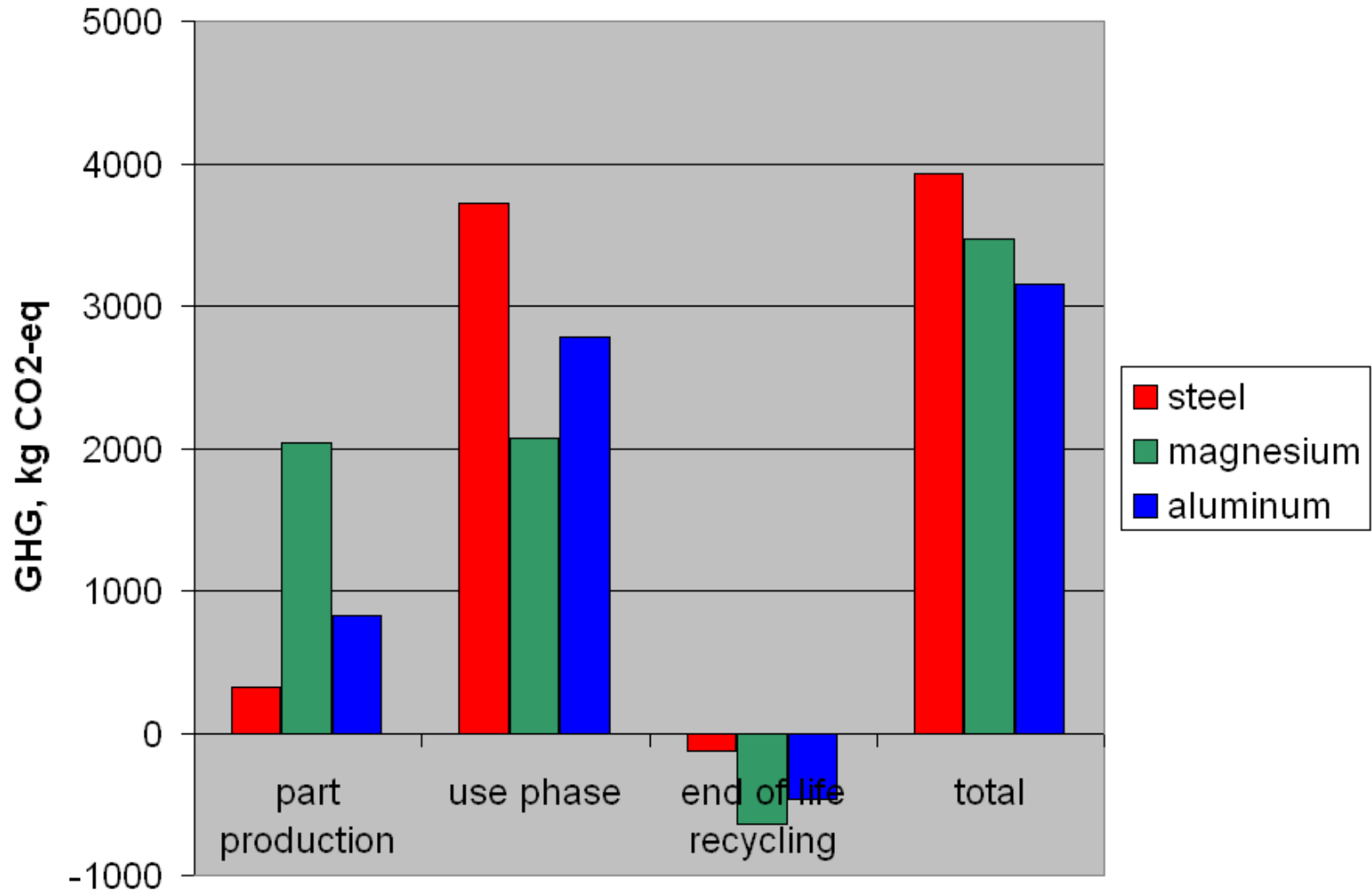
**Infinitely  
Recyclable**

# Comparative Life Cycle Assessment

- Life cycle analysis (LCA) study conducted by the “Magnesium Front End Research and Development”
  - Sponsorship: Canada, China and U.S.
  - Environmental performance of:
    - 2007 Cadillac CTS front end – steel design
    - new magnesium and aluminum designs
- Environmental impacts
  - Total energy
  - Greenhouse gases emissions
  - Air pollutants

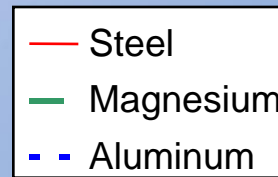
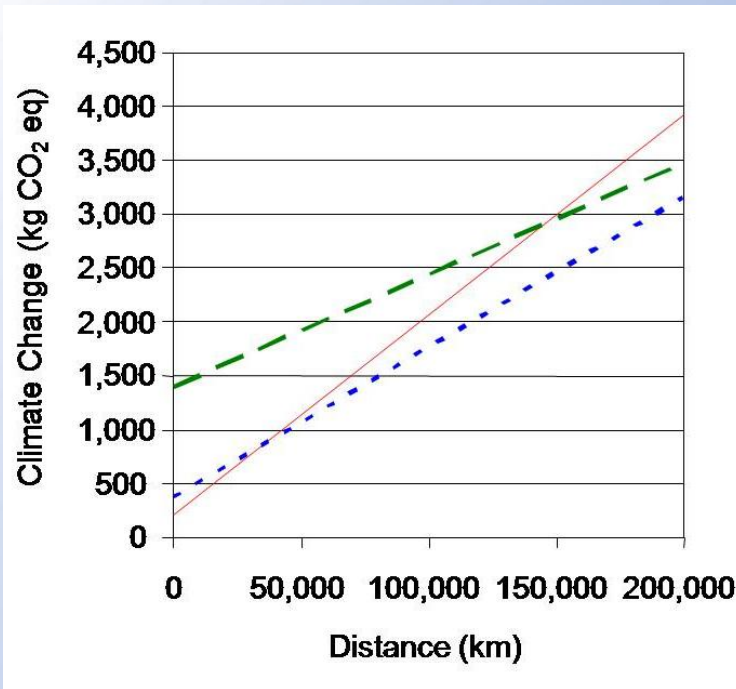
Source: SAE 2010-01-0275, Magnesium Front End Research and Development Project

# Less Life Cycle Emissions

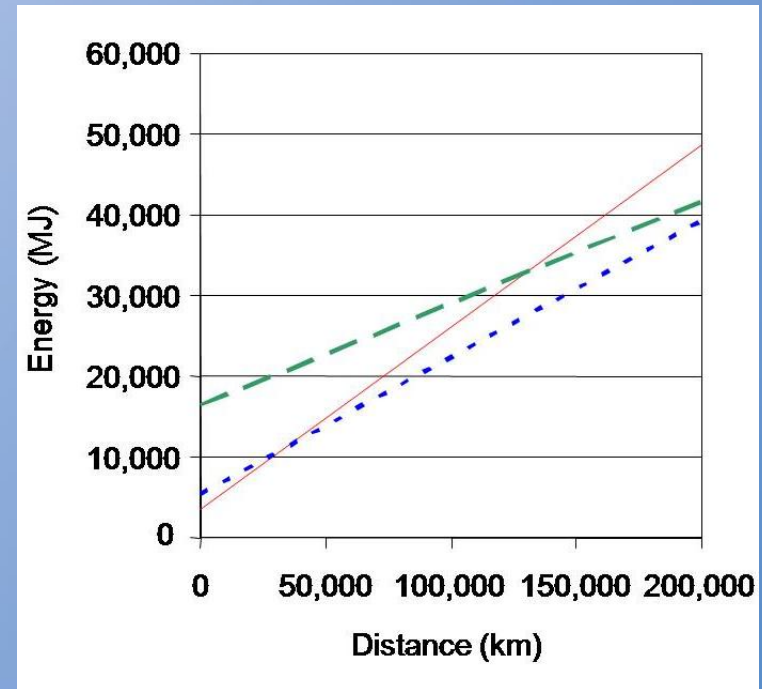


# Emissions Over Vehicle Lifetime

*Lifetime Emissions Output*



*Lifetime Energy Consumed*



# Life Cycle Study

- Use Phase dominates Life Cycle (Energy / Emissions)
  - Weight reduction
- Energy Consumption / Emissions
  - Magnesium           15% savings
  - Aluminum            20% savings
- Aluminum – “Best lifetime performance for overall energy use and greenhouse gas emissions”

*To purchase a full copy of the study (SAE 2010-01-0275), visit the World Congress Technical Papers Store on the SAE website at: [www.sae.org](http://www.sae.org)*

*For additional life cycle data on aluminum in transport go the Aluminum Automotive Industry website <http://transport.world-aluminium.org/facts/life-cycle-data/>*

# **Automotive Aluminum Forecast**

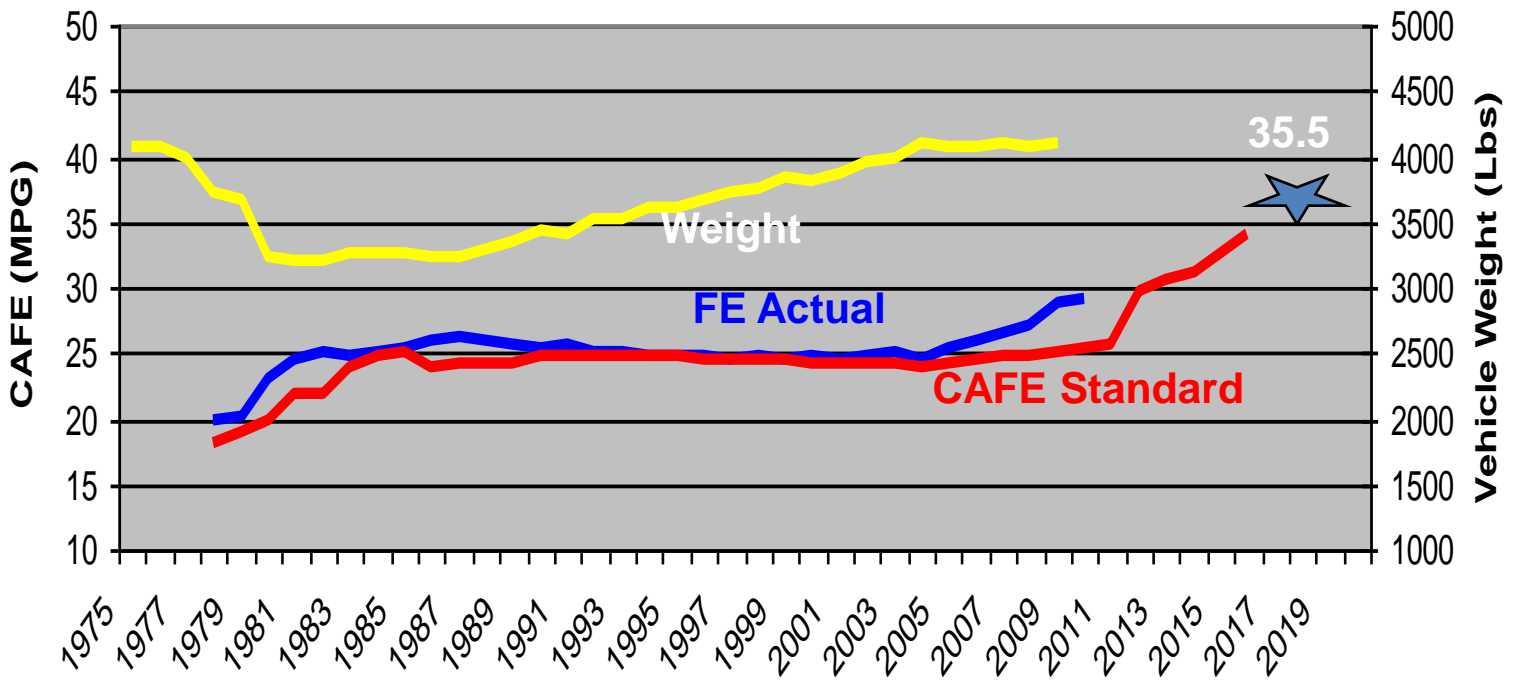
***The Value Proposition***

# Auto Fuel Economy Objectives 2010-2020

- Achieve reasonable return on investment
- **CAFE: +10 MPG (+40%)**
- Continuous Improvement
  - Vehicle utility – size, range, performance
  - Safety
  - Reliability
  - Customer satisfaction
  - **Affordability**
  - Emissions
- Constraints
  - Engineering resources
  - Product life cycle (8 – 10 years)
  - Manufacturing resources
  - Investment capital

# Fuel Economy History

## CAFE Trends



# FE Technology Assessment (2010)

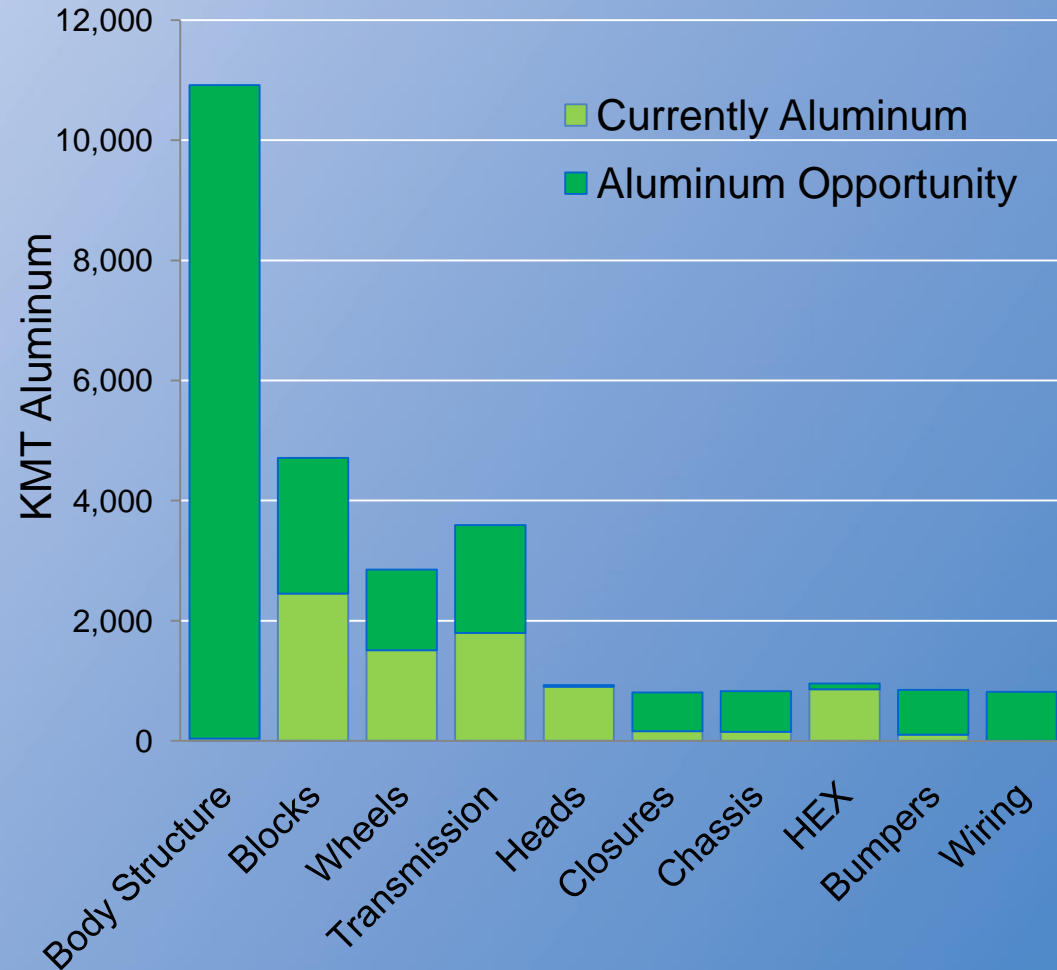
(National Academy of Science - July 2010)

Technology	FE Imp.	Cost (\$/ Veh.)	\$ / % FE Imp.
<b>Engine</b>			
Conv. Eng Improvements	7 %	\$ 700	\$ 100
Conv. Downsize, Turbo	5 %	\$ 650 - 950	\$ 160
Diesel Engine	25 %	\$ 3,000 - 4,500	\$ 170
Gas Electric Hybrid	35 %	\$ 4,500 – 6,500	\$ 160
Electric Hybrid (Plug-in)	???	\$13,000 – 23,000	
Electric	???	NA	
Fuel Cell	NA	NA	
<b>Vehicle</b>			
<b>Weight reduction (10%)</b>	<b>7 %</b>	<b>* \$ 800-1,600</b>	<b>\$ 170</b>
Aero	2 %	\$ 70	\$ 50
Brakes	1 %	---	
Tires	2 %	\$ 50	\$ 25
Transmission	3 %	\$ 30	\$ 10
Accessories	2 %	\$ 100	\$ 50

\* Cost estimate does not include savings from secondary component weight optimization

# Body Holds the Largest Weight Reduction Opportunity

- Shift to aluminum saves 550 lbs direct and secondary weight
- 10% better fuel economy
- No compromise to safety
- No downsizing required
- Better performance
- Lower lifetime CO<sub>2</sub>



# Weight Reduction Potential with Aluminum

## MID-SIZE CAR EXAMPLE



	Al Weight	Wt. Reduction	Cost Impact
BIW	320 Lbs	280 Lbs	\$ 455
Closures	115 Lbs	70 Lbs	\$ 150
Structures	<u>45 Lbs</u>	<u>50 Lbs</u>	<u>\$ 160</u>
<b>Total (Direct)</b>	480 Lbs	380 Lbs	\$ 765
Optimization (In-direct)	<u>(50 Lbs)</u>	<u>170 Lbs</u>	<u>(\$ 665)</u>
<b>Net</b>	430 Lbs	550 Lbs	\$ 100

### Multi material body:

AL Sheet 330 Lbs

Al Extrusion 60

Al Castings 30

Steel Sheet 50

HSLA Sheet 10

**15% Weight Reduction**

**\$ 0.18 Per Lb Weight Reduction**

# Cost Estimates Related to Mass

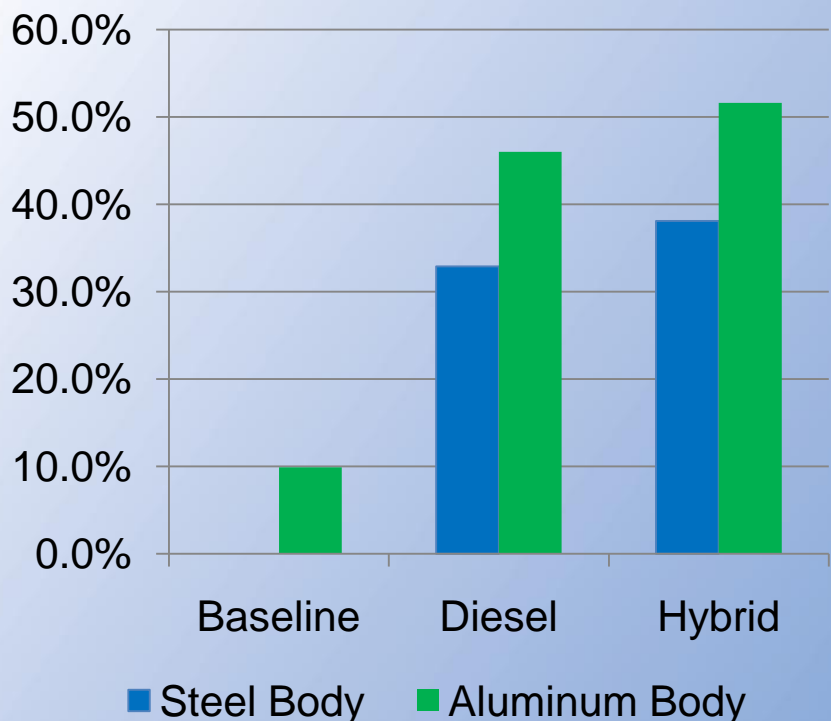
## NHTSA

- NAS report - \$1.50 per pound
- Sierra Research - \$1.01 per pound (w/secondary)
- MIT - \$1.36 per pound

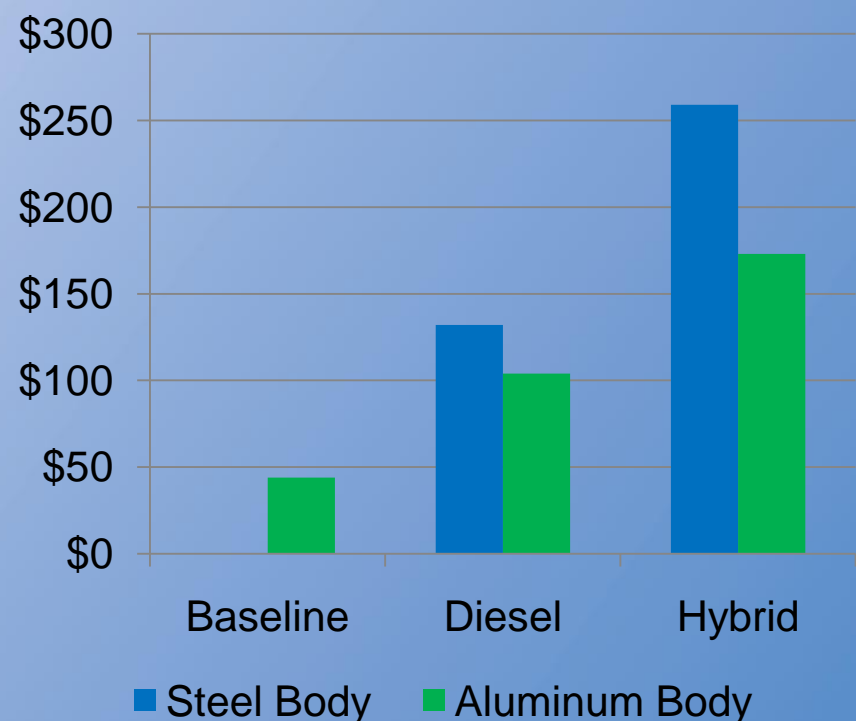
Applying an ICM factor of 1.11 (low complexity technology), results in a compliance cost of \$1.48 per pound. Based on current assumptions and recent studies, we've found costs ranging far below that average.

# Down Weighting Creates Value for Alternative Powertrains

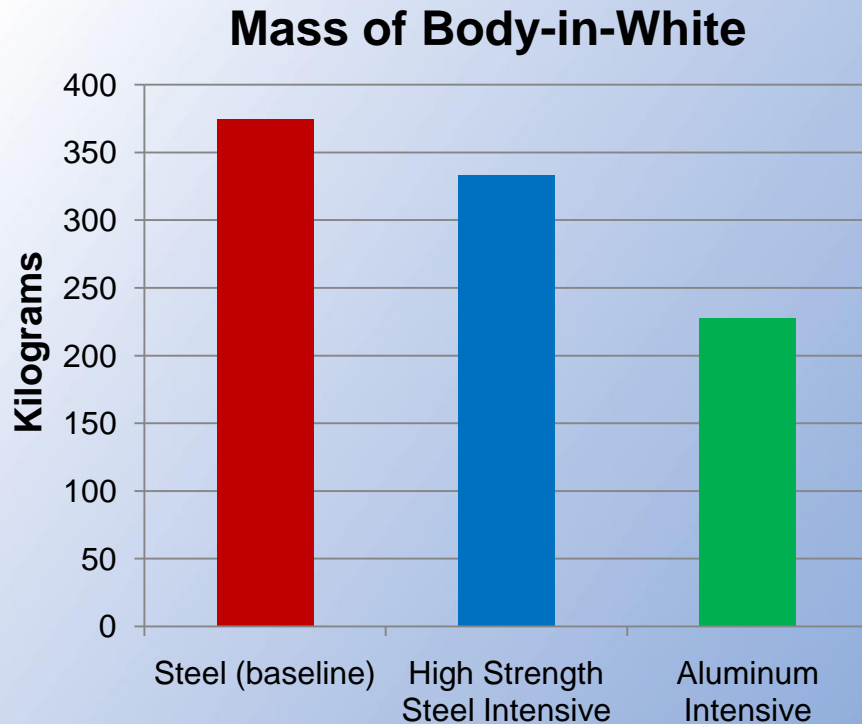
## Percent Increase in MPG



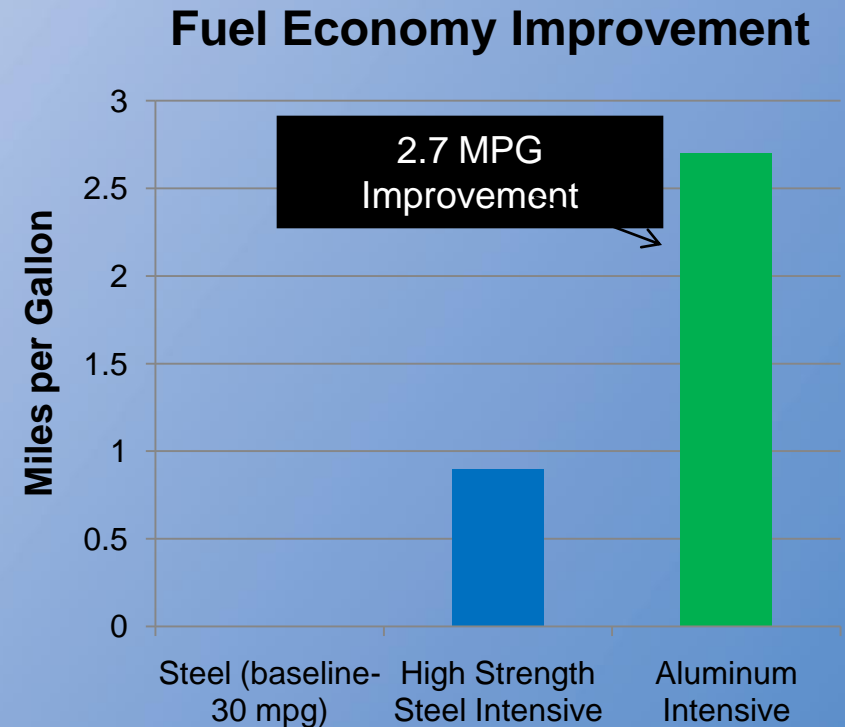
## Cost per 1 MPG Increase



# Weight Savings Translate to Fuel Economy Improvement



**Source:** ika - University of Aachen and the European Aluminium Association (EAA)



**Source:** Aluminum Association calculated based on ika mass reduction data; assumes 23% secondary weight savings

# 40% (10 MPG) Fuel Economy Improvement by 2020

- No single dominant technology
- Aggressive application: most know practical technologies
- Technology estimate: (% Improvement)
  - Engine (Conventional, diesel, hybrid) 50 % (5 MPG)
  - Vehicle (Tires, Aero, Transmission, ...) 25 % (2.5 MPG)
  - Weight (Aluminum, Magnesium, HSS) 25 % (2.5 MPG)
    - Vehicle downsizing 50 %
    - Component optimization 35 %
    - Full AIV (10+%) 15 %
- Aluminum 2020
  - 394 Lb Average (+60 Lbs) – **realistic**
    - **sheet**, extrusion, casting
    - +1.0 MPG Fleet

# Automotive Weight Reduction Summary

- One pound of aluminum replaces two pounds of Fe /Steel
  - Can allow additional indirect reduction up to 0.5 Lbs
- 10% vehicle weight reduction: 6.5% fuel economy improvement
- Weight reduction additive to other fuel economy improvements
  - Including: Diesel, Hybrid, Electric, Aero, Tires, ...
- Proven aluminum components can achieve 15% avg. weight reduction
  - 10 % MPG improvement (2.7 MPG)
- Weight reduction with aluminum cost competitive with other fuel economy technologies

