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Commercial Trailer 2009 Factory Shipments Lowest Since 1975

COLUMBUS, IN – December commercial trailer factory shipments of 8,296 were the highest monthly total for 2009. However, full year shipments were off 44 percent year-over-year and the lowest level since 1975, according to ACT Research Co. (ACT), the premier source of analysis in the market for commercial trucks and trailers.

In the latest release of *State of the Industry: U.S. Trailers*, ACT indicated that almost every category of trailer factory shipments posted the lowest levels in 30 to 50 years, with only the reefer van sector holding up relatively well. December net orders for commercial trailers were up 140 percent from depressed levels in December 2008, but slightly below the 2009 monthly average.

“Reaching a 35-year low required not only the worst economic downturn in generations, but also the impact of trailer tracking technology on trailer productivity and utilization,” said Kenny Vieth, partner and senior analyst with ACT Research. “On a more positive note, inventories reached a new four-year low, a prerequisite for improvement in production rates.”

ACT is the recognized leading publisher of commercial vehicle (CV) industry data, market analysis and forecasting services for the North American market. ACT’s CV services are used by all major North American truck and trailer manufacturers and their suppliers, as well as the banking and investment community. For more information on ACT, please go to our web site at <http://www.actresearch.net>.

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