BLS Incorporates Quality Changes for 2027 Model Vehicles in PPI

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) typically announces the value of quality changes associated with the new-model-year passenger cars and light motor trucks included in the Producer Price Index (PPI) survey with the release of data for October. Quality changes are incorporated into PPI data as they occur. To protect respondent confidentiality, due to relatively few model updates for passenger cars in the PPI sample through October, BLS is not publishing information on passenger car quality changes for the 2027 model year.

Light Trucks

The value of quality changes for a sample of 2027-model-year domestically produced light trucks included in the PPI for October averaged $27.88. This change represents 5.7 percent of the average $492.58 increase in manufacturer invoice prices for 2027 models as compared with models from the prior year.

The retail equivalent value of these quality changes averaged $30.69, representing 5.9 percent of the average $522.01 over-the-year increase in manufacturer suggested list prices.

The $30.69 estimated retail value of quality changes breaks down as follows:

- $2.80 for improvements to safety equipment.
- $27.89 for other changes such as improvements to powertrains, improvements to infotainment systems, and changes in levels of standard or optional equipment.

For additional information, contact the PPI Section of Index Analysis and Public Information, at ppi-info@bls.gov or (202) 691-7705.

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Estimates of the value of quality changes are based on a review by the BLS of data supplied by producers for similarly equipped 2026 and 2027 models priced for the Producer Price Index. Most of the estimates of quality changes in this release are derived from information supplied for the Producer Price Index for October.

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