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Trends in larger vehicles

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Global SUV market share



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Notes: Crossover utility vehicles are not included in SUVs. Pickup trucks reported as commercial vehicles (e.g. for fleets) not included.

SUV sales accounted for 60% of the global car fleet expansion since 2010, dampening fuel economy improvements and making the challenge of cutting transport emissions harder

Larger vehicles consume more fuel

Vehicle consumption as function of curb weight



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Larger vehicles consume more in all powertrains, fuel consumption savings from electrification are larger for heavier vehicles

Impact of SUVs CO2 emissions



SUVs are responsible for 500 Mt CO2 of global emission increases since 2010

Direct disincentive:

Weight based registration or ownership taxes Relatively rare, examples are Norway and Netherlands

Indirect disincentive:

CO₂-based registration or ownership taxes Relatively common

Engine size-based registration or ownership taxes Common in Europe and Asia

