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## **CAR Vehicle Lightweighting Study Provides Good Insight on Automakers' Efforts to Increase GHG/Fuel Economy**

**WASHINGTON, DC, JANUARY 21, 2016** – “Automakers are increasingly using lightweight materials to help meet greenhouse gas (GHG) and fuel economy standards without having to sacrifice the safety and performance of their vehicles. Studies like the one released today by the [Center for Automotive Research](#) provide useful insight into the barriers and challenges associated with reducing vehicle mass.

“The study cautions that broad assumptions about fleet lightweighting should not be applied at the vehicle level because each vehicle has its own unique characteristics. This and the other findings identified in the report are important to consider in the upcoming mid-term evaluation for the model year 2022-2025 regulations. We look forward to seeing Phase II of this report.”

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