## Configuration Complexity in the Automotive Industry

## CONSIDERATION: Configuration Build Complexity in Auto

National Sales Performance for "Model A"


## INSIGHT

## Complexity of a single model

- Each blue dot is a unique 2020 configuration (not counting color) that has been sold
- "Model A" on average, sits on dealer lots for just over 80 days, and brings in under $\$ 100$ of front profit to the dealer (excludes any Finance and Backend Product profits).
- DTT will continue to grow as shipped 2020MY vehicles sit on dealer lots


## KEY TAKEAWAY

There were over 605K different configurations built in 2019 (excluding color)

That would average 22 cars sold per unique configuration

## CONSIDERATION: Sales volumes across model variants



Share of configurations

## INSIGHT

## Volume per configuration analysis

- "Model A" - 88\% of it's configurations sell less than 50 units each and those add up to only $25 \%$ of total sales.
- Industry - $98 \%$ of all configurations sell less than 50 units and total $26 \%$ of total sales.
- The US market is a "sell from stock" market.
- Understanding what was purchased because it was the right configuration, versus because it was "there" is very difficult.


## KEY TAKEAWAY

The industry builds and therefore sells a lot of
"Unicorns" (less than 50 sold per configuration)

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## Performance of low volume configurations

- For "Model A", half of "Unicorns" sell at higher than average DTT and/or below average margin.
- For the industry, $61 \%$ of "Unicorns" perform below the average for their respective model.
- This is not considering the increased incentive cost, lot rot, and carrying costs for OEM's and dealers that are associated with aged vehicles on the lot.
- There is significant industrial cost associated with creating unique configurations and there is no payback from that cost in performance for these "special" versions.


## KEY TAKEAWAY

Low volume configurations (Unicorns) are a drag on sales performance and costs

CONSIDERATION: Complexity By Vehicle Segment
\# Of Unique Configurations Built To Date For 2020MY


## INSIGHT

## Summary

- There were a total of 605 K unique configurations sold during 2019 MY. This is excluding Interior and exterior color
- In a normal year, the unwanted configurations sit on the lot until the end of the model year when both OEM and dealer price concessions drive them to sell
- Parts shortages due to COVID will drive many complex decisions by the OEM's on what to build


## KEY TAKEAWAY

In a Post-Covid $2^{\text {nd }}$ half:

- Parts supply will pressure complexity
- Dealers need to receive configurations that will have velocity = low DTT


## Cruise Control-Adaptive

(1) Industry Trend

(3) Underperforming Market -

(2) Light Duty Pickup

(4) Overperforming Market -


