

# SHUTDOWN!!!

I'd like to think GM is just trying to get Bush's attention with its announcement that it's shutting down much of its North American production at the beginning of next year.

General Motors Corp., which is involved in a last-ditch effort to garner federal funds to help it survive through January, confirmed this morning that it is slashing approximately 250,000 units of production in the first quarter by shutting down most North American assembly plants for about 30% of the first quarter.

After all, Bush is a little bit thick—and some drama might help him to get the message about what a GM bankruptcy means.

Unfortunately, given the list of plants and models they're shutting down, this looks to be a response to the crashing auto market as much as it is an attempt to make a point.

- Ft. Wayne, Ind. - Chevy Silverado, GMC Sierra Light Duty Regular and Extended Cab
- Flint Assembly – Chevy Silverado, GMC Sierra Heavy Duty Regular and Crew Cab & Medium Duty
- Wentzville, Mo. – Chevy Express, GMC Savanna
- Lansing Delta Township - Buick Enclave, GMC Acadia, Saturn Outlook
- Pontiac Assembly – Chevy Silverado, GMC Sierra Heavy Duty Extended Cab

- Spring Hill, Tenn. – Chevy Traverse
- Fairfax Assembly, Kansas City, Kan. – Chevrolet Malibu/Hybrid, Saturn Aura/Hybrid
- Arlington Assembly, Texas- Full Size SUVs: Chevy Suburban, Tahoe & Tahoe Hybrid, GMC Yukon, Yukon XL & Yukon Hybrid, Cadillac Escalade/Escalade ESV & Escalade Hybrid
- Lansing Grand River – Cadillac STS & CTS
- Orion Township- Chevy Malibu, Pontiac G6
- Detroit-Hamtramck- Buick Lucerne, Cadillac DTS
- Shreveport, La. – Chevy Colorado, GMC Canyon, Hummer H3 & H3T
- Bowling Green, Ken. – Chevy Corvette, Cadillac XLR
- Wilmington, Del. – Pontiac Solstice, Saturn Sky, Opel GT