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Two most efficient US car plants set to close

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A vehicle assembly plant owned by [Ford](#) and another belonging to [General Motors](#) were named on Thursday as North America's most efficient in a closely-watched annual survey of the sector.

However, both are slated for closure as part of the groups' drives to slash capacity.

Ford's Atlanta plant and one of two GM assembly lines in Oshawa, Ontario, topped the rankings in the report published by Harbour Consulting.

More broadly, the survey concludes that the productivity gap between the six leading carmakers' operations has continued to narrow, mainly because of quality improvements.

[Nissan](#) led the industry with an average of 28.46 labour hours per vehicle, followed by [Toyota](#), [Honda](#) and General Motors. Ford ranked last, at 35.82 hours.

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