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You know Bill those are good points, the older cars were more difficult and prone to failure. The improvements are real and good; but that is the nature of progress. The issue of why there is very little R&D done in this country and the false impression that we as a nation are not able to produce economically a cost effective manufacturing base is another story. Here is the truth; give us a level playing field; make other countries follow safe manufacturing practice, disallow the sale of goods produced by slave labor, disallow the importation of goods produced in countries that allow deadly environmental conditions to flourish. The average compensation for CEO's in Europe equals 20 times the average skilled workers salary. Here in the U.S.A. they get 40-80 times the same salary. And that trickles down through upper management. Change the rules so that Wall Street does not call the shots and allow companies time to grow and learn instead of having to fill the bottom line out of the box. Instant return on investment or you are gone does nothing to further R&D efforts. I can go on and on but you get the picture; Give Us A Level Playing Field and we will rise again to pre-eminence in the worlds manufacturing. Thank You.