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## INDUSTRY INSIGHTS:

### Is Natural Gas the Next Wave or a Lost Opportunity?

- Jack R. Nerad, vice president, executive editorial director and executive market analyst, Kelley Blue Book's KBB.com

Often the simplest solutions are the best solutions. I learned that lesson long ago when I was a crime reporter, and it has stood the test of time in fields far removed from the evil vicissitudes of human behavior. If you want to solve a crime, look for the simplest explanation of events, and you'll likely find your solution. And that might well be the reason I have been so enamored with natural gas as at least a partial solution to the multi-faceted issue of the automobile and the environment, an issue complicated further still by geopolitics.

Back in 2006 in my book *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Hybrid and Alternative Fuel Vehicles*, I wrote that hybrids had become the darlings of the environmental-celebrity set. I also wrote that Midwestern farmers had embraced ethanol and other biofuels, but, my statement continued with, "natural gas, a fuel that some experts say is a neglected treasure, could well have equal or greater promise than both of the more highly publicized technologies in solving the issues of high fuel cost and environmental concerns." The reason for the enthusiasm back then was that natural gas represented a simple solution. Compared to gasoline, natural gas burns "very clean." According to the Department of Energy, when natural gas is used in an internal combustion engine, it offers 90 percent less carbon monoxide and 60 percent less nitrous oxides. Natural gas even offers advantages versus gasoline in the production of carbon dioxide, resulting in approximately 35 percent less production of the "greenhouse gas" when used to fuel an internal combustion engine. Beyond that, natural gas can be used in conventional piston engines with relatively few modifications, which gives its use a major cost advantage versus hybrid powerplants that necessitate the use of costly storage batteries.

In many ways, natural gas seems like the simple solution. Further, since 2006 there has been a revolution in the way natural gas is recovered. The use of hydraulic fracturing – "fracking" in the vernacular – has literally exploded (no pun intended) in the past half-dozen years, creating much larger reserves

of natural gas than many dreamed existed. The abundance of the newly found natural gas already has sent the price plunging, which is another reason to believe compressed natural gas (CNG) could have a strong future as a motor fuel.

If that is the case, why wasn't the recent Los Angeles Auto Show littered with all-new natural-gas-powered vehicles? Why isn't CNG being hailed as the fuel of the future?

There are several reasons why natural gas hasn't become the latest buzzword. One is the fact that the current regulatory environment is tilted in favor of hybrids and electrification. Many in the environmental community are opposed to any kind of combustion in automobiles, and that mindset has held sway with the regulators. (One has to wonder where they think most of our electricity comes from here in America, but that's another story). Another is the fact that some of those same environmentalists are as opposed to fracking as they are to the emission of carbon dioxide, if not more so. When I recently asked Volkswagen executives about expanding the use of natural gas in their vehicles, they responded with the widely held European view that fracking is environmentally unsound.

Yet another reason that natural gas seems to be facing an uphill battle is similar to the issue facing full electrification – namely infrastructure. If new cars are to use CNG, there would have to be thousands of outlets where consumers can buy it. The at-home fill-up strategy seems even less viable for CNG cars than it does for pure electrics.

So in this case, while we are almost floating on new reserves of natural gas, and while it does offer a reasonably simple solution to a multitude of woes, it seems natural gas is not ready for primetime as an automotive fuel... and it might never be.

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### [2013 Acura TSX](#)

The 2013 Acura TSX will appeal to anyone looking for a luxury mid-size car at a non-luxury price. Often overlooked, the TSX has classy styling and appointments that reflect the high levels of comfort, refinement and convenience we have come to expect from the Acura brand...

To read the latest Consumer Reviews & Ratings on this vehicle, click [here](#).

### [2013 Acura ZDX](#)

Ever since debuting for the 2010 model year, the ZDX has been the odd duck in Acura's lineup. An admittedly niche vehicle, the ZDX is meant to be an all-wheel-drive, 5-passenger SUV with coupe-like styling and the luxury and tech amenities found in Acura's sedans...

To read the latest Consumer Reviews & Ratings on this vehicle, click [here](#).

### [2013 Audi A3](#)

Somewhere between small wagon and sporty hatchback is the 2013 Audi A3. While its \$28,000 starting price doesn't exactly feel entry-level (it can go as high as \$40,000 with all the option boxes checked), the A3 isn't supposed to compete with the VW Golf or Subaru Impreza...

### [2013 Audi A8](#)

Audi's approach to luxury and performance takes a decidedly subtle route, choosing to impress with substance and style rather than flash and shameless self-promotion. Nowhere is this philosophy more evident than in the 2013 Audi A8, a luxury sedan of impeccable tailoring and sophistication but with a low-key attitude...

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### [2013 Audi TT](#)

One-of-a-kind styling, stirring driving performance and solid craftsmanship are the hallmarks of a respectable luxury sports car, and the 2013 Audi TT Coupe and soft-top Roadster models possess these qualities to a satisfying degree...

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### [2013 BMW 7 Series](#)

There are certain attributes one comes to expect in a large luxury sedan – supreme levels of comfort, cutting-edge technology and, of course, prestige. The 2013 BMW 7 Series delivers these qualities in spades in a manner that is tailored to the driving enthusiast...

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### [2013 BMW X6](#)

BMW's X6 SUV for 2013 isn't the best vehicle to take off-road nor does it provide the most efficient use of interior space. But, it is practical for the urban dweller who sometimes needs the additional cargo space provided by the large hatchback or the security of all-wheel drive...

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### [2013 Cadillac SRX](#)

The Cadillac SRX is a 5-passenger mid-size luxury crossover SUV that competes well against rivals such as the Lexus RX, Audi Q5 and BMW X3. The 2013 SRX is defined by its angular and athletic looks, a strong engine, and the plush cabin and creature comforts expected in a Cadillac...

### [2013 Ford Flex](#)

The 2013 Ford Flex is not your typical 7-passenger family vehicle, at least not if looks count for anything. Its long and boxy silhouette is reminiscent of the big station wagons of the 1960s and 1970s, plus it's lower to the ground than an SUV...

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### [2013 Honda Ridgeline](#)

Though Toyota and Nissan jumped headlong into the compact/mid-size pickup-truck market, Honda took a decidedly different approach. Rather than bringing another body-on-frame pickup to the market, Honda created a unit-construction crew-cab configuration based on its popular Pilot SUV...

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### [2013 Hyundai Azera](#)

Inside and out, the all-new-last-year Hyundai Azera is, in 2013, arguably the best-looking car in the large-sedan class. It's also among the most powerful and most fuel-efficient. It offers the best features (many of them standard) and still qualifies as a terrific value...

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### [2013 Hyundai Equus](#)

When Lexus first launched the LS 400 sedan, many (including the German manufacturers) scoffed at the idea of a Japanese luxury car. You know what happened. So everyone, including Lexus, should be watching as Korea's Hyundai offers its \$60,000 ultra-luxury Equus sedan...

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### [2013 Infiniti QX56](#)

Infiniti built the 2013 QX56 SUV to take on such giants as the Cadillac Escalade and Lincoln Navigator. But many of its owners compare it equally with more expensive vehicles such as Land Rover's Range Rover and the Lexus LX. Despite a move toward smaller, more fuel-efficient SUVs, Infiniti knows there will always be a large segment of population that needs seating for eight and an ability to pull a luxury powerboat or horse trailer up to 8,500 pounds...

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### [2013 Jaguar XK](#)

In a market that demands its performance coupes be both elegant and extraordinary, the 2013 Jaguar XK has the formula down pat. Its elegant exterior is unmistakably Jaguar and its interior takes the British art of blending wood and leather to new heights. While the standard XK is simply jaw-dropping in its execution, it's the limited edition XKR-S that shows just what this cat can do...

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### [2013 Land Rover Range Rover Sport](#)

Slightly smaller than the larger and more expensive Range Rover, the 2013 Land Rover Range Rover Sport offers the former's engine options as well as many of its luxury features. Designed to be a driver's SUV, the Range Rover Sport features a stiff suspension and big wheel-and-tire combo that, to our surprise and delight, is amazingly competent both on and off road...

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### [2013 Lexus LS](#)

Lexus says that of the 6,000 parts that make up the flagship LS sedan, 3,000 have been changed for the 2013 model update. Of those many new parts arguably the most important is the spindle-shaped grille; a simple but profound addition that trumpets a newfound sense of style for the traditionally conservative LS...

### [2013 Mazda MAZDA5](#)

There's nothing else quite like the Mazda5 among new cars today. The 2013 Mazda5 can best be thought of as a miniature minivan. In length it's the size of a compact sedan, yet the Mazda5 can seat up to six passengers and has dual sliding doors and a rear liftgate that allow easy access for passengers and cargo...

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### [2013 Mercedes-Benz CL](#)

With aggressive styling, highly assertive engines, luxurious interiors, and endless customization available, the 4-seat 2013 Mercedes-Benz CL-Class coupes succeed in establishing themselves as the thinking and (very well-to-do) working man's high-end transportation...

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### [2013 Mercedes-Benz G](#)

Often thought near extinction, the iconic Mercedes-Benz G-Class roars into 2013 with a new interior, an external refresh and a new high-performance model. Rumors of its demise have obviously been grossly exaggerated...

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### [2013 Mercedes-Benz GLK](#)

The 2013 GLK-Class is the junior member of the Mercedes-Benz SUV family. Like its larger siblings - the Mercedes M-Class and GL-Class - the compact GLK offers modern styling, upscale amenities and advanced safety features, just as one would expect from a luxury-branded vehicle...

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### [2013 Mercedes-Benz SLK](#)

The original Mercedes-Benz SLK was a big hit, largely on the basis of its retractable hardtop roof, something the auto industry hadn't seen since the Ford Skyliner of the 1950s. Each successive version of the SLK has been given a more serious edge, and now, powerful available engines and muscular styling make the 2013 the most aggressive SLK ever...

### [2013 Mini Cooper Coupe](#)

The 2013 Mini Cooper Coupe is among the newest arrivals in the automaker's growing lineup. Introduced last year, the Coupe is a tiny 2-seater that puts an emphasis on agility and speed. Call it a go-kart for adults. The Cooper Coupe shares engine choices and mechanicals with its Mini siblings, but this 2-seater is the most distinctly styled in the automaker's lineup thanks to its "helmet" style roof that appears to float above the car...

### [2013 Mini Cooper Roadster](#)

The 2013 Cooper Roadster takes Mini's trademark brand of British automotive minimalism to a new level. Now in its second year of production and part of Mini's strategy to expand its lineup, the Roadster is a tiny 2-passenger ragtop that emphasizes fun over practicality...

### [2013 Nissan Armada](#)

Nissan's 2013 Armada SUV is built for those with big families and big towing needs. The Armada SUV plays in a very small field of competitors that include the Chevy Suburban, Ford Expedition and Toyota Sequoia. In the Armada, you get a very well-engineered SUV with a powerful V8, a 9,000-pound tow rating and room for up to eight people...

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### [2013 Nissan Cube](#)

What exactly is the Nissan Cube? Part mini-wagon but with a taller profile like a crossover SUV, you'd also be correct if you just called this category-defying compact vehicle exactly what its nomenclature suggests: a box on wheels. And it's a relatively inexpensive one at that, good news for the younger drivers whom this car attracts...

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### [2013 Nissan GT-R](#)

From a company known for its innovative electric cars and sporty but affordable family sedans, the 2013 Nissan GT-R appears more like a 370Z on steroids. Far more than just some generic coupe with a big engine stuffed under the hood, the GT-R is a bona fide performance machine, engineered from the ground up to deliver an adrenaline rush on par with the fastest Porsche 911 or Audi R8...

To read the latest Consumer Reviews & Ratings on this vehicle, click [here](#).

### [2013 Nissan Maxima](#)

The 2013 Maxima is Nissan's flagship sedan, and one with roots that date to when these vehicles were still known as Datsuns. The Maxima is a premium car that emphasizes sportiness over sheer comfort. A strong V6 engine and Z-car-like performance help it to compete well with rivals such as the Chrysler 300, Ford Taurus SHO and Volkswagen CC, which also reside in the mid-\$30,000 and up range...

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### [2013 Nissan Murano](#)

As it did a decade ago when introduced, the 2013 Nissan Murano SUV offers trend-setting looks and features that others are just now beginning to implement. The Murano continues to buck the blocky-SUV trend in favor of a rounded, organic shape. As it has from the start, this 5-passenger carryall uses a continuously variable transmission (CVT), a setup that tends to offer better fuel economy than traditional automatics...

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### [2013 Nissan Pathfinder](#)

By moving the 2013 Pathfinder into the 7-passenger crossover SUV mainstream, Nissan fills a big hole in its lineup. Depending on your viewpoint, the Nissan Pathfinder is either a large mid-size or a not-quite full-size SUV. It shares much of its architecture with the also-new Infiniti JX35 luxury crossover, including unitized body construction, the choice of front-wheel drive (FWD) or all-wheel drive (AWD), standard V6 power, and 3-row seating...

### [2013 Nissan Sentra](#)

Completely redesigned for 2013, the excellent new Nissan Sentra feels less like a compact car and more like a downsized mid-size sedan. The look is substantial and mature, the interior is refined in look and feel, and from front to trunk it's downright roomy. The growing number of tech-dependent drivers will appreciate a robust and intuitive NissanConnect infotainment package with cool Google, Pandora and text messaging features, and anyone who hasn't won the free-gas-for-life lottery will appreciate the Sentra's class-leading combined city/highway fuel economy of 34 mpg...

### [2013 Nissan Titan](#)

The 2013 Nissan Titan remains a competitive player among full-size trucks. In a segment traditionally dominated by Ford GM, and Ram, the Titan holds its own against domestic rivals. While it doesn't offer the range of engine choices or three-quarter-ton and 1-ton models like some of its peers, the Titan does come with a stout but thirsty V8 engine, king-cab or crew-cab configuration, and a choice of three bed lengths...

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### [2013 Nissan Versa](#)

Consider the Nissan Versa the Toyota Camry of subcompacts: uninspiring, but a best seller. For the majority of buyers, the former won't matter much, or at least not enough to negate the Versa's positive aspects. Not only is the 2013 Versa the roomiest car in its class, it remains the least-expensive new car you can buy, even with this year's price increase...

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### [2013 Porsche Cayenne](#)

Arguably the sportiest SUV on the market, the 2013 Porsche Cayenne is the ultimate compromise between performance and utility. And, unlike many performance-oriented luxury SUVs, the Porsche Cayenne is a proficient off-roader. In terms of capability, every Cayenne can tow as much as 7,716 pounds and comfortably accommodate up to five passengers, with room to spare...

To read the latest Consumer Reviews & Ratings on this vehicle, click [here](#).

### [2013 Subaru Tribeca](#)

While it's true there are dozens of 7-passenger vehicles on the market, you won't find many that offer as advanced an all-wheel-drive (AWD) system as the 2013 Subaru Tribeca. Subaru's Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive is a proven system loved by those whose daily drive is often accompanied by snow, rain or even dry curving roads...

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### [2013 Suzuki Kizashi](#)

The 2013 Kizashi is modern and distinctive, and it is the top offering in a model lineup that is otherwise rather lean and aging. Introduced as a 2010 model, the Kizashi was meant to rejuvenate Suzuki's U.S. auto division. With Suzuki's recent bankruptcy filing and its decision to stop sell cars in America, that rejuvenation turned out to be a dream...

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### [2013 Suzuki SX4](#)

The versatile 2013 Suzuki SX4 comes in three distinct flavors. The SX4 Crossover is a 5-door hatchback equipped with Suzuki's 3-Mode Intelligent All-Wheel-drive (i-AWD). The Sportback shares the Crossover's same body and interior, but is fitted with front-wheel drive, a sport suspension and a lower profile...

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### [2013 Toyota Avalon](#)

There was a time when large, comfortable sedans were about as ubiquitous as mobile phones. But the continued popularity of SUVs and a rather unfavorable association with the geriatric crowd has diminished the mainstream appeal of full-size sedans. The 2013 Toyota Avalon looks to change all that with a striking new design, responsive driving dynamics, and advanced, yet easy-to-use in-vehicle technology...

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### [2013 Toyota Prius](#)

The world's first and most successful mass-produced hybrid car, the 2013 Toyota Prius hybrid is now a family of vehicles, a sub-brand consisting of the original hatchback Prius, the Prius Plug-In Hybrid built on the same body, the Prius V with its wagon-like extended roofline, and the smaller Prius C hatchback...

To read the latest Consumer Reviews & Ratings on this vehicle, click [here](#).

### [2013 Toyota Prius V](#)

The 2013 Prius V is the big papa in Toyota's growing Prius family. The Prius V uses the same powertrain and has similar looks as the regular Prius 4-door hatchback, but offers a larger cargo hull that Toyota boasts is roomier than that of many small SUVs...

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### [2013 Toyota Sequoia](#)

We'd all like to drive fuel-efficient cars such as the Toyota Prius, but sometimes the reality of what needs to fit inside those cars is far greater than the desire to be green. For those with big families and big hauling needs, Toyota offers another option, one that may not be as green as the Prius but is every bit as dependable...

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### [2013 Toyota Sienna](#)

The 2013 Toyota Sienna is a large people mover with impressive tech and safety features, good fit and finish and a strong engine. These add up to make the Sienna a confident competitor to its longtime rival the Honda Odyssey as well as the revamped Nissan Quest. The 2013 Sienna now comes standard with a relatively fuel-efficient V6 and can be had in 7- or 8-passenger configurations...

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### [2013 Volkswagen EOS](#)

The dream of owning a convertible versus the reality of owning a convertible is often as far removed from one another as red states are from blue. Leaks, wind noise and the lack of security are the major headaches, which is why VW created its 2013 Eos convertible with a retractable hardtop...

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### [2013 Volvo C30](#)

The 2013 Volvo C30 is an upscale compact carryall that blurs the distinction between hatchback and small station wagon. It is priced above the Mini Cooper and below the Audi A3, but looks nothing like them – or anything else on the road for that matter...

To read the latest Consumer Reviews & Ratings on this vehicle, click [here](#).

### [2013 Volvo S80](#)

The 2013 Volvo S80 may not have the cachet of a Lexus GS, Audi A6 or BMW 5 Series, but it merits consideration among these premium brands nonetheless. Volvo's largest sedan isn't known for the most daring styling or thrilling performance. Instead, it brings a pedigree of safety and understated elegance, qualities long associated with the Swedish marque...

To read the latest Consumer Reviews & Ratings on this vehicle, click [here](#).

### [2013 Volvo XC70](#)

Retractable-hardtop coupes are nothing new; they've been part of the automotive landscape for over 80 years. But only recently have engineers created a practical model that is both affordable and safe. Once such example can be found on the 2013 Volvo C70 convertible, a sleek coupe that looks even sleeker with its top neatly hidden away...

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### KBB.com Launches 2013 Best Resale Value Awards Trivia Contest on its Facebook Page

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IRVINE, Calif., Nov. 30, 2012 - New-car sales are expected to hit 14.7 million seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) in November, slightly outpacing the 14.3 million unit pace achieved last month when Superstorm Sandy swept the East Coast, according to Kelley Blue Book, [www.kbb.com](http://www.kbb.com), the leading provider of new and used car information. Although sales remained somewhat suppressed in storm-devastated parts of the northeast immediately following the storm, it looks as though the worst may be behind us... [MORE](#)

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