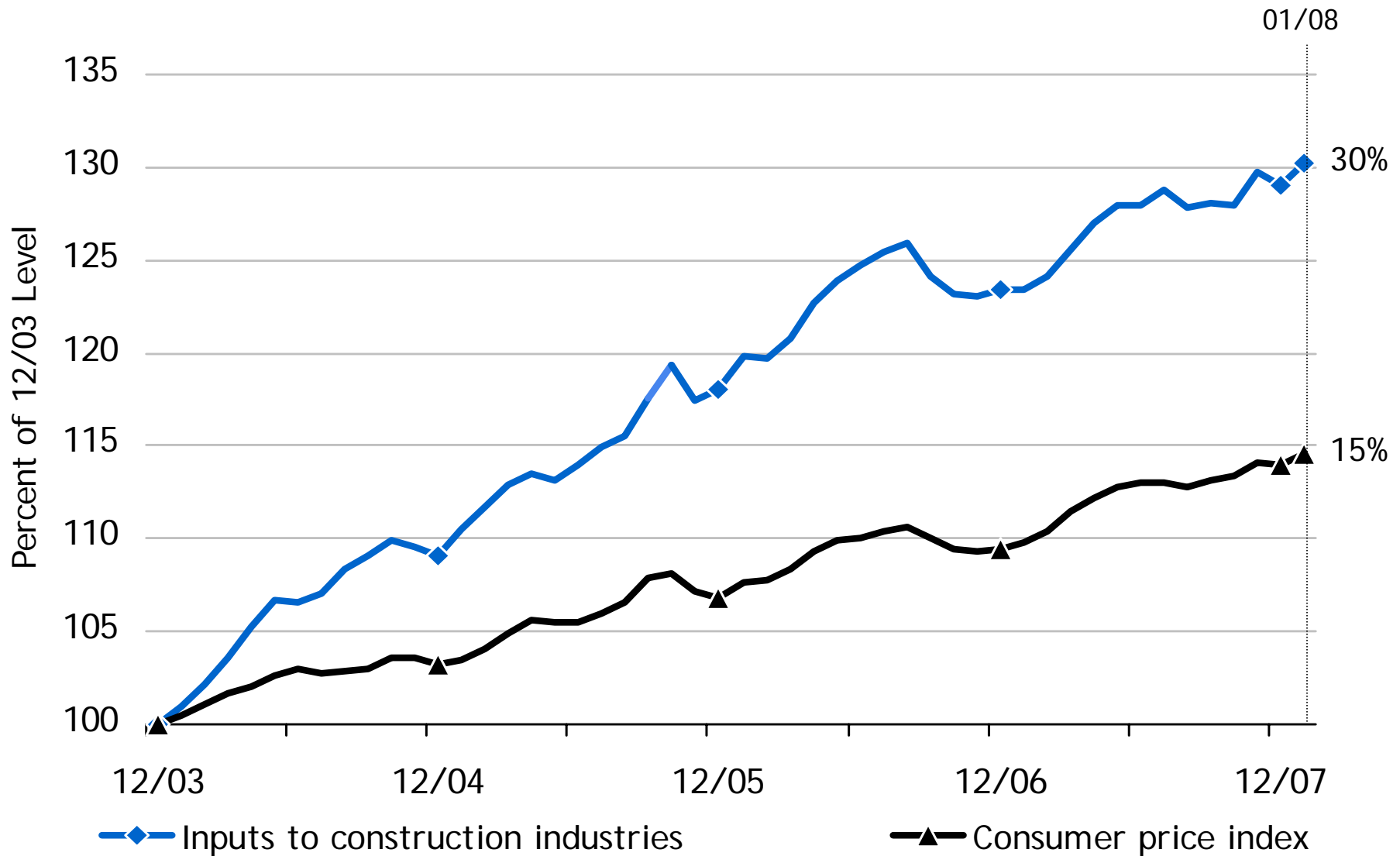


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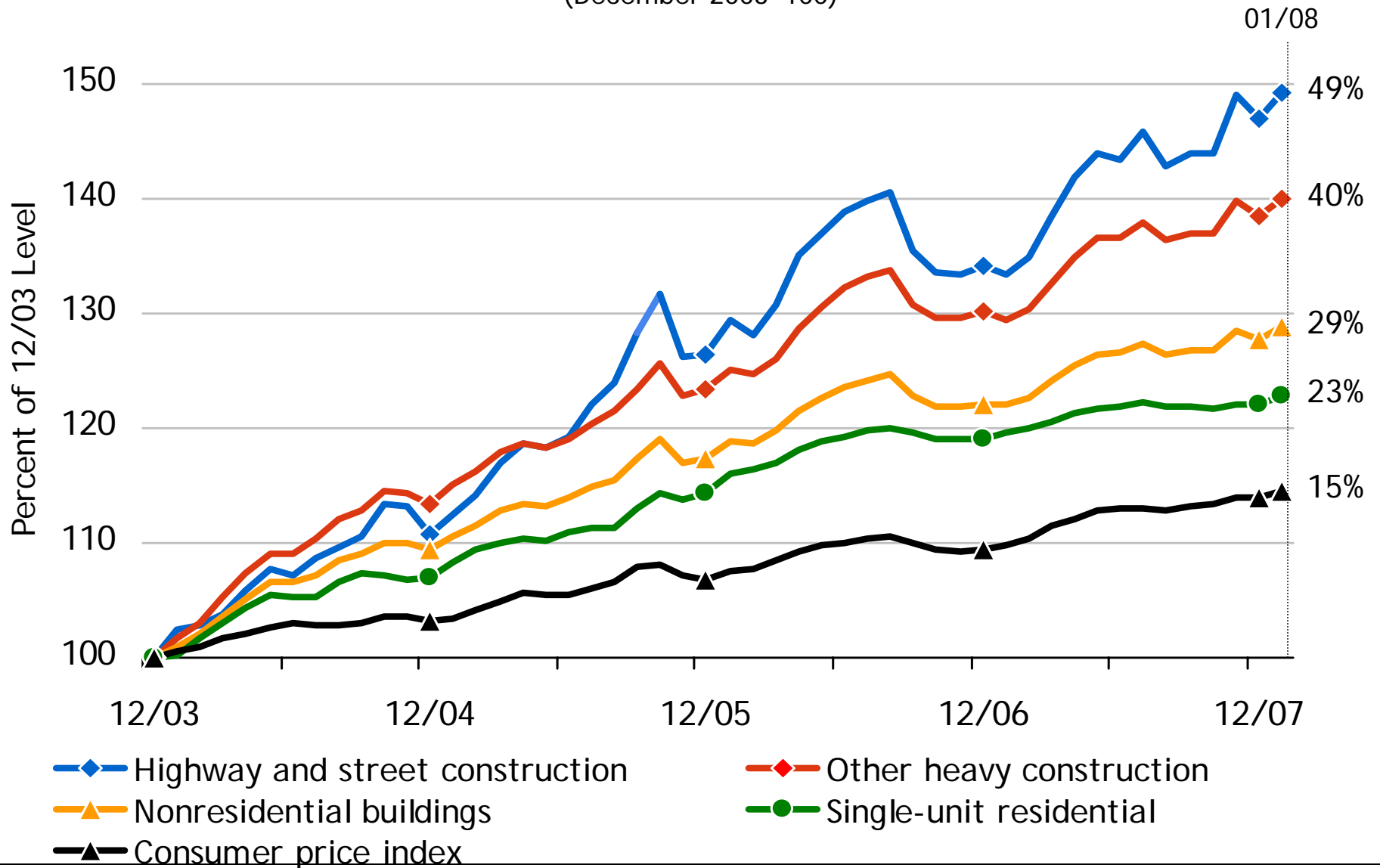
Change in Producer Prices for Construction vs. Consumer Prices, 2003-08

(December 2003=100)



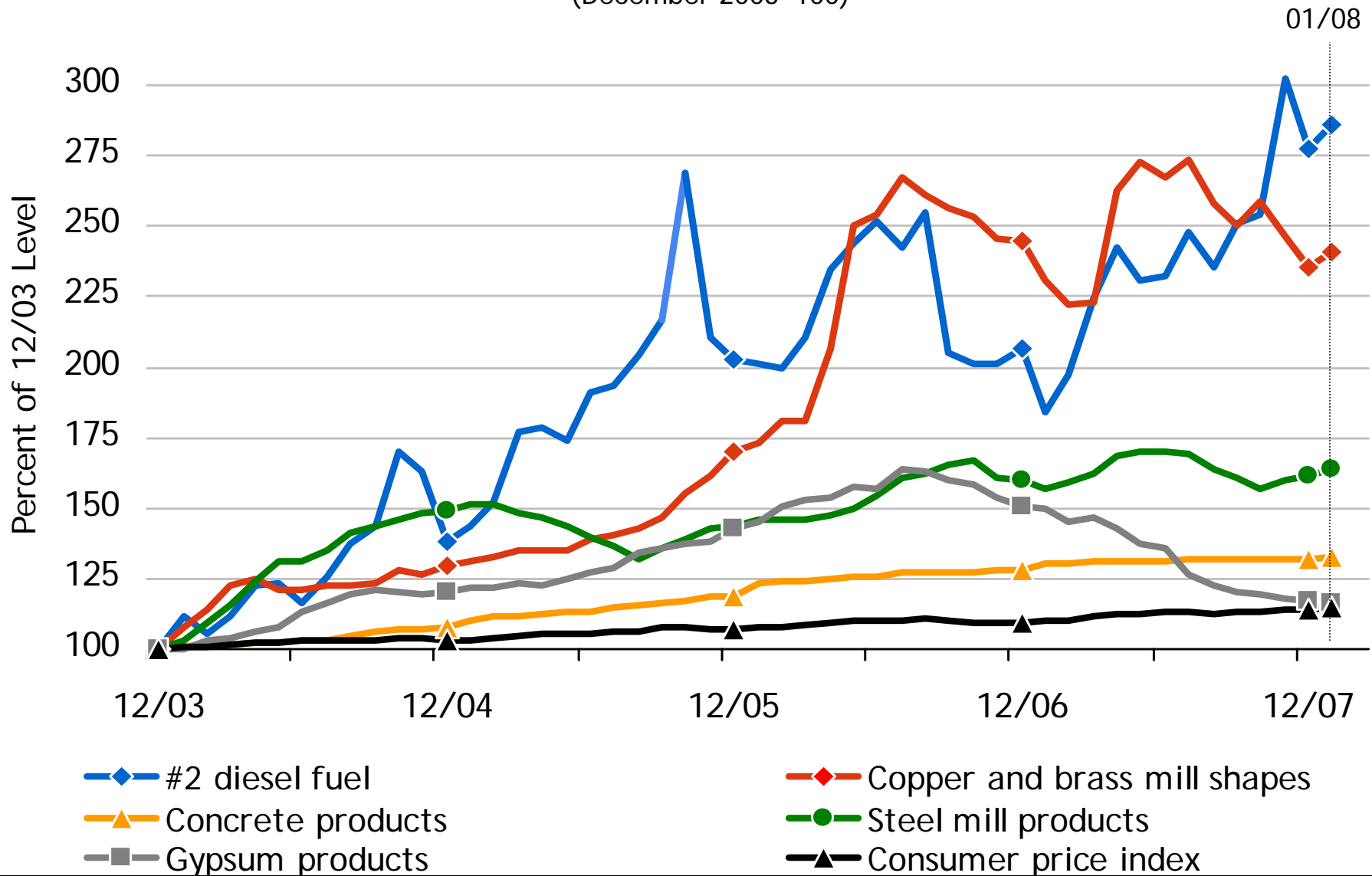
Since December 2003 the cumulative increase in the prices of inputs used in construction (30.2%) has been more than double the increase in the consumer price index (14.5%)

Figure 2  
 Change in Producer Prices for Construction Segments, 2003-08  
 (December 2003=100)



Construction segments vary in the amount of cost escalation but all have risen faster than consumer prices.

Figure 3  
 Change in Producer Prices for Major Construction Inputs, 2003-08  
 (December 2003=100)



The most extreme price increases have been for diesel fuel, copper and steel products.

Figure 5  
Diesel Fuel Prices  
(cents per gallon)



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Retail prices for on-road diesel fuel have started 2008 much higher than in most of 2007.