

# UK automotive supply chain

SMMT is committed to boosting the UK automotive supply chain and identifying opportunities to enhance domestic and international demand for UK components.

## UK automotive supply chain facts:

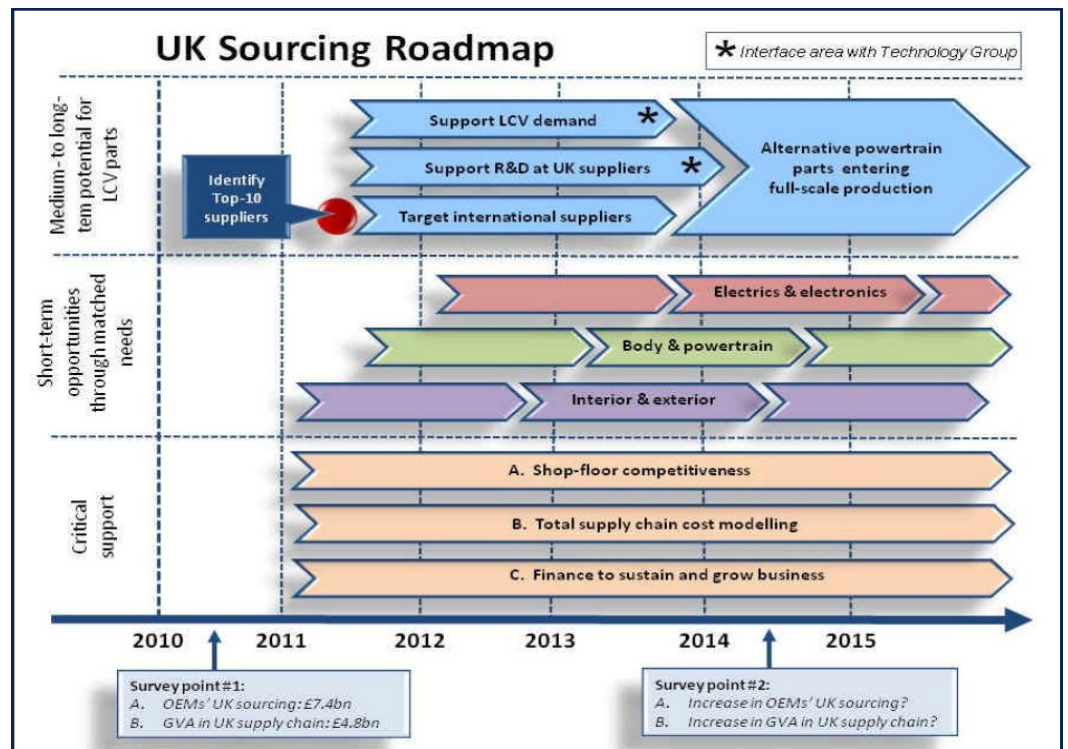
- At present, about 80% of all components required for vehicle assembly operations could be procured from UK suppliers.
- The UK automotive supply chain typically generates £4.5 – £5bn of added value annually.
- Around 2,350 UK companies regard themselves as 'automotive' suppliers, employing around 82,000 people (42% tier one, 19% tier two, 34% tier one and two and 5% other).
- It is estimated that every job in UK vehicle assembly supports 7.5 elsewhere in the economy.
- Of all UK suppliers, over 70% manufacture their products in the UK.
- The UK is the fourth largest automotive producer in Europe, building more than one million cars and commercial vehicles in excess of two million engines each year.
- Over 75% of cars and 35% of commercial vehicles manufactured in the UK are exported overseas.

SMMT's 'Meet the Buyer' events will take place on **31 October**, **8 November** and **15 November**. For more information, visit the [SMMT Meet the Buyer portal](#).

UK car manufacturing			UK commercial vehicle manufacturing		
Year	Units	% Change	Year	Units	% Change
2009	999,460	-30.9	2009	90,679	-55.3
2010	1,270,444	27.1	2010	123,019	35.7
2011 (forecast)	1,320,000	3.9	2011 (forecast)	121,000	-1.64

## 2011 investment in UK automotive

To date, 2011 has seen a number of high-profile announcements regarding investment, production expansion, new vehicle models and the safeguarding of employment within the UK's automotive sector. These have amounted to the creation of around 7,400 new jobs, the safeguarding of more than 12,000 jobs, investments worth over £3.9 billion either directly in UK automotive or in automotive supply chain activities, nine new vehicle models and long-term announcements to manufacture three next generation vehicle models in the UK.



## 2011 'Meet the Buyer' dates and venues:

[Melton Mowbray](#) on Monday 31 October  
[Chester](#) on Tuesday 8 November  
[Bridgend](#) on Tuesday 15 November

## For more information:

**Automotive Council:**  
[www.automotivecouncil.co.uk](http://www.automotivecouncil.co.uk)  
**Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders:**  
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