# SMMT AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURING

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# UK auto manufacturing regains strength in October

* Car manufacturing rose 6.5% in October and was up 9.7% over the year-to-date.
* CV output rose 5.0% in October, but remained down 6.1% over the first 10 months of 2012.
* UK engine production was up 1.2%, with output over the year-to-date down 0.2%.

"The UK automotive industry got back on track in October with vehicle manufacturing up 6.4% and a 1.2% increase in engine output," said Paul Everitt, SMMT Chief Executive. "Sustained, high-value investment in R&D, facilities and new products is paving the way to a prosperous future for UK automotive, but there remain significant challenges as European market demand remains weak. It is essential government continues to focus on boosting economic growth and enhancing UK competitiveness."

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| **SMMT** | **Cars** | | **Commercial Vehicles** | | **Total Vehicles** | | **Total Engines** | |
| **Data** | **Oct-12** | **YTD-12** | **Oct-12** | **YTD-12** | **Oct-12** | **YTD-12** | **Oct-12** | **YTD-12** |
| Total | **137,028** | **1,220,304** | **11,899** | **94,214** | **148,927** | **1,314,518** | **239,011** | **2,121,314** |
| % change | 6.5% | 9.7% | 5.0% | -6.1% | 6.4% | 8.4% | 1.2% | -0.2% |
| **Export** | **116,899** | **1,005,742** | **6,656** | **54,552** | **123,555** | **1,060,294** | **144,206** | **1,324,802** |
| % change | 4.7% | 8.9% | 1.0% | -6.5% | 4.5% | 8.0% | -6.5% | -12.5% |
| % of total | *85.3%* | *82.4%* | *55.9%* | *57.9%* | *83.0%* | *80.7%* | *60.3%* | *62.5%* |
| **Home** | **20,129** | **214,562** | **5,243** | **39,662** | **25,372** | **254,224** | **94,805** | **796,512** |
| % change | 18.1% | 13.8% | 10.5% | -5.6% | 16.4% | 10.2% | 15.7% | 30.3% |
| % of total | *14.7%* | *17.6%* | *44.1%* | *42.1%* | *17.0%* | *19.3%* | *39.7%* | *37.5%* |

**Car output rolling year total CV output rolling year total**