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|  | http://i1.createsend3.com/ei/r/AF/5DC/7DD/nri/zchuj/PaulEveritt_SMMTChiefExecutive191814.jpg |  | Welcome It was pleasing to hear Business Minister Mark Prisk reinforce government support for the UK automotive industry at SMMT’s Parliamentary Reception this week. In a speech to over 100 delegates from across industry and government, Mr Prisk detailed government plans to support UK automotive in driving forward its low carbon agenda and identified international investment and UK manufacturing as key drivers behind economic recovery.This week, at a digital radio switchover conference, I spoke in a session focusing specifically on the latest developments in the automotive sector. SMMT is working hard to support industry’s transition to digital radio through engagement with stakeholders and I used this opportunity to emphasise the need to introduce a digital certification scheme. This would help consumers to choose products appropriate for their needs and provide a positive signal to industry.  [Follow Paul on Twitter](http://smmtacuknewsletters.createsend3.com/t/r/l/jujhlrk/njluytult/t/) |  |
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|  |  |  | Commercial vehicle recovery continues despite bus and coach registrations dropFigures out this week reveal that June saw the 17th successive monthly rise in new van and truck registrations, up 12.7% to 25,968 units. Truck registrations are up 7.4%, while van registrations have risen by 13.5%, demonstrating robust business confidence and commitment in the commercial vehicle sector. The heavy bus and coach sectors received a boost as buyers invest in the latest fuel-efficient technologies. However, overall bus and coach volumes were down 26.7% in June, as the market continued to battle challenging conditions. Click through to download the [commercial vehicle](http://smmtacuknewsletters.createsend3.com/t/r/l/jujhlrk/njluytult/a/) and [bus and coach](http://smmtacuknewsletters.createsend3.com/t/r/l/jujhlrk/njluytult/f/) news releases.   |  |
|  |  |  | CV Show 2012 gets a green lightPlans for a full CV Show to be held at the NEC, Birmingham, from 24-26 April 2012 have been announced by the Commercial Vehicle Show LLP consisting of the the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders Ltd, the Road Haulage Association Ltd (RHA) and IRTE Services Ltd, the trading company of the Society of Operations Engineers (SOE). The announcement came on the back of strong industry feedback on the successful 2011 CV Show which attracted over 16,000 people. To read the full story, click [here.](http://smmtacuknewsletters.createsend3.com/t/r/l/jujhlrk/njluytult/z/)  |  |
|  |  |  | Ministerial address bolsters confidence for an export-led recoveryMark Prisk MP, Minister for Business and Enterprise, made the keynote speech this week at SMMT’s Parliamentary Reception in Westminster that identified overseas investment and UK manufacturing as key drivers behind the UK’s economic recovery. In his address to over 100 delegates from across industry, Mark Prisk detailed government plans to support entrepreneurial growth through decreased regulatory burden and a more supportive fiscal framework for UK businesses. Hosted by SMMT and sponsored by Richard Burden MP, Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Motor Group, the reception offered delegates the opportunity to hear from senior MPs of the importance of increasing overseas trade and on driving forward a sustainable low carbon agenda. To read the full story, click [here.](http://smmtacuknewsletters.createsend3.com/t/r/l/jujhlrk/njluytult/v/)  |  |
|  |  |  | Minister confirms ‘good’ progress towards digital radio transition in UK automotiveMinister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries, Ed Vaizey, outlined his ambitions for a 'fully digital nation by 2015' this week. Speaking at a high-profile conference on the [future of digital entertainment](http://smmtacuknewsletters.createsend3.com/t/r/l/jujhlrk/njluytult/e/) , he outlined the ‘good progress’ made within the automotive sector, but commented that there was still much to be done. Welcoming the news as a sign of government’s commitment to the switchover, Paul Everitt, said he was ‘encouraged’ by the Minister’s announcement, but reiterated industry’s need for a confirmed date for switchover, to ensure momentum is maintained. To read the full story, click [here.](http://smmtacuknewsletters.createsend3.com/t/r/l/jujhlrk/njluytult/s/)  |  |
|  |  |  | New Production Outlook report and forecast videoThe July SMMT European Car and Light Commercial Vehicle Production Outlook suite is now available with the latest production figures forecast and analysis by marque, model and brand through to 2015. This edition includes a special focus on UK issues including positive production announcements, investment across the supply chain, R&D and a high level production forecast through to 2020. The full report and executive summary are free for SMMT members and £4,120 for non-members. To download the report, click [here](http://smmtacuknewsletters.createsend3.com/t/r/l/jujhlrk/njluytult/g/) or to watch a free 10 minute analyst briefing video detailing individual vehicle manufacturer plans in Europe, click [here.](http://smmtacuknewsletters.createsend3.com/t/r/l/jujhlrk/njluytult/w/)  |  |
|  |  |  | Centre for connecting vehicles, highways and telecommunications opens for businessLast week, a new facility that will enable intelligent transport system innovations to be tested, developed and validated like never before has opened for business in the UK West Midlands. With government funding of £10 million and in collaboration with MIRA, and the Transport Research Laboratory, ‘innovITS ADVANCE’ will enable significant advances to be made to improve both the safety and sustainability of future road transportation. The new centre boasts a ‘virtual city’ that is configurable to replicate the navigational network connectivity of almost any type of street environment. To find out more about innovITS ADVANCE, click [here.](http://smmtacuknewsletters.createsend3.com/t/r/l/jujhlrk/njluytult/yd/)  |  |
|  |  |  | Final call for Equip Auto 2011 exhibitorsSMMT has a limited number of places still available for UK companies to exhibit at this year’s Equip Auto show that is dedicated to clean vehicles and innovative technologies. The event will provide the opportunity to develop business relationships with visitors that have interests in every sort of vehicle. SMMT has secured UKTI TAP Grant support to supplement exhibitor costs for this event. For full cost details and further information contact Ruta Aisthorpe, 020 7344 9231 or raisthorpe@smmt.co.uk.  |  |
|  |  |  | European low emissions project aiming to expand network of expertsClean Drive, a three-year European initiative designed to increase the sale of more energy efficient cars with lower CO2 emissions, is looking for companies interested in joining its network of experts to help advise how the programme of work will proceed. The Severn Wye Energy Agency (SWEA), the lead partner for Clean Drive in the UK, has produced three surveys seeking views that will help shape the next phase of the initiative. Available at the following links, the surveys are aimed at [industry experts](http://smmtacuknewsletters.createsend3.com/t/r/l/jujhlrk/njluytult/yh/) as well as [Dealer Principals](http://smmtacuknewsletters.createsend3.com/t/r/l/jujhlrk/njluytult/yk/) and [Dealer Sales Executives.](http://smmtacuknewsletters.createsend3.com/t/r/l/jujhlrk/njluytult/yu/) To find out more about the Clean Drive initiative, click [here.](http://smmtacuknewsletters.createsend3.com/t/r/l/jujhlrk/njluytult/jl/)  |  |
|  |  |  | Week in Brussels and WestminsterThis week in Brussels, the European Parliament rejected a draft resolution on increasing the EU 2020 CO2 emissions reduction target from 20% to 30% on 1990 levels, after the resolution was weakened by an amendment. The vote saw a majority of 347-258 against the proposal, with 63 abstentions. To read all the news from Brussels, click [here.](http://smmtacuknewsletters.createsend3.com/t/r/l/jujhlrk/njluytult/jr/)This week in Westminster, the Associate Parliamentary Manufacturing Group launched its 'Made by Britain' project to showcase the variety of products made in the UK and promote the nation's manufacturing industry. The Group's campaign asks every MP to nominate an example of manufacturing excellence from their constituency in order to demonstrate the calibre of UK manufacturing. To read all the news from Westminster, click [here.](http://smmtacuknewsletters.createsend3.com/t/r/l/jujhlrk/njluytult/jy/)  |  |
|  |  |  | Diary datesSMMT Annual Dinner, London Hilton Park Lane, 22 November 2011 - annualdinner@smmt.co.ukCV Show 2012, NEC, Birmingham,24-26 April 2012 - enquiries@cvshow.comSMMT International Automotive Summit,12 June 2012 - summit@smmt.co.uk  |  |
|  |  |  | Automotive informationTo download SMMT's 2011 new vehicle and UK automotive manufacturing release dates, click [here.](http://smmtacuknewsletters.createsend3.com/t/r/l/jujhlrk/njluytult/jj/)To download Industry Forum's latest information on sustainable business improvement, click [here.](http://smmtacuknewsletters.createsend3.com/t/r/l/jujhlrk/njluytult/jt/) |  |
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