# UK COMMERCIAL VEHICLE MANUFACTURING

# 21 January 2016 (data for December 2015)

**Commercial vehicle production rises by a third in 2015**

* British commercial vehicle output grows 33.3% in 2015, with 94,479 vehicles produced.
* Overseas demand continues to perform strongly, accounting for half of volumes in 2015.
* Europe recovery drives growth with demand up by 36.4% to take 88% of all UK CV exports.

**21 January 2015**British commercial vehicle manufacturing rose by a third in 2015 when almost 95,000 CVs rolled off production lines, according to figures released today by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT). Demand surged by a third in both domestic and overseas markets, with Europe taking the lion’s share of exports (88%), followed by Asia (6.3%). Meanwhile, manufacturers closed 2015 on a high note, with output for December up 7.7% compared with 2014, driven equally by British and overseas markets.

**Mike Hawes, SMMT Chief Executive** said, “Commercial vehicle production ended 2015 on a very positive note, with another month of growth in December resulting in a substantial boost to volumes for the year. Exports continued to make up half of UK CV demand, with more than 47,000 vehicles destined for overseas markets, fuelled by the continued recovery of our biggest trading partner, Europe.”

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| **CV manufacturing** | **Dec-14** | **De-15** | **% Change** | **YTD-14** | **YTD-15** | **% Change** |
| Total | 5,815 | 6,265 | 7.7% | 70,869 | 94,479 | 33.3% |
| Home | 2,891 | 3,008 | 4.0% | 35,945 | 47,300 | 31.6% |
| Export | 2,924 | 3,257 | 11.4% | 34,924 | 47,179 | 35.1% |
| % export | 50.3% | 52.0% |  | 49.3% | 49.9% |  |

**CV output – rolling year totals 2008-2015**

**Notes to editors**

**About SMMT and the UK automotive industry**

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) is one of the largest and most influential trade associations in the UK. It supports the interests of the UK automotive industry at home and abroad, promoting a united position to government, stakeholders and the media.

The automotive industry is a vital part of the UK economy accounting for more than **£69.5 billion turnover** and **£15.5 billion value added**. With some **160,000** people employed directly in manufacturing and in excess of **799,000** acrossthe wider automotive industry, it accounts for **11.8% of total UK export of goods** and invests **£2.4 billion** each year in automotive R&D. More than **30 manufacturers** build in excess of **70 models** of vehicle in the UK supported by around **2,500 component providers** and some of the world's most **skilled engineers**.

More detail on UK automotive available in SMMT's Motor Industry Facts 2015 publication at [www.smmt.co.uk/facts15](http://www.smmt.co.uk/facts15).

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