# UK COMMERCIAL VEHICLE MANUFACTURING

# 23 July 2015 (data for June 2015)

**British CV production up almost a third in first half of 2015**

* UK commercial vehicle (CV) manufacturing output grows 29.9% in the first six months of the year.
* Particularly strong June sees a 54.5% surge in production, with 9,805 commercial vehicles produced.
* Growth bolstered by both UK and international demand, both of which show strong increases in the year to-date.

**23 July 2015**British commercial vehicle manufacturing grew by more than a quarter in the first six months of the year, according to figures released today by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT). Almost 50,000 CVs were built between January and June – a 29.9% growth compared to the same period in 2014.

Growth has been fuelled by demand both in the UK and Europe, with production for the domestic market rising 31.6% and exports recording a 28.3% increase so far in 2015. June saw a particularly robust performance with nearly 10,000 CVs produced – a 54.5% rise.

“Today’s figures are encouraging for the sector, with demand for British-built vans, trucks and buses all on the rise,” said **Mike Hawes, SMMT Chief Executive.** “The UK commercial vehicle industry has experienced some turbulence in the recent past, with restructuring of some operations and changes to type approval affecting output. It is good to see the recovery continuing, and we are optimistic about the future with demand continuing to grow both in the UK and in Europe.”

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| **CV manufacturing** | **June-14** | **June-15** | **% Change**  | **YTD-14** | **YTD-15** | **% Change** |
| Total | 6,348 | 9,805 | 54.5% | 37,460 | 48,677 | 29.9% |
| Home | 3,054 | 4,769 | 56.2% | 18,598 | 24,471 | 31.6% |
| Export | 3,294 | 5,036 | 52.9% | 18,862 | 24,206 | 28.3% |
| % export | 51.9% | 51.4% |   | 51.2% | 49.7% |   |

**CV output – rolling year total CV output year-to-date**

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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 **£64 billion turnover** and **£12 billion value added**. With more than **160,000** people employed directly in manufacturing and in excess of **770,000 across** the wider automotive industry, it accounts for **11% of total UK export of goods** and invests **£1.9 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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