# UK COMMERCIAL VEHICLE MANUFACTURING

# 25 June 2015 (data for May 2015)

**UK commercial vehicle production boosted by export growth in May**

 UK commercial vehicle production rises 32.8% in May 2015 with 6,808 units built in the month.

 Recovering European markets see exports surge by more than two thirds.

 Year-to-date figures remain strong, up 24.9% as demand for British CVs grows at home and abroad.

**25 June 2015**Figures released today by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) show a boost to UK commercial vehicle production in May 2015. 6,808 vans, trucks and buses were made in Britain last month – a 32.8% rise compared with last year. Data for the first five months of 2015 further demonstrate a CV manufacturing resurgence, with production volumes up by almost a quarter.

The sector benefitted from increasing European demand in May, as exports rose 69.4% last month with 3,710 vehicles destined for overseas markets. Half of all commercial vehicles produced to date in 2015 have been built for export.

“May’s strong figures consolidate the UK commercial vehicle manufacturing sector’s return to form, following a more subdued period over the past couple of years when changes to type approval legislation disrupted fleet renewal patterns,” said **Mike Hawes, SMMT Chief Executive.**“Continued demand for high quality British engineering, growing business confidence and regulatory stability have helped to fuel steady growth for both the domestic and export markets.”

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| **CV manufacturing** | **May-14** | **May-15** | **% Change** | **YTD-14** | **YTD-15** | **% Change** |
| Total | 5,127 | 6,808 | 32.8% | 31,112 | 38,872 | 24.9% |
| Home | 2,937 | 3,098 | 5.5% | 15,544 | 19,702 | 26.7% |
| Export | 2,190 | 3,710 | 69.4% | 15,568 | 19,170 | 23.1% |
| % export | 42.7% | 54.5% |  | 51.2% | 49.3% |  |

**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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