# UK ENGINE MANUFACTURING

# 24 September 2015 (data for August 2015)

**Business as usual for UK engine makers in August as summer shutdown ends**

* UK engine output rises 15.8% in August, with 112,777 units produced.
* Boost for home and export markets, with demand up 15.1% and 16.3% respectively.
* Year-to-date volumes remain steady at 1,562,503, down 3.4% on 2014.

**Mike Hawes, SMMT Chief Executive, said,** “Engine manufacturing enjoyed a boost in August, as factories came back online following the traditional summer shutdown in July. A shift in holiday schedules meant the industry’s seasonal pause in production arrived a month earlier than usual, resulting in bigger fluctuations in output. However, with more than 1.5 million engines produced in the year-to-date, and significant investment in new plants set to be realised this autumn, the prospects for future month-on-month growth look promising.”

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| **Engine manufacturing** | **Aug-14** | **Aug-15** | **% Change** | **YTD-14** | **YTD-15** | **% Change** |
| **Total** | 97,406 | 112,777 | 15.8% | 1,617,265 | 1,562,503 | -3.4% |
| **Home** | 40,719 | 46,878 | 15.1% | 583,566 | 551,049 | -5.6% |
| **Export** | 56,687 | 65,899 | 16.3% | 1,033,699 | 1,011,454 | -2.2% |
| **% export** | 58.2% | 58.4% |  | 63.9% | 64.7% |  |

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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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