

## Car production gears up in January

Production figures released today by the Office for National Statistics show that:

- **Car production in January 2002** rose by **17.9 per cent**
- **Output for the home market** rose by **33.2 per cent**

### Car production

	Jan 2001	Jan 2002	% chg.	YTD 2001	YTD 2002	% chg.
<b>Total</b>	128,921	152,025	17.9%	128,921	152,025	17.9%
<b>Home</b>	50,675	67,500	33.2%	50,675	67,500	33.2%
% of total	39.3%	44.4%		39.3%	44.4%	
<b>Export</b>	78,246	84,525	8.0%	78,246	84,525	8.0%
% of total	60.7%	55.6%		60.7%	55.6%	

### Monthly Car Production 2001-2002



- Car production in January rose by 17.9 per cent to 152,025 units.
- Output for the home market rose by 33.2 per cent
- New Mini adds over half additional volume in January 2002. MG Rover, Honda, Jaguar and Toyota all report output growth.

Commenting on January figures, SMMT chief executive Christopher Macgowan said, 'In a month that saw Ford moving production at Dagenham from cars to its worldwide centre for diesel engine manufacturing, it is encouraging to see such strong figures. This was the best January total since 1998, in stark contrast to the poor volumes recorded during the first half of 2001. Much of the restructuring work last year that hit output volumes are bearing fruit and we look forward to more strong figures during the year.'

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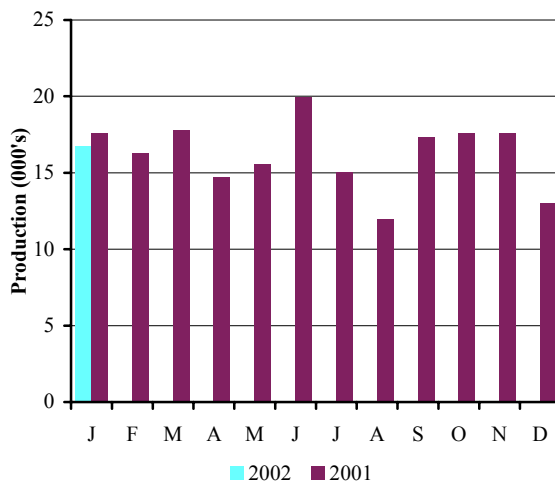
## CV production down but from a strong base

- ▲ **January CV production** drops five per cent
- ▼ **January exports** up 66.3 per cent
- ▲ **January home production** down by 44.5 per cent

### Commercial vehicle production

	Jan 2001	Jan 2002	% chg.	YTD 2001	YTD 2002	% chg.
<b>Total</b>	17,580	16,697	-5.0%	17,580	16,697	-5.0%
<b>Home</b>	11,315	6,277	-44.5%	11,315	6,277	-44.5%
% of total	64.4%	37.6%		64.4%	37.6%	
<b>Export</b>	6,265	10,420	66.3%	6,265	10,420	66.3%
% of total	35.6%	62.4%		35.6%	62.4%	

### Monthly CV Production 2001-2002



- Provisional figures from the Office for National Statistics show CV production down five per cent last month to 16,697 vehicles compared with 17,580 in January 2001.
- Export production grew by 66.3 per cent in January, up for the eighth consecutive month, output for the home market fell by 44.5 per cent.

SMMT chief executive Christopher Macgowan said, 'This dip in output follows very strong growth last year. We're confident that UK commercial vehicle production will look good through the year, backed by more exports to continental EU markets.'

### January 2002 CV output down after many months of growth

January's CV output fell compared to January 2001 volumes. This follows strong growth, particularly in the latter half of last year. Output at the GM Luton van plant has been a significant driver behind overall output since June last year.

The closure of van assembly at Ford's Dagenham site and weaker van volumes from Vauxhall has had a visible impact on January figures.

Land Rover's output increased by over 12 per cent in January. The recent upsurge in interest for four wheel drive utility vehicles has boosted production of a number of new Land Rover models. LDV output also rose reflecting the continued popularity of heavy vans. January saw Leyland Trucks output up for both the UK and mainland.

### **Exports volumes up 66.3 per cent**

This was the eighth consecutive month of strong growth in exports. Growth continues to be influenced by changes that have seen some plants building for specific sectors of the European commercial vehicle market.

Production of the joint Renault/GM Vauxhall van, sold behind Vauxhall, Renault Opel and eventually Nissan badges is mainly for sales on the European mainland. This joint venture has contributed significantly to export growth.

### **Home production volume remains depressed**

Production for the home market declined for the fourth month in a row. This reflects the strong export production focus from the IBC plant at Luton and the end of production at Ford's Dagenham plant.

In recent years keen competition from vans sourced elsewhere in the EU and Japan had a significant impact on production for the UK market. In 1999 about 60 per cent of CV output was for the home market; in 2001 it was 50 per cent.

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	PASSENGER CARS			COMMERCIAL VEHICLES		
	Total (GKAJ)	For Home	For Export (GKAK)	Total (GKDF)	For Home	For Export (GKDG)
1991	1 236 900	631 515	605 385	217 141	106 424	110 717
1992	1 291 880	702 590	589 290	248 453	118 140	130 313
1993 a	1 375 524	842 648	532 876	193 467	102 320	91 147
1994	1 466 823	848 142	618 681	227 815	132 270	95 545
1995	1 532 084	787 473	744 611	233 001	140 624	92 377
1996	1 686 134	777 922	908 212	238 314	125 830	112 484
1997	1 698 001	736 090	961 911	237 706	134 304	103 402
1998	1 748 258	727 531	1 020 727	227 379	124 538	102 841
1999	1 786 623	648 146	1 138 477	185 905	110 983	74 922
2000	1 641 452	578 462	1 062 990	172 442	96 261	76 181
2001	1 492 365	598 111	894 254	192 873	96 653	96 220
1999 Q1	460 496	167 581	292 915	53 369	30 894	22 475
1999 Q2	448 932	155 973	292 959	50 546	30 556	19 990
1999 Q3	407 787	177 606	230 181	36 198	22 962	13 236
1999 Q4	469 408	146 986	322 422	45 792	26 571	19 221
2000 Q1	494 311	179 401	314 910	49 972	24 666	25 306
2000 Q2	433 240	140 548	292 692	52 061	27 345	24 716
2000 Q3	335 106	145 558	189 548	29 249	18 588	10 661
2000 Q4	378 795	112 955	265 840	41 160	25 662	15 498
2001 Q1	387 100	160 646	226 454	51 623	31 952	19 671
2001 Q2	372 395	142 864	229 531	49 675	26 436	23 239
2001 Q3	335 790	152 753	183 037	43 347	21 032	22 315
2001 Q4	397 080	141 848	255 232	48 228	17 233	30 995
2000 Jan	146 990	50 747	96 243	13 222	6 104	7 118
2000 Feb	162 164	66 591	95 573	17 166	8 534	8 632
2000 Mar	185 157	62 063	123 094	19 584	10 028	9 556
2000 Apr	124 971	38 011	86 960	15 766	7 763	8 003
2000 May	152 008	46 917	105 091	17 170	8 151	9 019
2000 Jun	156 261	55 620	100 641	19 125	11 431	7 694
2000 Jul	126 372	55 823	70 549	13 372	8 342	5 030
2000 Aug	74 761	32 965	41 796	5 885	3 628	2 257
2000 Sep	133 973	56 770	77 203	9 992	6 618	3 374
2000 Oct	131 522	38 712	92 810	13 872	8 565	5 307
2000 Nov	150 716	47 115	103 601	16 189	10 418	5 771
2000 Dec	96 557	27 128	69 429	11 099	6 679	4 420
2001 Jan	128 921	50 675	78 246	17 580	11 315	6 265
2001 Feb	124 163	55 434	68 729	16 290	10 085	6 205
2001 Mar	134 016	54 537	79 479	17 753	10 552	7 201
2001 Apr	112 547	45 865	66 682	14 172	8 097	6 075
2001 May	127 176	46 614	80 562	15 563	8 418	7 145
2001 Jun	132 672	50 385	82 287	19 940	9 921	10 019
2001 Jul	114 878	50 943	63 935	14 055	6 427	7 628
2001 Aug	89 350	43 180	45 540	11 960	5 994	5 966
2001 Sep	131 562	58 000	73 562	17 332	8 611	8 721
2001 Oct	145 984	53 206	92 778	17 607	6 697	10 910
2001 Nov	144 989	51 841	93 148	17 588	6 050	11 538
2001 Dec	106 107	36 801	69 306	13 033	4 486	8 547
2002 Jan	152 025	67 500	84 525	16 697	6 277	10 420

**Percentage change for latest three months on:**

Previous three months	9.9	-10.7	16.6	0.9	-21.8	19.2
Same period last year	7.2	20.1	-1.7	5.5	-40.8	85.4

a - 5 week month or 14 week quarter or 53 week year

Source: Office for National Statistics