# UK COMMERCIAL VEHICLE MANUFACTURING

# 28 May 2015 (data for April 2015)

# UK commercial vehicle production up almost a quarter in 2015

* UK commercial vehicle manufacturing rose 36.8% in April with 8,629 vans, trucks and buses built.
* 32,064 CVs produced so far in 2015 – an increase of 23.6%.
* Exports surge 50.1% in April as EU market recovery continues.

**28 May 2015** Figures released today by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) show an uplift in UK commercial vehicle production in April, with output up 36.8% on the same month last year. Following restructuring in the market, productivity has returned to form, with year-to-date growth of almost a quarter at 23.6%. Volumes have also been driven by rising demand from operators in the UK – and increasingly across Europe too.

While the production increase in the first quarter was built mainly on growth in the UK market, April saw a 50.1% surge in manufacture for export. This is evidence that the UK is taking advantage of a rallying European market, with CV registrations across the EU having risen 13% so far this year\*.

"These figures are further evidence that commercial vehicle manufacturing in the UK has turned a corner after a period of restructuring," said **Mike Hawes, SMMT Chief Executive**. "April’s significant rise in exports is particularly encouraging, as the industry capitalises on increasing demand for vans, trucks and buses across Europe."

*\*ACEA statistics*

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| **CV manufacturing** | **Apr-14** | **Apr-15** | **% Change** | **YTD-14** | **YTD-15** | **% Change** |
| Total | 6,307 | 8,629 | 36.8% | 25,948 | 32,064 | 23.6% |
| Home | 2,932 | 3,563 | 21.5% | 12,570 | 16,604 | 32.1% |
| Export | 3,375 | 5,066 | 50.1% | 13,378 | 15,460 | 15.6% |
| % export | 53.5% | 58.7% |  | 51.2% | 48.2% |  |

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