# UK CAR MANUFACTURING

# 21 March 2013 (data for February 2013)

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# Car output stable in February, 2013 prospects positive

* Car manufacturing dipped 0.7% in February to 137,458 units.
* However, February 2012 saw a 26% increase on 2011.
* Output over the first two months of 2013 grew 0.2%, posting 266,507 units.
* Output for the domestic market has risen by more than a third so far this year.
* Strong investment intentions suggest output will rise over the full year and beyond.

Mike Baunton, SMMT Interim Chief Executive said, "Following the outstanding rise a year ago, it's pleasing to see car production continuing to maintain those robust manufacturing levels. The UK’s commercial vehicle makers continue to feel pressures of weak economic conditions in wider Europe, with engines also following suit. However, independent forecasters expect to see more sustained levels through the rest of the year ahead."

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| **Car manufacturing** | **Feb-12** | **Feb-13** | **% Change** | **YTD-12** | **YTD-13** | **% Change** |
| Total | 138,483 | 137,458 | -0.7% | 266,033 | 266,507 | 0.2% |
| Home | 25,228 | 35,251 | 39.7% | 46,588 | 62,162 | 33.4% |
| Export | 113,255 | 102,207 | -9.8% | 219,445 | 204,345 | -6.9% |
| % export | 81.8% | 74.4% |  | 82.5% | 76.7% |  |

**Car output rolling year total**

# UK COMMERCIAL VEHICLE MANUFACTURING

# 21 March 2013 (data for February 2013)

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# CV output falls on weak export volumes

* Commercial vehicle (CV) output fell 17.1% in February to 8,005 units.
* CV output during the first two months of 2013 was 18.8% down, at 15,827 units.
* The 2.6% rise in output for the home market in February could not offset the decline in export volumes.

Mike Baunton, SMMT Interim Chief Executive, "Manufacturing of commercial vehicles in the UK continues to struggle with the fall in European demand. However, with the Commercial Vehicle Show coming up in April, we have an opportunity to showcase the very best in new technology, environmental performance and safety of these vehicles which are so crucial to the UK economy."

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| **CV manufacturing** | **Feb-12** | **Feb-13** | **% Change** | **YTD-12** | **YTD-13** | **% Change** |
| Total | 9,655 | 8,005 | -17.1% | 19,499 | 15,827 | -18.8% |
| Home | 4,060 | 4,165 | 2.6% | 8,126 | 8,361 | 2.9% |
| Export | 5,595 | 3,840 | -31.4% | 11,373 | 7,466 | -34.4% |
| % export | 57.9% | 48.0% |  | 58.3% | 47.2% |  |

**CV output rolling year total**

# UK ENGINE MANUFACTURING

# 21 March 2013 (data for February 2013)

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# UK engine manufacturing subdued, so far, in 2013

* UK engine manufacturing declined 5% in February to 220,466 units.
* Engine output has fallen 5.1% over the year-to-date.
* UK engine manufacturers make some 2.5 million petrol and diesel engines each year – over 60% is exported, predominantly to Europe
* Significant investment in existing and new plants in the UK should help secure and expand engine production in the UK.

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| **Engine manufacturing** | **Feb-12** | **Feb-13** | **% Change** | **YTD-12** | **YTD-13** | **% Change** |
| Total | 232,183 | 220,466 | -5.0% | 463,708 | 440,223 | -5.1% |
| Home | 85,384 | 83,822 | -1.8% | 169,086 | 169,833 | 0.4% |
| Export | 146,799 | 136,644 | -6.9% | 294,622 | 270,390 | -8.2% |
| % export | 63.2% | 62.0% |  | 63.5% | 61.4% |  |

**Engine output rolling year total**