# UK COMMERCIAL VEHICLE MANUFACTURING

# 24 September 2015 (data for August 2015)

**Demand for British-built CVs continues growth in August**

* UK commercial vehicle manufacturing posts strong gains in August, with volumes up 70.3%.
* Positive year for sector continues, with 61,595 CVs built so far in 2015 – a rise of 34.1%.
* Exports up 85.0% on the same month last year, with demand in the home market growing 59.6%.

**24 September 2015**The UK’s commercial vehicle manufacturing sector continued its recovery in August, posting a seventh consecutive month of growth, latest figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) show. Output for the month rose by 70.3% to 3,628 units, while year-to-date volumes were up 34.1% to 61,595.

**Mike Hawes, SMMT Chief Executive** **said,** “In stark comparison to last summer, when some plants took additional seasonal shutdown for retooling, this August saw CV manufacturers post impressive growth. It is particularly encouraging to see the industry continue to bounce back following a 2014 performance subdued by regulatory changes and industry restructuring. Fleet operator renewal patterns are now returning to normal, prompting strong gains in demand in both domestic and export markets.”

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| **CV manufacturing** | **Aug-14** | **Aug-15** | **% Change**  | **YTD-14** | **YTD-15** | **% Change** |
| Total | 2,130 | 3,628 | 70.3% | 45,928 | 61,595 | 34.1% |
| Home | 1,229 | 1,961 | 59.6% | 22,853 | 31,496 | 37.8% |
| Export | 901 | 1,667 | 85.0% | 23,075 | 30,099 | 30.4% |
| % export | 42.3% | 45.9% |   | 51.2% | 48.9% |   |

**CV output – rolling year totals 2008-2015**

**About SMMT and the UK automotive industry**

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 **£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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