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| UK COMMERCIAL VEHICLE MANUFACTURING  |
| 25 February 2016 (data for January 2016)**Hi-res images available via [Dropbox](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/lgy5eldcew73beh/AABeNLSFdM8MMXjYLHzFXv4Ga?dl=0).** |
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| **Commercial vehicle manufacturing kick-starts 2016 with production up by a quarter** |
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| * CV production grows 24.4% in January, with output reaching 6,770 vehicles.
* Exports fuel demand, up 65% on the same month last year.
* Production for the UK down marginally by 1.2%.
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| **25 February, 2016** Commercial vehicle manufacturing rose by 24.4% in the first month of 2016, with 6,770 new vans, trucks, buses and coaches made in Britain this January. Foreign demand continued to fuel production, with commercial vehicle output for overseas markets showing substantial growth compared with January 2015.**Mike Hawes, SMMT Chief Executive** said, “CV production got off to a great start in January, with output up by a quarter on last year. Recovery in Europe continues to benefit the sector, driving production for export up an impressive 65% last month, with more than half of all commercial vehicles in January produced for international markets.” |
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| **Notes to editors****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).**Broadcasters: SMMT has an ISDN studio and access to expert spokespeople, case studies and regional representatives.** |
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