# UK COMMERCIAL VEHICLE MANUFACTURING

# 17 December 2015 (data for November 2015)

**UK CV production posts further gains in November**

* UK commercial vehicle (CV) manufacturing grows by a quarter in November as sector recovery continues.
* Big gains made in export production with volumes up 79.1% in the month.

**17 December 2015**Commercial vehicle production in the UK saw a 24.6% uplift in November as it continues to recover strongly from a subdued 2014, according to figures released today by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT). Production for export saw a huge 79.1% jump following growing demand in Europe, while output destined for the UK market remains strong in 2015 despite a dip in November. 88,214 CVs have rolled off production lines so far this year – up 35.6% over 2014 volumes.

**Mike Hawes, SMMT Chief Executive** said, “The recovery in UK CV manufacturing this year has been good to see, with consistently strong growth in almost every month. November’s performance was driven principally by production for export, underlining the importance of the EU as the sector’s key overseas market.”

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| **CV manufacturing** | **Nov-14** | **Nov-15** | **% Change** | **YTD-14** | **YTD-15** | **% Change** |
| Total | 7,073 | 8,813 | 24.6% | 65,054 | 88,214 | 35.6% |
| Home | 4,208 | 3,682 | -12.5% | 33,054 | 44,292 | 34.0% |
| Export | 2,865 | 5,131 | 79.1% | 32,000 | 43,922 | 37.3% |
| % export | 40.5% | 58.2% |  | 49.2% | 49.8% |  |

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

**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).

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