# UK COMMERCIAL VEHICLE MANUFACTURING

# 19 November 2015 (data for October 2015)

**Strong export markets continue to fuel CV manufacturing**

* Number of British commercial vehicles made for export boosted by 32.1% in October.
* October is ninth consecutive month of growth, with CV output rising 10.5% to 7,995 units.
* Year-to-date performance up by more than a third compared with first 10 months of 2014.

**19 November 2015**Figuresreleased today by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) show that foreign demand continues to drive British commercial vehicle manufacturing, with overall production volumes up 10.5% in October. Almost 8,000 commercial vehicles, including vans, trucks and buses, were built in the UK last month, with a 32.1% rise in production for export.

**Mike Hawes, SMMT Chief Executive** said, “It’s great to see UK commercial vehicle manufacturing continuing its resurgence in the third quarter of 2015, with year-to-date figures still demonstrating impressive double-digit growth. Particularly encouraging is the growing demand for exports, fuelled by the recovery of the sector’s largest market, Europe.”

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| **CV manufacturing** | **Oct-14** | **Oct-15** | **% Change** | **YTD-14** | **YTD-15** | **% Change** |
| Total | 7,235 | 7,995 | 10.5% | 57,981 | 79,401 | 36.9% |
| Home | 4,372 | 4,214 | -3.6% | 28,846 | 40,610 | 40.8% |
| Export | 2,863 | 3,781 | 32.1% | 29,135 | 38,791 | 33.1% |
| % export | 39.6% | 47.3% |  | 50.2% | 48.9% |  |

**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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