# UK COMMERCIAL VEHICLE MANUFACTURING

# 22 October 2015 (data for September 2015)

**British CV production doubles in September**

* UK commercial vehicle manufacturing doubles in September, with 9,811 units produced.
* Year-to-date production now above 70,000, compared with 50,000 at the same point last year.
* Exports particularly strong with 113.9% upturn after EU market records eighth consecutive month of growth.

**22 October 2015**The UK commercial vehicle industry more than doubled its output in September, latest figures from The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) show. With key new models now up to full production – and buoyed by the ongoing recovery in European market – output in the month increased 103.6% over September last year with 9,811 commercial vehicles built. Manufacturing for both domestic and export markets made strong gains, with volumes up 94.3% and 113.9% respectively.

**Mike Hawes, SMMT Chief Executive** **said,** “The British commercial vehicle industry’s continued recovery is great to see, with significant investments into new models reaping benefits and helping overcome structural changes. Manufacturers are capitalising on increasing demand for CVs across the rest of the EU – the sector’s principal export market – as well as in the UK, where registrations have grown consistently throughout this year.”

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| **CV manufacturing** | **Sep-14** | **Sep-15** | **% Change** | **YTD-14** | **YTD-15** | **% Change** |
| Total | 4,818 | 9,811 | 103.6% | 50,746 | 71,406 | 40.7% |
| Home | 2,522 | 4,900 | 94.3% | 24,474 | 36,396 | 48.7% |
| Export | 2,296 | 4,911 | 113.9% | 26,272 | 35,010 | 33.3% |
| % export | 47.7% | 50.1% |  | 51.8% | 49.0% |  |

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

**Notes to editors**

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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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