# UK ENGINE MANUFACTURING

# 20 August 2015 (data for July 2015)

**UK engine production slows in July due to annual summer shutdown**

* Seasonal holiday and upgrade closures see UK engine output fall 10.2%.
* Year-to-date performance steady at 1,449,726 units produced, down 4.2% on 2014.
* Sector has bright future, with major investments set to be realised in the coming months.

**Mike Hawes, SMMT Chief Executive, said,** “Engine manufacturing was down in July 2015 compared to the same period last year, which is unsurprising as, in line with seasonal scheduling in the car production sector, changes to holiday patterns meant the traditional annual production line shutdown started earlier at some plants. The future remains bright for engine production, however, with almost 1.5 million engines built in the year to date, and significant investment which we should see results of in the coming months.”

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| **Engine manufacturing** | **July-14** | **July-15** | **% Change** | **YTD-14** | **YTD-15** | **% Change** |
| **Total** | 205,907 | 184,992 | -10.2% | 1,513,350 | 1,449,726 | -4.2% |
| **Home** | 75,966 | 58,088 | -23.5% | 536,415 | 504,171 | -6.0% |
| **Export** | 129,941 | 126,904 | -2.3% | 976,935 | 945,555 | -3.2% |
| **% export** | 63.1% | 68.6% |   | 64.6% | 65.2% |   |

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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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