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| SMMT AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURING21 April 2011 (data for March 2011) |

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| **SMMT Ltd** | **Cars** | **Commercial Vehicles** | **Total Vehicles** | **Total Engines** |
| **Data:** | **Mar-11** | **YTD-11** | **Mar-11** | **YTD-11** | **Mar-11** | **YTD-11** | **Mar-11** | **YTD-11** |
| **Total** | **135,052** | **357,230** | **12,267** | **32,157** | **147,319** | **389,387** | **249,757** | **685,231** |
| % change | 14.8% | 13.0% | -6.0% | -0.8% | 12.7% | 11.7% | 6.5% | 9.4% |
| **Export** | **109,747** | **296,874** | **8,054** | **20,090** | **117,801** | **316,964** | **178,478** | **485,501** |
| % change | 28.5% | 29.7% | -9.2% | -14.3% | 25.0% | 25.6% | 3.8% | 5.2% |
| % of total | *81.3%* | *83.1%* | *65.7%* | *62.5%* | *80.0%* | *81.4%* | *71.5%* | *70.9%* |
| **Home** | **25,305** | **60,356** | **4,213** | **12,067** | **29,518** | **72,423** | **71,279** | **199,730** |
| % change | -21.5% | -30.7% | 0.9% | 34.5% | -19.0% | -24.7% | 13.8% | 21.0% |
| % of total | *18.7%* | *16.9%* | *34.3%* | *37.5%* | *20.0%* | *18.6%* | *28.5%* | *29.1%* |

* Car output rose by 14.8% in March 2011 and was up 13.0% over the first quarter.
* CV output fell by 6.0% in March and was down 0.8% over the first three months of the year.
* UK engine production increased by 6.5% in March and by 9.4% over quarter one.

“UK automotive manufacturing demonstrated encouraging growth across the car and engine sectors in March, continuing the strong performance of quarter one,” said Paul Everitt, SMMT Chief Executive. “The eighth consecutive monthly rise in car output and robust export demand indicate long-term strength and stability in the sector. However, recent announcements from UK-based manufacturers impacted by the Japanese earthquake are likely to see output drop in the short-term.”

**Car production – rolling year total**

 **CV production – rolling year total**