# SMMT AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURING

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# Strong export market drives fifth rise in auto output

* UK-based car manufacturing rose 14.1% in October and is up 5.8% over the year-to-date.
* CV output dipped 2.9% in October, and was down 2.7% over the January-October period.
* UK engine production rose 12.0% in October and is up 5.7% over the first 10 months of 2011.

“October was another positive month for UK vehicle production, with output up 12.5% and car manufacturing at its highest level since March,” said Paul Everitt, SMMT Chief Executive. “Strong export demand for UK-built cars and engines is good news for the economy during this difficult period. Weak UK market demand is a cause for concern and makes it essential that the Chancellor uses his Autumn Statement to help encourage private sector investment and boost economic growth.”

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| **SMMT Ltd** | **Cars** | **Commercial Vehicles** | **Total Vehicles** | **Total Engines** |
| **Data:** | **Oct-11** | **YTD-11** | **Oct-11** | **YTD-11** | **Oct-11** | **YTD-11** | **Oct-11** | **YTD-11** |
| **Total** | **128,654** | **1,111,901** | **11,337** | **100,363** | **139,991** | **1,212,264** | **236,248** | **2,125,624** |
| % change | 14.1% | 5.8% | -2.9% | -2.7% | 12.5% | 5.1% | 12.0% | 5.7% |
| **Export** | **111,607** | **923,287** | **6,592** | **58,362** | **118,199** | **981,649** | **154,297** | **1,514,462** |
| % change | 19.6% | 19.4% | -21.2% | -17.8% | 16.3% | 16.2% | 1.4% | 4.2% |
| % of total | *86.7%* | *83.0%* | *58.1%* | *58.2%* | *84.4%* | *81.0%* | *65.3%* | *71.2%* |
| **Home** | **17,047** | **188,614** | **4,745** | **42,001** | **21,792** | **230,615** | **81,951** | **611,162** |
| % change | -12.5% | -32.0% | 43.4% | 30.4% | -4.4% | -25.5% | 39.5% | 9.8% |
| % of total | *13.3%* | *17.0%* | *41.9%* | *41.8%* | *15.6%* | *19.0%* | *34.7%* | *28.8%* |

 **Car production rolling year total CV production rolling year total**