

The UK Automotive Sector

- **UK automotive is bucking the trend across Europe by achieving record growth, creating thousands of jobs and attracting major inward investment, making it a global competitor. The UK has the most productive automotive labour market in the EU, catering to strong domestic and export demand.**
- **Industry-government collaboration through the Automotive Council has been vital to this success. Together, they produced- and are delivering- the Automotive Sector Strategy (2013) to ensure the right conditions for further growth. It means genuine long-term opportunities, particularly for supply chain companies and developers of ultra-low emission vehicles.**
- In 2013, the UK produced 1.6 million vehicles¹ and 2.5 million engines (up 3% and 2% respectively on 2012). A car rolls off the UK production line every 20 seconds – making it **the 3rd largest car manufacturer in Europe.**
- **UK automotive is diverse** – spanning the manufacture of cars, vans, buses, trucks, construction vehicles, tractors and motorcycles.
- The UK is a **global leader in automotive R&D**, boasting outstanding universities and dedicated facilities. These include the new Advanced Propulsion Centre and the Transport Systems and High Value Manufacturing Catapults – all co-funded by government and industry.
- The Government is committed to **making the UK a global leader in designing, producing and using ultra low emission vehicles** – spending £400m to date and committing £500m more over 5 years for technological development, infrastructure and consumer incentives.
- The Automotive Investment Organisation is working with overseas and domestic firms to attract inward investment and strengthen the UK supply chain. The Automotive Council has identified more than £3 billion of annual components business that OEMs are keen to source in the UK – representing **significant supply chain opportunities.**
- UK Trade and Investment and its partners are working with specialist UK suppliers to help them **export their products and expertise to** automotive companies worldwide.
- The UK is **home to 8 of the 11 Formula 1 teams** and the new Formula E. These innovative companies and suppliers employ over 40,000 people, including 80% of the world's high-performance engineers.
- Car and commercial vehicle manufacturing employs over 141,000 people, with Automotive Council members looking to recruit around 10,000 apprentices and 2,000 graduates in the next 5 years. Longer term, **there is significant investment to address skills shortages and create great career opportunities.**
- The UK's **strong and stable business environment** has made it Europe's leading destination for inward investment. It offers a competitive corporation tax and strong incentives for innovative companies including R&S tax credits and capital allowances.

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¹ This figure does not currently include agricultural vehicles, construction vehicles or motorcycles.