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"UK Manufacturing – A Quiet Powerhouse of Progress"

In a world often dominated by headlines of uncertainty, the UK manufacturing sector has quietly been writing a different story—one of resilience, innovation, and growth. Over the past six months, despite economic headwinds and political turbulence, British industry has not only held its ground but surged forward in key areas.

From record-breaking production figures to groundbreaking factory openings and global export wins, UK manufacturers are proving that optimism is not only warranted—it's essential. This report brings together some of the most uplifting stories from 2025, from across the country, showcasing the ingenuity, adaptability, and determination that continue to define British manufacturing.

Let's celebrate the wins, spotlight the innovators, and remind ourselves why there are still so many reasons to believe in the future of UK industry. UK

UK Climbs to 11th in Global Manufacturing Rankings

The UK now ranks 11th globally, with output valued at \$279 billion. Food & Drink and Transport remain the largest subsectors.

[Source \[makeuk.org\]](https://www.makeuk.org)



£3 Billion Investment in UK EV Manufacturing

Major investments in electric vehicle production and battery technology are transforming the Midlands into a green tech hub.

[Source \[thecompletionlab.co.uk\]](https://www.thecompletionlab.co.uk)



UK Manufacturing PMI Shows Recovery Momentum

The PMI rose to 48 in July, the highest since January, indicating easing supply chain pressures and a modest recovery.

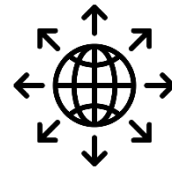
[Source \[rsmuk.com\]](https://www.rsmuk.com)



UK Export Orders Surge


Export orders from the EU, Asia, and North America are driving a sharp rebound in manufacturing activity.

[Source \[bdo.co.uk\]](https://bdo.co.uk)



JCB announces £100m UK investment as it marks 80th birthday

JCB is marking its 80th birthday with news of a £100m investment in ultra-modern manufacturing facilities at its global headquarters in the UK.

 Rocester, Staffordshire

[Source \[Zenoot.com\]](https://zenoot.com)



New Supercomputer to Boost Industrial Innovation

The Hartree Centre launched a 24.4 petaflop AI supercomputer to support UK manufacturers with advanced computing power.

[Source \[insidehpc.com\]](https://insidehpc.com)



AESC – £1bn secured for electric car battery plant

AESC is investing £189.2 million in its Sunderland facility to expand high-performance EV battery production, supporting the UK's green transport goals.

 *Sunderland, North East England*

[Source \[BBC\]](https://bbc.com)



Skyrora – UK Space Manufacturing

Skyrora leads ESA project in 3D printing next-generation rocket material, Tanbium

 *Edinburgh*

[Source \[Skyrora\]](https://skyrora.com)



Velocity Composites secures 10-year renewal for Airbus A350 programme

Velocity Composites, a supplier of advanced composite material kits to the aerospace and high-performance manufacturing sectors, has secured a landmark contract renewal and expansion with a long-standing tier one customer.



 *Edinburgh*

[Source \[Zenoot\]](#)

Material Evolution – Green Concrete Production

This Middlesbrough-based company raised £1 million to scale its low-carbon concrete manufacturing.

 *Middlesbrough*

[Source \[Lest Recycle\]](#)



Pulpex – Sustainable Packaging

Pulpex is scaling its paper-based bottle technology in Sawston, backed by investment from the Scottish National Investment Bank.

 *Sawston, Cambridgeshire*

[Source \[The Scottish National Bank\]](#)



UK agrees £8bn Typhoon aircraft deal with Turkey

The UK has secured a deal with Turkey worth up to £8bn for the purchase of 20 Typhoon aircraft and an associated weapons and integration package

 *Lancashire*

[Source \[Zenoot\]](#)



Anduril – Defence Manufacturing Expansion

Anduril Industries is planning a new UK factory near Oxford/Cambridge to support drone and defence tech production.


 *Proposed: Oxford-Cambridge Arc*

[Source \[b17news.com\]](#)



Leyland Trucks – ZETTA Project

Leyland Trucks celebrates £5.1m ZETTA project success, powering UK net zero ambitions

 *Leyland, Lancashire*

[Source \[Leyland Truck\]](#)



Jobs boost as UK set to build military aircraft for United State

More than 150 jobs to be created in Birmingham by new contract to deliver advanced surveillance aircraft for US Air Force, with a further 190 jobs supported across the UK


 *Birmingham*

[Source \[Gov.uk\]](#)



World's most advanced digger to be built by global manufacturing giant Komatsu at North East site

The company will make two new excavators – intelligent eco-friendly machines that offer extreme fuel efficiency, ultra-low emissions, enhanced performance and the highest levels of digitalisation of any excavator - at its Birtley plant.

 *Birtley, North East*

[Source \[SunderlandEcho\]](#)



Ford secures £1bn government-backed export guarantee

UK Export Finance is providing a £1bn export development guarantee to Ford UK, aimed at supporting the company's global transition to electric vehicle production.

 *Essex*

[Source \[Zenoot\]](#)



Ideal Heating workers tour forthcoming £19.2m research and development centre

Leaders at boiler and heat pump manufacturer Ideal Heating have toured the firm's new Hull research and development centre


 *Hull*

[Source \[Business Live\]](#)



Northumberland electronics manufacturer Arian EMS acquired with new jobs to come

Electronics manufacturing, assembly and test firm Arian EMS plans to create up to 30 new jobs following its acquisition by investor CorqAcq.

 *Northumberland*

[Source \[Business Live\]](#)



Isembard and Rowden join forces to scale sovereign UK manufacturing and create 100 jobs

Isembard and Rowden Technologies have announced a joint effort to scale sovereign UK manufacturing of advanced sensing systems for national security.

 *Southwest*

[Source \[The Manufacturer\]](#)



And here's a couple of snippets from BRUDERER UK this year:

The UK's last surviving producer of British standard crinkle washers is powering up for a new era

Whitton Precision Ltd, a family-owned specialist in precision pressed parts, has invested in a Bruderer BSTA 25H high performance automatic punch press in a move set to increase production speeds and unlock capacity for new aerospace and defence projects.

 *Wimbledon*

[Source \[Bruderer UK\]](#)



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Training is a cornerstone of our commitment. It's vital that our team—from sales to technical service engineers—has in-depth knowledge of our machines, from trusted legacy models to our latest state-of-the-art high-speed precision presses.



 *Telford*

[Source \[Bruderer UK\]](#)

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