



Automotive Industry

The automotive industry is the largest single manufacturing industry in South Australia, with more than 13,000 people directly employed.

Of the 350,000 cars made every year in Australia, about half are manufactured in South Australia at the Holden and Mitsubishi plants in Adelaide.

Both companies have a strong export focus. Major overseas markets for cars are the U.S. and the Middle East. Engines and engine components are exported to Asia.

2001	HOLDEN	MITSUBISHI
SA car production	132,390	43,502
Cars exported	28,784	19,215

Supporting the two assemblers is a vibrant automotive components industry of about 40 firms. This business cluster supplies national and international manufacturers with a range of components, including tyres, steel and alloy wheels, engine components, rear-view mirrors, seats, suspension modules, mouldings and exhaust systems.

In support of the growth plans of both Holden and Mitsubishi, the State Government has established an automotive precinct in a new industry park at Edinburgh Parks, north of Adelaide.

The precinct covers an area of 90 hectares and could include an intermodal freight facility linking it to the Adelaide-Darwin rail project. Automotive component manufacturers located in the park are directly linked by a tiggerway to the Holden vehicle assembly plant, which is adjacent to the Park.

Some South Australian-based companies

- Air International
- Australian Arrow
- Bridgestone
- BSTG Australia
- Dana
- Exacto Plastics Pty Ltd
- Exide Technologies Manufacturing
- Holden Ltd (subsidiary of General Motors)
- Meritor
- Mitsubishi Motors (subsidiary of Daimler Chrysler)
- Schefenacker Vision Systems Australia
- TI Group Automotive Systems

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