



SOUTH AUSTRALIA FACT SHEET



Automotive Industry

The automotive industry is the largest single manufacturing industry in South Australia, with more than 13,500 people directly employed.

Of the 333,084 cars made in Australia in 2006, about 42% were manufactured in South Australia at the GM Holden and Mitsubishi plants in Adelaide. Holden has a strong export focus. Major overseas markets for its cars are the U.S. and the Middle East.

Strong components industry

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

New automotive precinct

In support of the automotive sector, the State Government has established a 90-hectare automotive precinct at Edinburgh Parks, north of Adelaide.

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. The following companies have established, or are in the process of establishing, a presence in the area:

- Futuris Automotive – auto interiors, seating systems, HVAC
- Australian Arrow - wiring harnesses, electronic components, instrument clusters
- Cubic Pacific - decoration and painting of plastics
- Noble Metal Processing Australia – tailor-welded blanks
- Nylex Fuel Tank Systems - plastic fuel tanks
- Plexicor - carpet, interior and exterior trim
- Toll Automotive Logistics – logistics and warehousing
- Hirotec – door, hood and trunk metal closures
- ZF Lemfoerder - front and rear end modules

Some other South Australian-based companies

- AI Automotive - stamped metal components, e-coat metal treatment, sub-assembly
- Alloy Technologies International – light alloy power train and suspension components
- Bridgestone - design, development and manufacture of tyres
- BSTG Australia - rubber seals, steering wheels, air bag systems
- Cooper Standard Automotive - fluid delivery systems
- Exide Technologies - lead-acid batteries
- GM Holden – vehicles
- Intercast & Forge – brake rotors and suspension components
- PBR Automotive – brake components
- Tenneco Automotive – exhaust systems, shock absorbers, strut assemblies, gas springs
- Mitsubishi Motors Australia - vehicles
- Schefenacker Vision Systems Australia – mirrors, electric actuators, door handles
- TI Group Automotive Systems - fluid carrying systems
- Trident Plastics - bumper facias, plastic components, tooling

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