

# South Carolina's Automotive Industry



## South Carolina's Automotive Industry is Accelerating.

Home to more than 500 automotive-related companies and suppliers that employ over 82,000 people, South Carolina has a strong, rapidly growing automotive industry with world-wide brands such as BMW, Volvo, Mercedes-Benz Vans, Oshkosh Defense, Michelin, Envision AESC, Continental and Proterra in the region.



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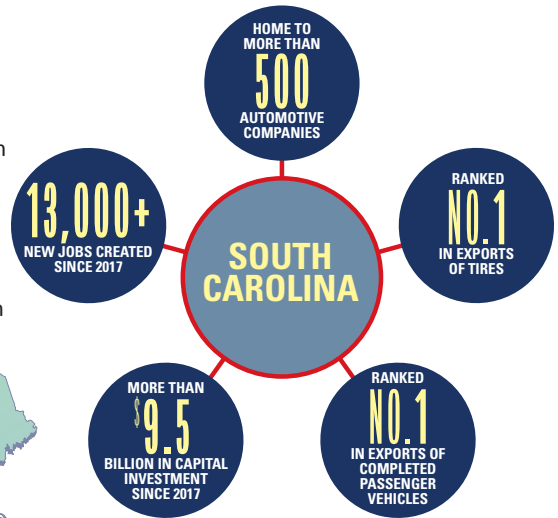
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## The Automotive Industry: Powering South Carolina's Economy.

With an annual economic impact of more than \$27 billion, the automotive sector is now an integral part of the state's economy. As a result, a wide range of companies — automakers, automotive suppliers and component manufacturing — are all based in South Carolina.

In 1994, the first South Carolina-produced BMW rolled off the assembly line at the global automaker's facility, forever transforming the economy. Today, more than two decades later, BMW has produced over 6 million vehicles in SC and has invested nearly \$14 billion dollars into the state.



### Some of the automotive companies that call South Carolina home

- Mercedes-Benz Vans
- Bridgestone
- Proterra
- BMW Manufacturing Co., LLC
- Volvo Cars USA, Inc.
- Giti Tire
- Robert Bosch, LLC
- Oshkosh Defense



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