

# Auto parts industry biz grows 35% in H1 to \$34bn

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**Chennai:** The country's auto component industry clocked a turnover of nearly \$34 billion in the first half of FY23, a growth of nearly 35% from the previous year riding on strong domestic demand.

According to data released by industry body ACMA, exports of components grew by 8.6% to just over \$10 billion, while imports grew 17% to \$10 billion. The aftermarket business was up 8%, while component sales to vehicle manufacturers in the domestic market grew 46%. However, the industry cautioned about global headwinds.

ACMA president and Sona Comstar chairman Sunjay Kapur said, "The war and recession in Europe are definite headwinds and with volume drop in Europe and the US, Indian industry will look at other markets where we are well positioned to grow like Latin America, Southeast Asia and Africa. The fear is that the conflict has not ended and European volumes will continue to come down," he said. The good news is that domestic demand is on full trot though the increase in demand for high-end SUVs has also meant higher import bills particularly for electronic components.