

# Nissan to add further Qashqai capacity at Sunderland, UK site

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Nissan has announced that it is undertaking further investment at its Sunderland (United Kingdom) site to further increase production capacity of its Qashqai crossover. The company said in a statement that it is planning to modify its Line 2 at the factory to make it capable of building this model. In order to achieve this, GBP22-million (USD31.5-million)-worth of investment will be made.

The additional capacity is expected to come on stream before the end of 2016 prior to the launch of an update due in 2017. Colin Lawther, senior vice-president for Manufacturing, Purchasing and Supply Chain Management in Europe, said, "Through innovative engineering and productivity improvements, my colleagues in Sunderland have broken production records to keep pace with demand, but our new generation Qashqai has reached a tipping point." He added that "the additional capacity will give us free supply of Qashqai for the first time."



**Significance:** The popular Qashqai is currently built on Line 1 at the Sunderland facility under Nissan's conventions alongside the Leaf electric vehicle (EV). Although the automaker has sought to manage production levels of this vehicles to give it some breathing space, unabated demand for this vehicle in Europe has seen 299,000 units of the 314,000 units built on this line being the Qashqai, with a further small increase expected for 2016. Line 2 currently produces a wider range of models including the Juke sub-compact crossover, the B-segment Note and now the Infiniti Q30. However, despite the boost offered by the Infiniti that is expected this year, Juke and Note production is expected to weaken. The capability to put the Qashqai on Line 2 will help to reduce the pressures on the other as well as potentially improve the utilisation on the additional line in future.

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