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Our role in supporting the automotive industry

The automotive industry plays an integral role in the UK economy, by supporting growth, employment, investment and regional development.

The UK government's commitment to reducing carbon emissions and phasing out the sale of new petrol and diesel vehicles by 2030 means the automotive industry will be pivotal in helping the UK achieve its climate goals.

As part of the global supply chain, the UK imports and exports vehicles from leading brands across the UK and the world.



ABP's ports handled
980,000
vehicles in 2024

Our ports allow the smooth transit of vehicles in and out of the UK. In 2024, ABP's ports handled 980,000 vehicle units, whilst providing storage and additional pre-delivery inspection (PDI) facilities for a range of automotive customers.

At ABP, we are the UK's leading port operator with 21 ports across England, Scotland and Wales. 25% of UK seaborne trade passes through our ports annually with our Ports on the Humber and Southampton providing support for the automotive sector.

The Humber – Handles over £80 billion of trade every year. ABP supports over 90,000 jobs in the broader Humber and Yorkshire region – ABP Humber handled 500,000 units in 2024.

Southampton – The UK's number one hub for deep sea trade and exports. In 2024, Southampton handled 480,000 units, across 630 vessel calls and has a total vehicle capacity of 61,000 spaces.



ABP Automotive Capabilities - Humber

Humber
50,000
capacity

The following visuals provide a bird's eye view of the vehicle-handling solutions we provide. From deep-water berthing capabilities to ideally located on-site storage, we can provide a wide range of solutions to meet your automotive needs.

For vessels outside the listed berthing parameters, please contact the automotive team at automotive@abports.co.uk



Grimsby



	Berths	Discharge Points	Max LOA	Max Beam	Max Draught
Grimsby	4	2	200m	32m	8.5m

Immingham



	Berths	Discharge Points	Max LOA	Max Beam	Max Draught
Immingham	2	2	232m	45m	14.2

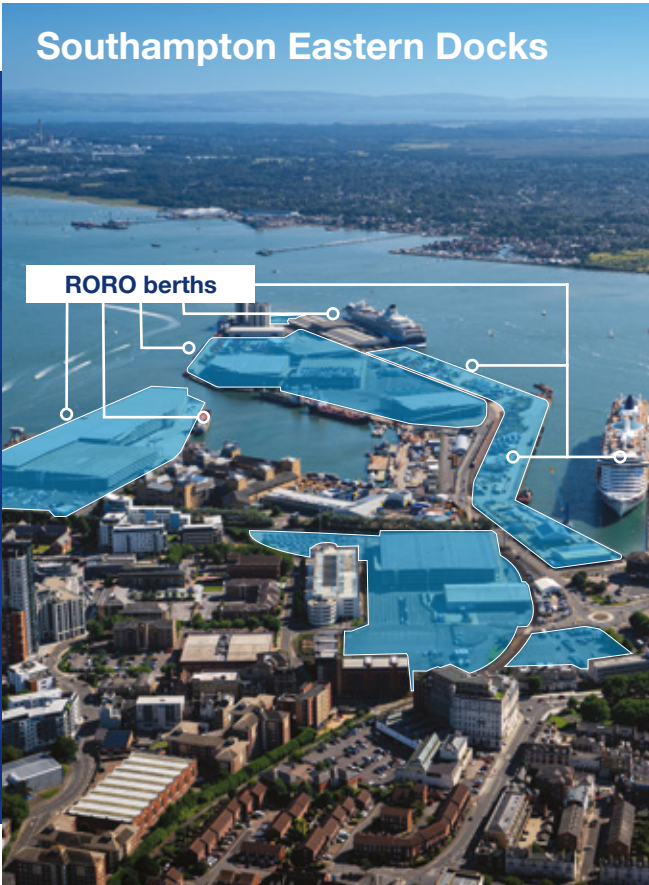
ABP Automotive Capabilities - Southampton

Southampton
61,000
capacity

Ideally located on the South Coast of the UK, close to major shipping lanes and with established trade routes to global and European markets, the Port of Southampton is a major UK port for deep sea and short sea automotive trade.

Southampton has no vessel or tidal restrictions making it an ideal location for automotive trade. These visuals provide a birds-eye view of the vehicle-handling solutions we provide in our Southampton terminals.

We are investing to increase our capacity in both the Humber and Southampton, with developments such as Stallingborough Interchange and Solent Gateway.



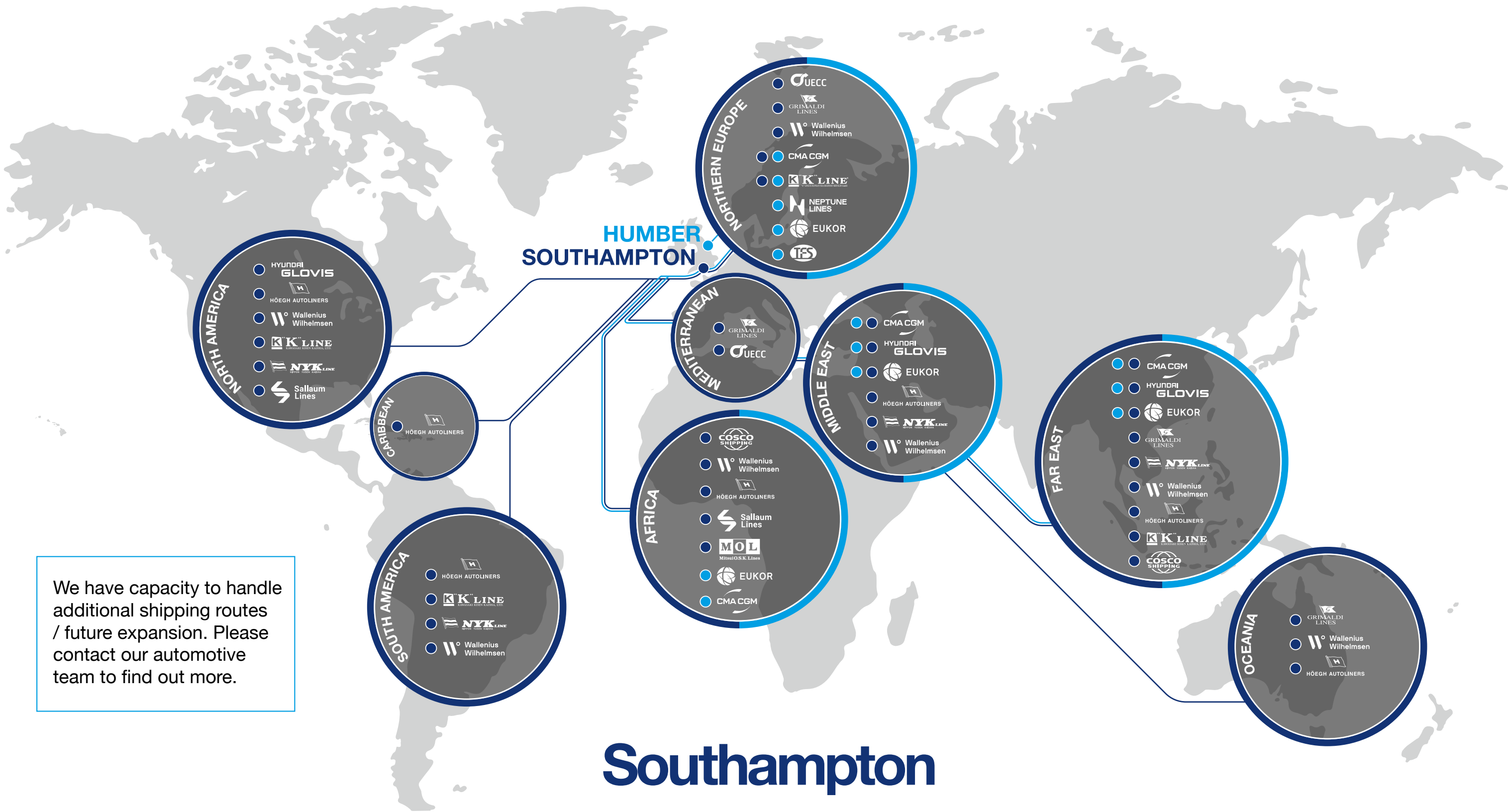
	Berths	Max LOA	Max Beam	Max Draught
Southampton - Eastern Docks	7	147m - 370m	Unrestricted	7.1m - 11.7m
Southampton - Western Docks	5	180m - 370m	Unrestricted	10.5m - 11.7m
Solent Gateway	2	250m	30m - 38m	8.5m - 11m



Our ports connect
global automotive
shipping routes.



Humber



We have capacity to handle additional shipping routes / future expansion. Please contact our automotive team to find out more.

Southampton



**Our ports on the Humber
and Southampton are at the
heart of automotive trade**

Our automotive investments and development projects

Grimsby River Terminal

Completed in September 2012 and lauded as “Project of the Year” by Construction news, Grimsby River Terminal plays a vital role in supporting the UK automotive industry.

The £26m terminal is a two-berth facility capable of handling vessels carrying up to 3,000 vehicles, significantly increasing the port’s capacity and making it more attractive to larger car carrier operators. This increased vessel berthing capability, supported by over 55 hectares of storage, FPR and PDI facilities, has allowed the Port of Grimsby to handle 500,000 units in 2024.

**Project of
the Year**
Construction
News



Stallingborough Interchange

CGIs of Stallingborough Interchange project.

Illustrative – may be updated as project requirements and technology parameters become clearer.

In December 2023, ABP exchanged contracts on the purchase of a 227.5-acre site known as Stallingborough interchange, 96 acres of which are to be targeted towards serving the automotive sector.



In January 2025, it was confirmed that a planning application had been submitted to provide high quality automotive open storage to serve new and existing customers at the Ports of Immingham and Grimsby. The planning application includes external storage, together with 12,000 square metres floor space of associated buildings, for PDI and office accommodation.

The site is ideally located in relation to Immingham (5km) and Grimsby (8km) linking access to both short-sea and deep-sea RoRo berths and first point of rest laydown areas. Stallingborough provides significant new storage capacity to the UK market to support both import & export flows and transshipment opportunities.



Solent Gateway

In January 2023, ABP acquired the long-term operating concession for Solent Gateway, a 225 acre multi-modal Port, with two deep-sea berths located on the western shores of Southampton port.

Through an extensive development programme, ABP will be delivering high quality additional OEM spec storage capacity to support UK automotive trade.

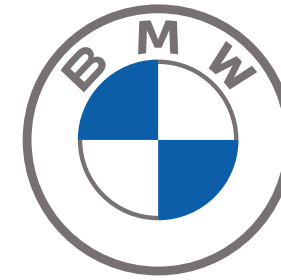
The first phase of development delivered an additional 21 acres of storage and a new Port entrance.

The second phase consisted of upgrading the marine infrastructure. This included dredging the berth pocket to 11m below chart datum and lengthening the jetty to 250m.



ABP invested over £1m in a new industry leading vehicle management platform from INFORM. This future-proofs ABP's vehicle management for the next decade and beyond. The system provides customers with real time data and the status of a vehicle as it processes through the port, from vessel hold to being dispatched.

Delivering for our customers



BMW Group's UK operations include MINI Plant Oxford and the BMW Plant Hams Hall. It also includes Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Limited at its Goodwood plant in 2003. The Port of Southampton have daily 'Mini Train' arrivals at Southampton Eastern Docks and have also supported BMW UK import operations with vehicles arriving from the USA, South Africa and EU factories, making use of Southampton's global connectivity.

As part of a partnership that spans over a decade, ABP has worked flexibly and collaboratively with BMW, creating various operational and technological solutions which has enabled their business to grow substantially within Southampton, while also bringing cost saving benefits to BMW.

"We have been working with ABP in Southampton for over a decade and they have always been flexible partners. ABP has a strong track record of working with us to develop and invest in new cost-effective logistical and technological solutions to help meet our business needs."

Mark Worthington, General Manager UK VDCs, BMW UK

BMW UK's 'Mini Train' at Southampton Eastern Docks



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