



# National Manufacturing Debate

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Prior to joining MTC in January 2011 Clive Hickman had over 35 years engineering experience in several roles within the automotive industry, culminating in the position of Head of Engineering for Tata Motors in India. Born in Dudley in the West Midlands, he gained a first class honours degree and PhD in Mechanical Engineering and a MBA.

He was a senior engineer with Rover Group before becoming Engineering and Group Operations Director at the Motor Industry Research Association working on product development and later joining Ricardo Consulting Engineers, where he held a seat on the board of Ricardo Plc and was managing director of Ricardo UK Ltd.

During his career he has worked on a wide range of vehicle programmes including the development of a unique Bentley which, along with Dr Phaefgan of VW, he presented to HM the Queen in 2002.

In 2005, he was approached by Ratan Tata with the idea to set up an engineering function for the Tata Motors the UK and to manage the entire engineering operation for Tata Motors in India, responsible for some 6,000 engineers. During this period of extraordinary development in the automotive sector he was responsible for the 'peoples car' the Nano in India and the introduction of the Vista electric vehicle in UK.