



Omron Opens Automotive Electronics Plant in Oakville, Ontario

Novi, Mich. – October 17, 2005 – Omron Dualtec Automotive Electronics, Inc., a subsidiary of Omron Automotive Electronic Components Company, has opened a new manufacturing facility in Oakville, Ontario, Canada. The plant will manufacture electronic components for the automotive industry, including electronic control units; heating, venting and air conditioning panels; flashers; and various switch products.

“We built this plant to keep pace with the significant growth we are achieving in North America,” says Mike Van Gendt, president and senior general manager of Omron’s Inter-America Automotive Division. “The use of electronics is increasing rapidly in the automotive industry and we are expanding our capacity to meet the needs of our OEM and Tier customers.”

The plant has 95,000 sq. ft. currently being used for production and administrative activities. Initially, there are 25 administrative staff and 50 production employees. Omron has two other facilities in Oakville that also manufacture automotive components.

About Omron

Headquartered in Kyoto, Japan, OMRON Corporation is a global leader in the field of automation. Established in 1933 and headed by President and CEO Hisao Sakuta, OMRON has more than 26,000 employees in over 35 countries working to provide products and services to customers in a variety of fields including industrial automation, electronic components, social systems (ticket gate machines, ticket vending machines, and traffic control), and healthcare. The company is divided into five regions and head offices are in Japan (Kyoto), Asia Pacific (Singapore), China (Shanghai), Europe (Amsterdam) and US (Chicago). For more information, visit OMRON’s website at www.omron.com.

Omron Automotive Electronics, headquartered in Novi, Michigan, USA, is a division of Omron Automotive Electronic Components Company, Nagoya, Japan. Omron Automotive designs and manufactures a wide range of advanced electronic control units and sensors, including lidar sensors, remote keyless entry systems and power window and sliding door anti-pinch controls. Other products include various ergonomic switch assemblies and PCB and plug-in relays. The division has 700 employees in North America with one manufacturing facility in the U.S. and three in Canada. Sales in 2004 fiscal year were \$200 million.

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