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## **Omron Automotive Electronics Introduces Industry's First High Current Micro ISO and Micro 280 Relays**

**Novi, Mich. – June 5, 2006** – The number one supplier of automotive relays to the North American automotive industry, Omron Automotive Electronics, announced today the latest additions to its extensive relay product line - the G8HE, a new line of 40 amp high current micro ISO relays, and the G8V-RH, a new line of 35 amp high current micro 280 relays. The new relays are approximately half the size and weight of traditional mini ISO/280 type relays, yet they maintain a comparable level of performance. They are typically used in switching applications such as motors, lamps, resistive loads, engine cooling fans, HVAC and window defrost systems.

“Our expertise in designing and producing relays has made it possible for us to continue to bring innovative, industry-leading products to the automotive marketplace,” says Jerry Bricker, vice president and general sales manager, Omron Automotive Electronics. “Our new, smaller and lighter weight G8V-RH and G8HE relays provide our customers with greater design flexibility, allowing them to increase the number of relays to handle more powerful applications as well as design smaller junction boxes in a more cost-effective way.”

The new G8V-RH and G8HE relays were designed in North America and are being marketed globally. Omron Automotive Electronics has been awarded contracts for them by North American OEMs. The first vehicles using the new relays will be assembled both in North America and Australia this summer.

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## **About Omron**

Headquartered in Kyoto, Japan, OMRON Corporation is a global leader in the field of automation and sensing and control technology. Established in 1933 and headed by President and CEO Hisao Sakuta, OMRON has more than 27,000 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 corporation's activities are focused on five global regions and head offices are in Japan (Kyoto), Asia Pacific (Singapore), China (Shanghai), Europe (Amsterdam) and Americas (Chicago). For more information, visit OMRON's website at [www.omron.com](http://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 916 employees in North America with one manufacturing facility in the U.S. and two in Canada. Sales in 2005 fiscal year were \$249 million.

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