



OMRON Starts Production at its New Automotive Electronic Components Manufacturing Facility in Guangzhou, China

Novi, Mich. – April 26, 2006 - OMRON Corporation, a global leader in automation, sensing and control technology, has started production at its new automotive electronic components manufacturing company, Omron Automotive Electronics Co., Ltd., in Guangzhou, China.

The new production center, which officially opened on Dec. 16, 2005, is located in the Guangzhou Economic and Technological Development Zone on the outskirts of Guangzhou, where several other major auto manufacturers have set up operations. The company houses 70 staff and production workers, and produces components such as power window switches and keyless entry systems. There are additional plans to extend production in two to three years to include various automotive electronic control devices that are currently under development.

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 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 two in Canada. Sales in 2005 fiscal year were \$249 million.

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