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## **DENSO invests \$190 million, adds 320 jobs in Athens, Tennessee manufacturing location**

**– Second significant investment in the state in less than a year expands Tennessee automotive manufacturing hub –**

**SOUTHFIELD, Mich. (February 28, 2018)** – [DENSO](#), one of the world's largest automotive technology, systems and components suppliers, is expanding its operations in North America through a \$190 million investment in its Athens, Tennessee facility. The investment will add four new production lines and 320 jobs, increasing DENSO's ability to produce and deliver key parts for its customers.

This is the latest in a line of strategic investments in North America and part of DENSO's commitment to make Tennessee a primary manufacturing center. The US economy is expected to keep growing due to policies, including recent tax reform, and DENSO plans to continue advancing automotive innovation and manufacturing in the US. In September, DENSO announced a \$1 billion investment in its Maryville, Tennessee facility, creating 1,000 jobs focused on electrification and safety systems.

"Increasing our capacity to manufacture products closer to customers in North America will continue to power DENSO's growth in the region," said Hugh Cantrell, director of Administrative Services for DENSO Manufacturing Athens Tennessee. "This investment strengthens one of our key production centers. Athens has played a major role producing and supplying our customers with key components in fuel delivery, ignition, and exhaust gas systems."

"DENSO's investment of \$190 million, which will add 320 jobs in Athens, Tennessee, is a vote of confidence in the U.S. economy and the American worker," said Bill Hagerty, US ambassador to Japan. "Another strong example of the deep strategic and economic ties between Japan and the U.S. America is open for business!"

### **Investment details**

This investment will create 320 new jobs across production, facility operations, engineering, administration and other skilled-trade positions. Athens will debut one new production line for Gasoline Direct Injection (GDI) injectors, as well as one low pressure fuel pump, and two high pressure fuel pump production lines serving automakers across North America.

Those interested in a career at DENSO in Athens, Tennessee can apply [here](#).

### **About DENSO in North America**

DENSO is a leading global automotive supplier of advanced technology, systems and components in the areas of thermal, powertrain control, electronics and information and safety. With its North American headquarters located in Southfield, Michigan, DENSO employs more than 23,000 people at 28 consolidated subsidiaries and 4 affiliates across the North American region. Of these, 25 are manufacturing facilities located in the United States, Canada and Mexico. In the United States alone, DENSO employs more than 17,000 people in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Iowa, Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. DENSO's North American consolidated sales totaled US\$9.6 billion for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017. For more

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DENSO Corp., headquartered in Kariya, Aichi prefecture, Japan, is a leading global automotive supplier of advanced technology, systems and components in the areas of thermal, powertrain control, electronics and information and safety. Its customers include all the world's major carmakers. Worldwide, the company has more than 200 subsidiaries and affiliates in 38 countries and regions (including Japan) and employs more than 150,000 people. Consolidated global sales for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017, totaled US\$40.4 billion. Last fiscal year, DENSO spent 9.0 percent of its global consolidated sales on research and development. DENSO common stock is traded on the Tokyo and Nagoya stock exchanges. For more information, go to [www.denso.com](http://www.denso.com), or visit our media website at [www.denso.com/global/en/news/media-center/](http://www.denso.com/global/en/news/media-center/)

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