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Panasonic Factory in Dalian, China Begins Mass Production and Shipments of Automotive Lithium-ion Batteries

The company has started supplying prismatic-type automotive lithium-ion batteries globally

Osaka, Japan - Panasonic Corporation has begun mass production of prismatic-type automotive lithium-ion batteries at its factory in Dalian, China, and held a ceremony to mark the first shipment today.

The market for eco-conscious vehicles, including hybrids, plug-in hybrids, and electric vehicles, is growing every year thanks to the increase in environmental awareness in recent years. To respond to the market demand, Panasonic has been gearing up to start production at this factory, which is its first production site for prismatic-type automotive lithium-ion batteries in China.

Amidst expectations of expanding demand for automotive lithium-ion batteries, Panasonic manufactures the high-capacity and high-safety prismatic-type batteries at this factory and ships them to the North American and Chinese markets. Shipments will be expanded in the future to reach more destinations, helping to drive the spread of eco-conscious vehicles.

With the beginning of mass production shipments of automobile lithium-ion batteries from this factory, Panasonic now has a production system covering Japan, the United States, and China, the three key global locations. By strengthening the global competitiveness of its automotive batteries with these sites, Panasonic will further expand its automobile battery business in the future.

Profile of the Dalian Factory

Company name	Panasonic Automotive Energy Dalian Co., Ltd.
Location	No.177 Hai Ming Road, Dalian Free Trade Zone, Liaoning Province, China
Established	February 2016
Capital	RMB 900 million
Representatives	Liu Guochen, Chairman; Nobukazu Yamanishi, President
Business operations	Design, manufacture, sale, and servicing of batteries for eco-conscious vehicles
Number of employees	Approx. 500

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