



**SOUTH
CAROLINA
AUTOMOTIVE**

**SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

NEARLY 200 AUTOMOTIVE-RELATED ASSEMBLERS AND SUPPLIERS

CALL SOUTH CAROLINA HOME, INCLUDING:

BMW MANUFACTURING CORP
ROBERT BOSCH CORP-AUTOMOTIVE
GROUP – 2 PLANTS
HONDA OF SOUTH CAROLINA MFG INC
MICHELIN NORTH AMERICA INC
NORTH AMERICA HEADQUARTERS
7 PLANTS
THE TIMKEN COMPANY
5 PLANTS
BRIDGESTONE FIRESTONE SOUTH
CAROLINA
AMERICAN LAFRANCE CORP
SOLUTIA INC
ALCOA
FREIGHTLINER CUSTOM CHASSIS CORP
SAI AUTOMOTIVE DBA FAURECIA
COLLINS & AIKMAN
SPARTANBURG STEEL PRODUCTS INC
KOYO CORP OF USA (TOYODA KOKI
CORPORATION) – 2 PLANTS
WILLIAMS TECHNOLOGIES
PERFORMANCE FRICTION CORP
SIEMENS DIESEL SYSTEMS
TECHNOLOGY LLC / SIEMENS VDO
AUTOMOTIVE
DRIVE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIES
OF AMERICA INC (MAGNA
INTERNATIONAL)
BEHR HEAT TRANSFER SYSTEMS INC
TYCO ELECTRONICS CORP
MARK IV AUTOMOTIVE
HIGHLAND INDUSTRIES INC (TAKATA
CORP)

ARVIN MERITOR
ASSOCIATED FUEL PUMP SYSTEMS
CORP (AFCO) (DENSO
CORPORATION)
F SCHUMACHER & CO
PLASTIC OMNIUM LLC
2 PLANTS
ROCKWELL AUTOMATION
BOSCH REXROTH CORP
US ENGINE VALVE COMPANY
SEEBER USA
CHAMPION LABORATORIES INC
HOLSET ENGINEERING CO
WABCO
AMERICAN EAGLE WHEEL CORP
SOUTH CAROLINA YUTAKA
TECHNOLOGIES (SCYT)
GKN DRIVELINE
GATES RUBBER CO
DAA DRAEXLMAIER AUTOMOTIVE OF
AMERICA LLC
MERITOR HEAVY VEHICLE SYSTEMS LLC
BORG WARNER TORQ TRANSFER
SYSTEMS
FEDERAL-MOGUL FRICTION PRODUCTS
SKF AUTOMOTIVE DIVISION
JOHNSON CONTROLS
LEAR CORP
MACK MOLDING CO INC
MUSASHI SOUTH CAROLINA
ELLCON-NATIONAL INC
PBR COLUMBIA LLC
ZF LEMFORDER CORP
2 PLANTS
ZF COMMERCIAL SUSPENSION SYSTEMS
& COMPONENTS LLC
CARLISLE TIRE & WHEEL
GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER CO
HONEYWELL CONSUMER PRODUCTS
PRETTL NORTH AMERICA
ZEUNA STAERKER USA INC
TECHSEAL DIV-PARKER HANNIFIN
MCKECHNIE VEHICLE COMPONENTS
COOPER-STANDARD AUTOMOTIVE
(STANDARD PRODUCTS)

YANAGAWA OF SOUTH CAROLINA
(KYUSYU YANAGAWA / SEIKI
COMPANY LTD)
HELLA LIGHTING
DAYCO PRODUCTS LLC
LANG-MEKRA NORTH AMERICA LLC
GETRAG PRECISION GEAR
STANKIEWICZ INTERNATIONAL CORP
KAISER ALUMINUM
OX BODIES INC
DATWYLER RUBBER + PLASTICS INC
ALFMEIER CORP
DELPHI AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS
CATERPILLAR INC
3 PLANTS
PERFECTION CLUTCH
FISHER BARTON INC
DANA CORP
5 PLANTS
RIDES & CONTROL
KAYDON CORP
SODETAL USA INC
MODINE MANUFACTURING CO
CAMBRIDGE METALS & PLASTICS
REEVES BROTHERS INC
FUKOKU SOUTH CAROLINA INC
TRUCAST INC
MIDWEST STAMPING
WOODWARD GOVERNOR COMPANY
AMBAC INTERNATIONAL CORP
PIERBURG INC
EMITEC INC
ROAD RESCUE
RIETER AUTOMOTIVE NORTH AMERICA



SOUTH CAROLINA

A leader in the automotive industry for more than 100 years.



AUTOMOTIVE OPPORTUNITY IN SOUTH CAROLINA

In the early 1900s Milliken & Company was making fabric seats and roofs for Henry Ford's gas-powered cars right here in South Carolina. We've come a long way since then. The Southeast is the most dynamic area in the automotive industry today, and South Carolina's successes have been a driving force behind that growth.

Today, BMW's only North American assembly plant, the corporate headquarters for fire and emergency vehicle manufacturer American LaFrance, and a Honda assembly plant for ATVs and recreational watercraft are located in South Carolina. Supporting these assemblers are nearly 200 suppliers in South Carolina, including Bosch, Delphi, Magna International, Michelin, and Bridgestone/Firestone.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S LABOR FORCE IS PRODUCTIVE AND COST-EFFECTIVE

Our state has some of the lowest unionization rates and payroll costs in the country, along with a world-class pre-employment training program. Our program, the Center for Accelerated Technology Training (CATT), has trained more than 228,000 quality employees for nearly 1,800 companies since the program began in 1961. In fact, the program provided customized training for 29 automotive manufacturers in fiscal 2003-2004 alone. Total cost to companies for this world-class training? Zero.



CATT provides training in areas vital to the automotive industry, including:

- Automotive Technology
- Machine Tool Technology
- Tool and Die Casting Technology
- Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Quality Control and Measurement

What does this mean for your automotive business? When you open your doors in South Carolina, you will begin to realize profitability from Day One.

A SOUTH CAROLINA LOCATION gets you to your markets easily.



South Carolina has five interstate highways, nine commercial airports, and the second largest container port on the East Coast in Charleston. And we are within 500 miles or one day's drive of more than 1,000 auto assemblers and suppliers.

SOUTH CAROLINA HAS HOME-GROWN RESEARCH

Clemson University's International Center for Automotive Research (ICAR) uses a revolutionary approach to automotive design and manufacturing through a campus that integrates research and academic programs with public and private entities in manufacturing, technology, economic development, and government.

South Carolina is also home to innovative fuel cell research and technology. The National Center for Hydrogen Research is a 60,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art hydrogen lab, which is home to premier scientific research in hydrogen storage. This facility, which is part of the Savannah River National Lab, allows opportunities for collaboration in the delivery of fuel cell-based solutions in the commercial and consumer markets.

FuelCellSouth, in conjunction with regional industry sponsors and the National Science Foundation's Center for Fuel Cell Research at the University of South Carolina, is a valuable South Carolina coalition working to remove key barriers to improve fuel cell market acceptance, stimulate capital investment for research, and create industry partnerships. We are determined to do what it takes to remain on the cutting edge of the automotive industry.



If it's happening in the Automotive Industry, it's happening right here in SOUTH CAROLINA

SOUTH CAROLINA'S LOW OPERATING COSTS MEAN A HEALTHIER BOTTOM LINE

We have the lowest corporate income tax rate in the Southeast at 5 percent. And tax incentives offered by the state reward job creation and investment as well as minimize startup costs.

SOUTH CAROLINA HAS A BUILDING OR SITE READY JUST FOR YOU

South Carolina maintains an extensive database of available industrial sites and buildings. Nearly 400 quality buildings and over 1,000 sites are ready to go. All you need are your specifications, and we will help provide a site or building that is right for you.

YOU CAN GET WHAT YOU NEED RIGHT HERE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina's automotive sector includes a full range of companies from two major automotive assemblers to nearly 200 parts suppliers and top raw materials producers. The proximity of suppliers throughout the state gives automotive companies in South Carolina the speed and access necessary to accommodate just-in-time requirements.

YOUR BUSINESS IS WELCOME IN SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina's business and regulatory climates are designed to encourage your business's success. This means a low tax burden, fair wage rates and a right-to-work policy. South Carolina has the second-lowest rate (less than one percent) of unionized manufacturing workforce in the country.

SOUTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURES A SURPRISING BREADTH OF AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS, INCLUDING

- Integrated Automotive Assembly
- Assembly of Emergency Vehicles
- Assembly of Recreational Vehicles
- Tire Manufacturing (including North American Headquarters of Michelin)
- Truck Chassis
- Major Automotive Subassemblies

In addition, South Carolina is home to many companies that supply the automotive industry, including plastics material manufacturers and processors, metalworking companies, textile manufacturers, and chemical manufacturers.



AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURING FACILITIES



HOW IMPORTANT IS THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY TO SOUTH CAROLINA'S ECONOMY?

Nearly one in six persons working in South Carolina's manufacturing industry work for automotive

companies, and 37 of South Carolina's 46 counties host automotive-related companies. Since 2000, the industry has invested more than \$3 billion in the state and has created more than 11,000 new jobs.

Yes, we realize that the automotive industry is vital to maintaining a thriving economy in South Carolina, and we are committed to doing everything possible to succeed. When automotive companies come to South Carolina, they can be confident that the state will respond with policies that encourage and support quality manufacturing and long-term profitability.



SOUTH CAROLINA

A Wonderful Place to Call Home.

There are so many reasons to love South Carolina. A near-perfect climate with four distinct seasons; diverse geographic regions that literally take you from the mountains to the sea; and a warm, welcoming people who believe in working hard and playing hard.



South Carolina is home to four of the United States' top 50 cities for expansion and location—a fact that comes as no surprise to those who locate here. With a cost-of-living well below the national average, low income taxes, and a myriad of cultural opportunities in both our hamlets and metropolitan areas, you can truly have it all right here.

Opportunity abounds in South Carolina.

Come join South Carolina's automotive community.



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