

# PPG Kansai Automotive Finishes Receives Nissan 2016 Regional Monozukuri Spirit Award

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*Award recognizes Nissan North America suppliers for quality, cost-reduction efforts*

TROY, Mich.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- PPG (NYSE: PPG) today announced that PPG Kansai Automotive Finishes (PKAF), its joint venture with Kansai Paint, has received the Nissan 2016 Regional Monozukuri Spirit Award from Nissan Group of North America. PKAF was one of four suppliers, and the only coatings company, to earn the honor based on 2015 fiscal-year performance during the regional carmaker's annual supplier conference last month in Franklin, Tennessee.

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Tom Greenwood (center), president, and Ranju Arya (second from right), global director of the Nissan account, accept the Nissan 2016 Regional Monozukuri Spirit Award on behalf of PPG Kansai Automotive Finishes from Nissan Motor Co. officials (from left) Yasuhiro Yamauchi, executive vice president, purchasing; John Martin, senior vice president, manufacturing, purchasing and supply chain, North America; and Hiroki Hasegawa, vice president, purchasing and Renault Nissan Purchasing Organization. (Photo: Business Wire)

The award recognizes suppliers for their exceptional use of philosophies and processes related to "Monozukuri" – Nissan's collaborative strategy of working closely with suppliers to increase quality and reduce cost through continuous improvement.

PKAF provides vehicle coatings, adhesives and sealants to all Nissan plants in North America.

"It is an honor for PKAF to receive this prestigious award, recognizing our team's inventiveness and overall focus in helping Nissan to improve productivity and vehicle quality while reducing costs," said Ranju Arya, global director for PKAF's Nissan account. "Like Nissan, we are committed to the spirit of cooperation that is the foundation of 'Monozukuri.'"

PPG Kansai Automotive Finishes is a joint venture of PPG and Kansai Paint that sells automotive coatings, adhesives and sealants to global original equipment manufacturers, primarily Japanese automakers with manufacturing operations in North America and Europe.

## About Nissan North America

In North America, Nissan's operations include automotive styling, engineering, consumer and corporate financing, sales and marketing,

distribution and manufacturing. Nissan is dedicated to improving the environment under the Nissan Green Program and has been recognized annually by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as an ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year since 2010. More information on Nissan in North America and the complete line of Nissan and Infiniti vehicles can be found online at [www.NissanUSA.com](http://www.NissanUSA.com) and [www.InfinitiUSA.com](http://www.InfinitiUSA.com), or visit the U.S. media sites [NissanNews.com](http://NissanNews.com) and [InfinitiNews.com](http://InfinitiNews.com).

## About Nissan Motor Co.

Nissan Motor Co., Ltd., Japan's second-largest automotive company, is headquartered in Yokohama, Japan, and is part of the Renault-Nissan Alliance. Operating with more than 247,500 employees globally, Nissan sold 5.32 million vehicles and generated revenue of 11.38 trillion yen (USD 103.6 billion) in fiscal year 2014. Nissan delivers a comprehensive range of more than 60 models under the Nissan, Infiniti and Datsun brands. Nissan leads the world in zero-emission mobility, dominated by sales of the LEAF, the first mass-market, pure-electric vehicle. It is the best-selling EV in history with almost 50% share of the zero-emission vehicle segment. For more information on our products, services and commitment to sustainable mobility, visit our website at <http://www.nissan-global.com/EN/>.

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