

History

Since their establishment, Koyo Seiko and Toyoda Machine Works have continually perfected their technologies to provide high-quality and reliable products. JTEKT carries on this passion. Going forward, we will continue to produce "No. 1 & Only One" products and move forward in our ambition to be a company that contributes to society.

**1921**  
Zenichiro Ikeda founded Koyo Seiko in Osaka city as a private enterprise where he first sold imported bearings, then began manufacturing them himself



**1935**  
Reorganization into Koyo Seiko Co., Ltd.

**1938**  
Completed construction of Kokubu Plant

**1943**  
Absorption-type merger with Koyo Seiki and Hikari Jukogyo to establish Takamatsu Plant and Tokyo Plant

**1958**  
Bearing sales company established in USA

**1960**  
Began development and prototyping of steering systems

**1961**  
Established Koyo Machine Industries Co., Ltd. from Koyo Seiko as a company to manufacture Koyo brand machine tools



**1963**  
Entered a business alliance with Osaka Bearing Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (currently Daibea Co., Ltd.) Completed construction of Tokushima Plant

**1975**  
Commenced production of bearings in the U.S. Completed construction of Hiketa Plant (currently Kagawa Plant) and commenced production of tapered roller bearings

**1987**  
Merged with Koyo Automatic Machine Co., Ltd. and continued operations as Nara Plant and Toyohashi Plant



**1988**  
Developed and produced world's first electric power steering (EPS) system



**1990**  
Completed construction of Kameyama Plant Capital participation in Societe de Mecanique D'Irigny S.A. (currently JTEKT EUROPE S.A.S.), a steering subsidiary of Renault S.A.S., France and concluded a technical support agreement

**1992**  
Capital participation in Sona Koyo Steering Systems Limited (SKSSL), Indian Company

**1995**  
Commenced production of bearings in China

**1998**  
Completed the R&D Center (Kashihara, Nara Prefecture)

**Koyo**

1920-30 • 1940-50 • 1960-70 • 1980 • 1990

TOYODA

**1941**  
Machine tools department of Toyota Motor Corporation separated and established Toyoda Machine Works, Ltd.



**1955**  
Technical tie-up with French company, Gendron and commenced production of cylindrical grinders First transfer machine in Japan completed

**1965**  
Developed the Toyoda brand grinder Completed construction of Okazaki Plant



**1968**  
Commenced production of power steering Development of machining centers



**1972**  
Development of general-purpose controller TOYOPUC

**1973**  
Established a machine tool base in Brazil

**1977**  
Machine tool sales company established as joint venture in USA

**1980**  
Commenced production of Constant Velocity Joints (CVJs) for automobiles

**1986**  
Development and production of master-less camshaft grinders Completed construction of Takahama Plant (currently: Tadamisaki Plant)

**1996**  
Commenced production of steering systems in Thailand

**1998**  
Commenced production of electronic intelligent torque controlled coupling (ITCC) for 4WDs Established a Technical Center (Hanazono)



**2003**  
Comprehensive business alliance (in the machine tools field) with Mitsui Seiki Kogyo Co. Ltd. Acquired the Torsen business department from Bosch Automotive Commenced production of automotive components in China Established Toyoda Machinery (Dalian) Co., Ltd. for the production of machine tools in China

JTEKT

January 2006  
JTEKT is established

The name "JTEKT" represents our desire to be an epoch-making force for industries, the era, and our customers' hearts.

"J" stands for Joint, Joy, and Japan. "TEKT" comes from the ancient Greek word "tekton," which means one possessing superior technical skill.

We aim to contribute to a sustainable society and a brighter future by using our strengths as the impetus for helping to resolve society's issues.

**JTEKT**  
The company we want to become

