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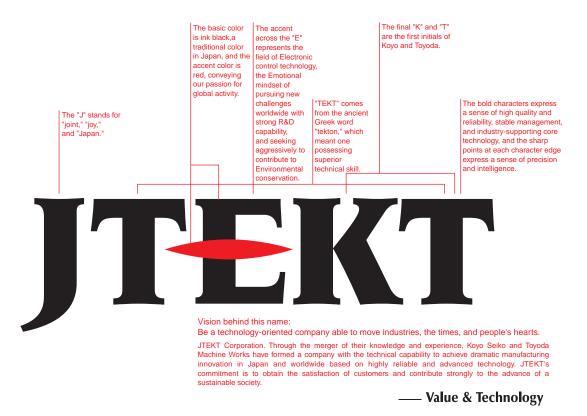
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Meaning of Front Cover "Yakusugi"

"Yakusugi" is Japanese cedar trees that live over 1000 years old in mountainous areas with an altitude of 500 meters or more in Yakushima Island, Kagoshima Prefecture. Among such cedar trees, large cedar trees, known as Jomonsugi or Kigensugi, are over 2000 years old. Yakushima is the second largest island in Kagoshima and has many 1 000-meter-high mountains, the main example of which is Miyanoura-dake (at an altitude of 1 936 meters), the highest mountain peak in Kyushu. Yakushima has a rich and unique climate through which various plants ranging from subtropical to subarctic can grow. Thus, Yakushima was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1993. Yakusugi is a typical tree as the symbol of Yakushima.

This Yakusugi was selected as a design symbolizing JTEKT's "ever-growing technical skills based on stable core technology."