

Environmental Management

【 Supporting Certification Acquisition Activities 】

We will meet international standards in all aspects

【 Expanding acquisition of ISO 14001 certification 】

We take a systematic approach to environmental conservation by establishing a company-wide environmental management system. For our domestic and overseas consolidated manufacturing companies, we set a target of seven companies acquiring ISO 14001 certification in FY 2004. As a result, two domestic and three overseas companies obtained the certification. The remaining two companies failed to obtain the certification due to factors involving business reorganization. We will continue to provide them with guidance and assistance to obtain certification as soon as possible.

ISO 14001-accredited Companies

Domestic manufacturing companies

Accredited by FY 2003	All PLANTS, HEAD OFFICE, AND R&D CENTER (INCLUDING PROVING GROUNDS) AISIN AW CO., LTD. AISIN TAKAOKA CO., LTD. AISIN SIN'EI CO., LTD. AISIN CHEMICAL CO., LTD. AISIN KEIKINZOKU CO., LTD. AISIN AI CO., LTD. AISIN DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD. AISIN KIKO CO., LTD. and AISIN AW INDUSTRIES CO., LTD. HOSEI BRAKE INDUSTRY CO., LTD. AISIN TOHOKU CO., LTD. AND SAITAMA KOGYO CO., LTD. AISIN KYUSHU CO., LTD. KOTOBUKI GIKEN INDUSTRY CO., LTD.
Accredited during FY 2004	AICHI GIKEN CO., LTD. AISIN MAINTENANCE CO., LTD.
Accredited during or after FY 2005	YAMAGATA CLUTCH CO., LTD. AISIN SINWA CO., LTD.

Overseas manufacturing companies

Accredited by FY 2003	AISIN U.S.A MFG, INC. AISIN DRIVETRAIN, INC. AISIN AUTOMOTIVE CASTING, LLC. AISIN HONGDA AUTOMOBILE PARTS CO., LTD. ELITE SEWING MACHINE MFG. CO., LTD. AISIN NTF PRIVATE LIMITED, SIAM AISIN CO., LTD. AISIN MEXICANA S.A. DE C.V. LIBERTY MEXICANA S.A. DE C.V.
Accredited during FY 2004	AISIN ELECTRONICS, INC. PT. AISIN INDONESIA AISIN EUROPE MANUFACTURING (UK) LTD.
Accredited during or after FY 2005	TIANJIN AISIN AUTOMOBILE PARTS CO., LTD. (Will be accredited in June 2004) TANGSHAN AISIN GEAR CO., LTD. (Suspended for restructuring of business operations)

Audit of Environmental Management System

Environmental auditing

Our audits are conducted in two levels: the internal environmental audit that is planned and performed by the ISO Promotion Office, and a self-evaluation system that is established for early discovery of problems by each business entity and for raising environmental awareness among the employees. In terms of the self-evaluation, the system on environmental aspects and related documentation needed to be revised, and some areas for improvement were found in the record filing system and the setting of environmental targets. However, it was confirmed that all problems have been corrected. The results of an external audit to renew the certification pointed out that some entities had two problems:

1) Inadequate execution of the company-wide environmental management organization

2) The need to update information on the environmental aspects in line with changes in status

However, both of these problems have been solved, and we received a favorable evaluation that recognized adequate operations of the environmental management system and our continuous improvement efforts.



External audit

Environmental Risk Management

In order to prevent possible environmental pollution triggered by accidents and disasters, we perform daily checks and periodic environmental measurements for equipment and facilities whose operation could have adverse impacts on the environment. If any urgent measures are required, criteria are established, and periodic emergency drills are conducted.

Environmental Accidents and Complaints

There was an environmental accident in July 2003. At the Handa Plant, a hosepipe that was supposed to be disposed of at a waste material drop-off site was temporarily left in another location. There was some oil remaining in the hose, and heavy rain began pushing the oil out of the hose creating an oil spill. However, emergency drills that we regularly conduct helped us stop and recover the oil before it ran into the ocean by using an oil fence and materials to recover the oil.



Oil fence