



Inauguration of the state-of-the-art Airbag plant, Rane TRW Chennai



CHENNAI, August 24th, 2015 – Rane TRW Steering Systems Private limited - Occupant Safety Division, a 50:50 joint venture between Rane group and ZF TRW, inaugurated its state-of-the-art Airbag manufacturing plant located adjacent to its Seatbelt plant in Singaperumal Koil, Chennai. The plant was formally inaugurated today by Mr. Nigel Harris, Managing Director and President, Ford India.

The two facilities are located in the same campus, one dedicated to Seatbelts which is operational since 1997 and the other for Airbags which was launched today. Both the plants have around 450 employees and are located a few kilometers from the Ford plant.

In India, Rane TRW's Occupant Safety Division, which manufactures Seatbelts and Airbags, caters to key customers including, Ford India, Renault Nissan, Mahindra & Mahindra, Maruti Suzuki India, Tata Motors, Ashok Leyland, Daimler India Commercial Vehicles. The company exports nearly 15 percent of its Seatbelts volumes to Brazil, Colombia, Vietnam, Thailand and so on.

Commenting on the inauguration, **Mr. Harish Lakshman, Managing Director, Rane TRW**, said, "With the Government of India promoting Occupant Safety/Road Safety to significantly reduce fatalities, we expect the auto Industry in the country to introduce passive safety technologies to meet these regulations. The commissioning of this new facility demonstrates the company's commitment to support technology evolution in the passenger vehicles. We anticipate exponential growth in the application of frontal airbags over the next decade and Rane TRW will be well positioned to support both Global OEMs and Domestic OEMs located in India with their growth aspirations to bring in these technologies to their vehicles."

The Airbag plant, which covers an area of 1800 square meters, will assemble driver and passenger Airbag modules. The plant will have an installed capacity to produce around 500,000 Airbags initially with sufficient space to expand as the market grows in the future.

Rane TRW is currently working to localize the Airbag components to improve its competitiveness in a highly cost conscious market like India.

Rane & ZF to make airbags at Singaperumal, Chennai

Chennai: Rane TRW Steering Systems Private limited — Occupant Safety Division, a 50:50 joint venture between Rane group and ZF TRW, on Monday inaugurated its airbag manufacturing plant located adjacent to its seatbelt plant at Singaperumal Koil in Chennai. The airbag plant,

which covers an area of 1800 square meters, will assemble driver and passenger airbag modules.

The plant will have an installed capacity to produce around 5 lakh airbags initially with sufficient space to expand as the market grows in the future.

FIRST AIRBAG MANUFACTURING PLANT IN CITY

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In a first, a state-of-the-art airbag manufacturing plant, a joint venture by Rane group and ZF TRW was inaugurated on Monday. The plant inaugurated by Nigel Harris, managing director and president, Ford India, is located adjacent to Rane TRW's Seatbelt plant in Singaperumal Koil, Chennai.

Both the Seatbelt and the Airbag plant have around 450 employees and are located a few kilometres away from the Ford plant. On the occasion, Harish Lakshman, MD, Rane TRW said "Since the government is promoting road safety, we anticipate exponential growth in the application of frontal airbags over the next decade."

Rane TRW opens ₹18-cr unit to make airbags

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Chennai, August 24

Automobile components manufacturer Rane TRW Steering Systems has expanded its product base with the inauguration of an airbag manufacturing plant.

The company's Occupant Safety Division, which makes automobile seat belts, has now added airbags to its product range with the for-

mal commissioning of the factory about 40 km south of Chennai today.

Harish Lakshman, Managing Director, Rane TRW Steering Systems, said the ₹18-crore factory with a capacity to assemble 500,000 airbags for driver and passenger side has completed trial production.

The capacity will be doubled in the next two years, he

said. Rane TRW is ideally positioned to tap into the growing demand for the safety features as India starts making airbags mandatory in new cars from October 2017 and in phases making it compulsory for all cars by 2020.

Leading automobile manufacturers such as Mahindra & Mahindra and Ford, and recently, Renault are Rane TRW's customers for airbags.

The factory has generated about 50-60 jobs and the number will nearly double with the growth in capacity.

Both the seatbelt and airbag units will benefit from the legislations that enhance passenger safety standards in vehicles.

The seat belt factory makes about three million units a year and caters to domestic and international markets.

Rane Group sets up new plant for airbags

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Chennai

RANE TRW Steering Systems, a joint venture between auto component-focused Rane Group and ZF TRW, has established a new manufacturing facility for airbags used in passenger cars. The new plant, set up by the 'occupant safety division' of the company was inaugurated on Monday and it has come up adjacent to its existing 'seatbelt' plant at Singapuramalkoil near Chennai.

"With India government promoting occupant safety and road safety to significantly reduce fatalities in road accidents, we expect the auto industry in the country to introduce passive safety technologies to meet these regulations. We anticipate exponential growth in the application of frontal airbags over the next decade and we are well positioned to support both global and domestic OEMs located in India," Harish Lakshman, managing director, Rane TRW told reporters here on Mon-

Gearing up

■ The new plant, has come up adjacent to its existing 'seatbelt' plant near Chennai

■ The company will start supplying airbags, manufactured at the new plant, to M&M and Ford

day. According to him, the company has invested Rs 18 crore in the initial phase for the airbag plant, which has come up over an extent of 18,000 sq ft. "The plant will have an initial capacity of making five lakh pieces of frontal airbags, both driver and the passenger side, per annum. We will eventually expand the capacity to a million units per annum in two years," he said.

He said, as per the government's guidelines, all new car models launched from October, 2017 should compulsorily have airbags fitted in them. The same will become mandatory for all cars sold from the beginning of 2020. "We expect about 50 per cent of cars sold in India after October,

2017 to have airbags and 100 per cent from 2020," Lakshman said.

The company will initially be importing the parts, while its JV partner TRW will supply the inflators. "There is an 100 per cent import duty on this at present. By assembling them here, there is a certain value add and due to that there will be a significant reduction in costs," he explained. "We are working on the localisation and will eventually achieve that, except may be certain critical components of the system," he added.

The company will start supplying airbags, manufactured at the new plant, to Mahindra and Ford. And soon after, start supplies to Renault, besides looking at other opportunities later.

The company had established a seatbelt making facility in 1997. It has been exporting seatbelts to the overseas market for quite some years, besides supplies to global and domestic OEMs, located in India.

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Rane TRW Steering sets up airbag plant

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Chennai, Aug 24: Rane TRW Steering Systems, a 50:50 JV between auto parts major Rane group and ZF TRW, a global steering and other auto parts major, has set up an assembly plant for airbags. The plant has an initial capacity of five lakh units per annum and would be expanded to one million by the end of this fiscal, said Harish Lakshman, the managing director, Rane TRW Steering Systems.

TRW, the global leader in airbag inflators, the main raw material, will support assembling airbags with imports from Germany and China. With three customers in hand—Ford India, Mahindra & Mahindra and Renault—the company sees huge demand for airbags in India going forward. "With the government legislation make it mandatory for all the new cars introduced effective October 2017 to have two airbags at the front side—driver and passenger—the demand for the same set to zoom in the months to come. We are in talks with other OEMs and hope to sign deals with them in the near future," Lakshman added. "Currently 30% of the new cars produced come with the airbags and by 2017 it will become 50% and by 2020 we see 100%. We see the adaptation of airbags will be much faster than expected."

Rane joint venture's airbag facility on stream

G.Balachandar

CHENNAI: Rane TRW Steering Systems (RTSS), an equal joint venture between Rane Group and ZF TRW, a global leader in automotive safety products, has commissioned a new facility to manufacture airbags for passenger vehicles. The Rs.18 crore unit has come up at Singaperumalkoil near Chennai and will have an initial capacity of five lakh units a year. However, it is expected to reach a million units in two years time. The new airbag facility will initially be an assembly one, but the company expects to achieve significant localisation, except the inflator, in a year's time.

It has created about 60 new jobs and it will add 40 more in

a couple of years. The cost of an airbag is estimated at Rs.1,800-Rs.2,500 excluding control systems and others.

"The government has said dual airbags are must in any new vehicle to be launched after October 2017. Also, airbags are going to be mandatory in all vehicles by 2020. Thus, we expect the adoption of airbags to be faster in the coming months," Harish Lakshman, Managing Director, RTSS, during the inauguration of the plant on Monday. Alexander Heilig, Director of Steering Wheel Systems & Driver Airbag, ZF TRW said RTSS was accounting for about 30 per cent of the airbag production in India and the company would aim to supply a third of the market in the future.

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1. **Rane** joint venture's airbag facility on stream

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<http://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/rane-joint-ventures-airbag-facility-on-stream/article7579490.ece>

2. **Rane** TRW Steering sets up airbag plant

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4. **Rane** TRW Steering Systems opens airbag manufacturing plant near Chennai

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5. **Rane** TRW Steering Systems launches new airbag production plant

Business Standard - Aug 24, 2015

Rane TRW Steering Systems Pvt Ltd, a 50:50 joint venture between **Rane** Group and ZF TRW, launched an airbag production plant in Chennai, in order to address the expected market demand, once government regulations fall in place in October 2017.

http://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/rane-trw-steering-systems-launches-new-airbag-production-plant-115082400729_1.html

6. **Rane** TRW Steering launches airbag manufacturing unit in Chennai

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The launch of airbags by **Rane** TRW Steering Systems comes a few months after the recall of cars by Honda Motor Co.'s Indian unit and others due to defective airbags supplied by Takata Corp. In May, the Japanese airbag manufacturer admitted that its ...

<http://www.livemint.com/Industry/pZPAYTeU6agq0w3XdfKebN/Rane-TRW-Steering-launches-airbag-manufacturing-unit-in-Chen.html>

7. **RANE TRW opens airbag facility in TN**

Business Standard - Aug 24, 2015

"The commissioning of the new facility demonstrates the company's commitment to support technology evolution in passenger vehicles", said Harish Lakshman, Managing Director, **Rane**TRW. The airbag manufacturing facility is located close to the seat-belt ...

http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/rane-trw-opens-airbag-facility-in-tn-115082401084_1.html

8. **Rane TRW opens ₹18-cr unit to make airbags**

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11. **Rane TRW inaugurates new airbag plant in Chennai**

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