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Johnson Controls investing \$245 million in AGM battery production in North America

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MILWAUKEE, June 13, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Today's vehicles have up to 50 computers and 150 electrified devices working together to get you where you need to go, including navigation systems, power doors and windows, heated seats and other safety features. These changes over the past 20 years have automakers and consumers looking to [Absorbent Glass Mat \(AGM\) batteries](#) to meet increasing power needs for vehicle functionality.

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Johnson Controls, the world's largest manufacturer of AGM batteries, announced today it is investing \$245 million between 2016 and 2020 to double AGM production capacity in North America.

"Due to increasing power needs for vehicle accessories and safety functions, along with changing environmental standards, automotive batteries play an increasingly important role in today's vehicles," said Joe Walicki, president, Johnson Controls Power Solutions.

AGM batteries manufactured by Johnson Controls are engineered for ever-increasing vehicle demands, including:

- Superior starting power even at low states of charge
- Reliability in harsh weather and extreme conditions
- Excellent durability in high-load applications

"Our customers face increasing demand for replacement batteries that provide superior power, reliability and performance for today's vehicles," said Dan Autey, vice president and general manager, U.S. and Canada Aftermarket, Johnson Controls Power Solutions.

In addition to growing consumer demand for replacement batteries, automakers depend on AGM technology to help improve fuel efficiency up to 5 percent in vehicles with start-stop systems. The number of cars built in North America with start-stop systems will approach 50 percent in 2020 due to increasingly stringent environmental regulations.

"Between 2015 and 2020, Johnson Controls will invest, in total, more than \$780 million globally to increase our AGM manufacturing capacity," said Walicki. "Johnson Controls is the leader in battery manufacturing and we are committed to investing in our factories, our employees and our customers, to ensure that we remain the leader when it comes to innovative technology, quality products and strong customer partnerships."

About Johnson Controls

Johnson Controls is a global diversified technology and industrial leader serving customers in more than 150 countries. Our 150,000 employees create quality products, services and solutions to optimize energy and operational efficiencies of buildings; lead-acid automotive batteries and advanced batteries for hybrid and electric vehicles; and interior systems for automobiles. Our commitment to sustainability dates back to our roots in 1885, with the invention of the first electric room thermostat. Through our growth strategies and by increasing market share we are committed to delivering value to shareholders and making our customers successful. In 2016, Corporate Responsibility Magazine recognized Johnson Controls as the #17 company in its annual "100 Best Corporate Citizens" list. For additional information, please visit <http://www.johnsoncontrols.com> or follow @johnsoncontrols on Twitter.

About Johnson Controls Power Solutions

Johnson Controls Power Solutions is the world's largest manufacturer of automotive batteries, supplying approximately 146 million every year to automakers and aftermarket retailers. Our full range of lead-acid and lithium-ion battery technology powers nearly every type of vehicle for our customers- including traditional, start-stop, micro-hybrid, hybrid and electric. Johnson Controls' recycling system has helped make automotive batteries the most recycled consumer product in the world. Globally, 15,000 employees develop, manufacture, distribute and recycle batteries at more than 50 locations. For more information, please visit <http://www.JohnsonControls.com/PowerSolutions> or follow [@JCI_BatteryBeat](#) on Twitter.

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