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GKN was honored for excellence in the field of traction systems based on a survey of Automotive Industries' readers. Automotive Industries contacted over 12,000 of its OEM readers for their evaluation, which ranks suppliers on quality, pricing, delivery, service/response and innovation.

"Only OEM readers of the magazine who personally review, recommend, approve or purchase products in the field of traction systems took part in the survey," Rob Wilson, publisher of Automotive Industries said. "To be ranked by your customers as the "best of the best" is a significant achievement."

Ian Griffiths, managing director of GKN Automotive Driveline, acknowledged the honor by saying that "GKN strives to excel in all areas, engineering products for durability and reliability. This is a manifestation of the partnership philosophy that characterizes our business practices in every area, from research and development to product delivery. We are proud to receive this award of excellence."

GKN Automotive Driveline has 42 per cent by volume of the world market for Constant Velocity Joints.

A CVJ sideshaft consists of two joints plus a shaft that enable a vehicle's wheels to have full steering movement while accommodating suspension movement and providing constant torque transmission from the engine, yet minimizing noise, vibration and harshness. Over 80 per cent of GKN Automotive Driveline's sales are attributable to CVJs.

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With sales in 2001 of \$2.81 billion, GKN is a worldwide leader in the design and manufacture of driveline system products. Most of the leading vehicle manufacturers worldwide produce vehicles containing driveline components made by or under license from GKN.



GKN Automotive Driveline has manufacturing facilities in all significant car-manufacturing countries worldwide run through regional centers in Lohmar, Germany; Redditch, United Kingdom; Detroit, Michigan; and Singapore.

Operating 46 manufacturing facilities in 20 countries worldwide, GKN Automotive Driveline has over 20,000 employees, with 32 per cent of sales in the United States. GKN can be found on the Internet at <http://www.gknplc.com>.

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