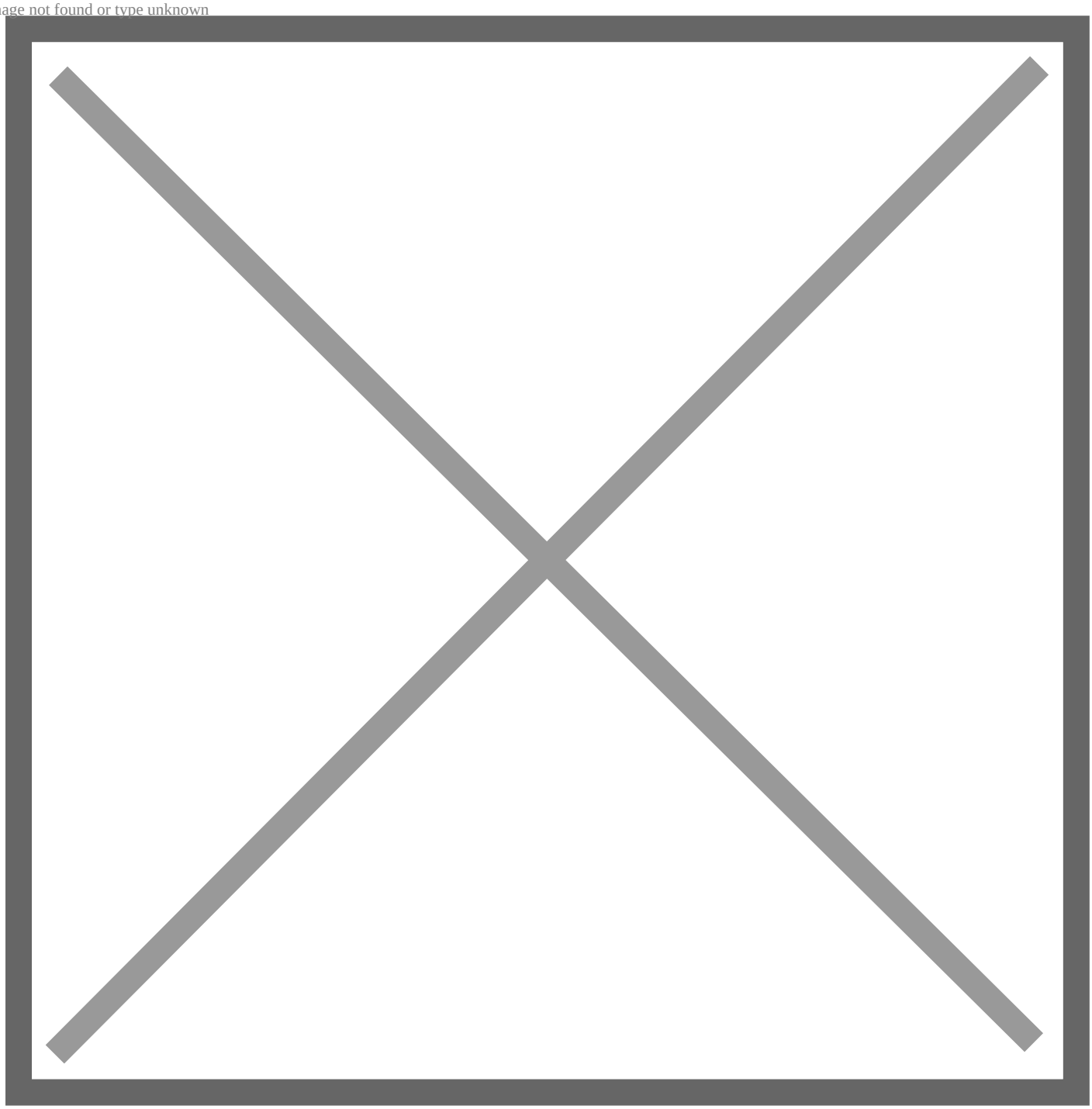
Celebrating Manufacturing Day: 10 Interesting Facts About Toyota’s U.S. Plants

October 04, 2024

Image not found or type unknown



October is Manufacturing Month, and the first Friday is Manufacturing Day, a time to recognize and celebrate the work invested in the expansion and advancements of the U.S. manufacturing industry.

Toyota is proud of the achievements of its manufacturing plants and the employees who make them possible. Below are some interesting facts about the company's 10 manufacturing plants across the United States.

1. TABC, Inc. (California): Toyota's longest-running North American plant

Toyota's manufacturing story in the United States starts in Long Beach, California. TABC is the company's longest-running plant in North America and has played an essential role in assembling products since 1972.

2. Toyota Battery Manufacturing North Carolina: Up and running in 2025

Toyota North Carolina is the company's newest U.S. manufacturing plant and is expected to be up and running in 2025. It's Toyota's tenth plant in the U.S. and is the first to focus on the assembly of lithium-ion batteries.

3. Toyota Motor Manufacturing Alabama: A $49 million solar array, in collaboration with Huntsville Utilities and Toyota Tsusho, supplies more than 70 percent of the plant's energy needs

Toyota is committed to renewable energy and sustainable practices. In fact, Toyota Alabama collaborated with Huntsville Utilities and Toyota Tsusho on a $49 million solar array project, completed in summer 2024. The array provides 70 percent of the plant's energy needs.

4. Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana: Plant infrastructure to assemble an all-new, three row battery electric SUV

Toyota will prepare for assembly of an all-new, three row battery electric SUV with an investment at the Princeton facility that will provide plant infrastructure.

5. Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky: Company's Largest Plant in the World to Welcome BEV

Toyota Kentucky is Toyota's largest plant globally, employing nearly 10,000 Kentuckians in high-quality, stable advanced manufacturing careers. The plant, which started assembly in 1988, will be the first Toyota plant in North America to assemble a battery electric vehicle for the North American market.

6. Toyota Motor Manufacturing Missouri: By the end of 2023, Toyota Missouri replaced every manufacturing line with the Toyota New Global Architecture (TNGA)

Toyota is committed to bringing innovation to every product it makes. At the end of last year, Toyota Missouri replaced every manufacturing line with the Toyota New Global Architecture (TNGA), a new automobile platform that adjusts to vehicle size and configuration so that one platform can assemble multiple types of vehicles.

7. Toyota Motor Manufacturing Mississippi: Home of a global bestseller

The Blue Springs plant is the only U.S. facility to assemble the world's best-selling vehicle, the Toyota Corolla and just celebrated its 2 millionth vehicle assembled since its inception in 2007.

8. Toyota Motor Manufacturing Tennessee: Collaborating with West Tennessee school to help improve career readiness in STEM

Education is a top priority at Toyota and for the communities in which it operates. In January 2024, Toyota Tennessee kicked off a major collaborative effort with the Jackson-Madison County School System to offer middle school students a high-tech STEM curriculum.

9. Toyota Motor Manufacturing Texas: Helping close transportation gaps on the south side of San Antonio

Toyota aims to connect with the communities around its plants and provide opportunities through grants, internship programs, collaborations and other pathways. For example, Toyota Texas partnered with VIA Metropolitan Transit to provide on-demand transit services for residents on the south side of San Antonio.

10. Toyota Motor Manufacturing West Virginia: Started an agrivoltaics program to help drive sustainability forward

Sustainability is always a priority at Toyota. In fact, the West Virginia plant started an agrivoltaics program in 2023 that combines agriculture and solar power generation. To maintain the area around the plant's 5-acre solar array, a herd of sheep is brought in to feed on grass and weeds. The 2.6 megawatt system generates enough electricity to power 420 homes.