



COMAU RECEIVES VOLVO CARS' 2021 AWARD FOR EXCELLENT SUPPLIER

Volvo Cars APAC has recognized Comau China for the 3rd time in a row with different awards

Shanghai, March 3, 2022 - Comau China is proud to have earned the 2021 Award for Excellent Supplier from Volvo Cars APAC in recognition of its achievements as a long-term collaborative partner. The award recognizes Comau's outstanding performance in body assembly and retooling for a new Volvo electric car which will be launched later this year. Comau China Managing Director Gaetano Cantalupo accepted the award at the 2022 Volvo Cars Asia Pacific Key Supplier Forum, held in Sanya on 25 February.

With the theme of "Collaborators Win the Future", the convention jointly explored the future of win-win cooperation and commended the top suppliers of the year. Volvo selected the 2021 winners based on a combination of delivery, quality, flexibility, sustainability, and cost competitiveness. Comau has won this particular Volvo award for the first time for its delivery of a retooling project as well as a new body assembly line for the Volvo Recharge. At the same time, the award represents the third consecutive year that Comau has won the Volvo partner award. Previously, Comau was awarded the Volvo APAC 2019 Award for Launch Excellence, the 2020 Award for Best Contributive Partner and the 2020 Award for Localization Support.

Since the establishment of Volvo Cars' first plant in China in 2013, Comau has actively contributed to the Volvo Cars development process, delivering several body-in-white and powertrain assembly lines at its Daqing, Chengdu, Zhangjiakou and Luqiao plants.

Comau has supported Volvo during the past year by excelling in engineering design, project management and on-site execution. As part of the win-win development strategy, Comau's technical design team both mastered the Volvo standards and streamlined their process. The quantity of equipment was also optimized and costs were reduced. Quality, production efficiency and safety specifications were other areas in which the Comau team excelled. When the global supply chain was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the team strictly enforced quality control, completed pre-acceptance 6 days ahead of schedule, and solved 100% of the problems before shipment. Comau also kept a tight grip on Volvo's safety guidelines, refined the on-site construction schedule with job hours, and completed all work ahead of schedule under the premise of ensuring safety and quality. Facing a tight schedule and the heavy task of relocating and rebuilding the old line, as well as the enormous pressure of installing the new line, the team worked diligently and effectively.



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Despite the pressure to complete the relocation, the team was able to reroute and optimize the old line within the time limit, accomplishing all pre-planned works with rigorously high standards and quality.

“Throughout our strategic collaboration, Comau has consistently proven its reliable quality, lean and innovative design, professional project management and efficient on-site execution,” said Johansson Bengt, VOLVO APAC BIW ME Program Execution Director. *“Comau has always stood for high efficiency and quick response and we look forward to continuing our cooperation. We believe that Comau will give Volvo a stronger technical momentum moving forward, as part of our win-win cooperation.”*

Managing Director of Comau China, Gaetano Cantalupo, added, *“The strong relationship with Volvo is crucial for Comau and is the backbone of our commitment to developing innovative, value-added system solutions for Volvo Cars while providing them with the best possible service. In addition, I would like to express my gratitude to the Comau China team for their collaborative efforts that have enabled Comau to stand out in the automotive industry.”*

Comau, a member of Stellantis, is a worldwide leader in delivering advanced industrial automation products and systems. Its portfolio includes technology and systems for electric, hybrid and traditional vehicle manufacturing, industrial robots, collaborative and wearable robotics, autonomous logistics, dedicated machining centers and interconnected digital services and products able to transmit, elaborate and analyze machine and process data.

With over 45 years of experience and a strong presence within every major industrial country, Comau is helping manufacturers of all sizes in almost any industry experience higher quality, increased productivity, faster time-to-market and lower overall costs. The company's offering also extends to project management and consultancy, as well as maintenance and training for a wide range of industrial segments.

Headquartered in Turin, Italy, Comau has an international network of 6 innovation centers, 5 digital hubs, 9 manufacturing plants that span 13 countries and employ 4,000 people. A global network of distributors and partners allows the company to respond quickly to the needs of customers, no matter where they are located throughout the world.

Through the training activities organized by its Academy, Comau is also committed to developing the technical and managerial knowledge necessary for companies to face the challenges and opportunities of Industry 4.0.

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