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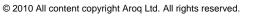
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## Preface

#### Research methodology

This report is intended to provide an overview of the vehicle clutch industry, providing top level market fitment, volume and value forecasts through 2017. Our forecasts are not extrapolative but dependent on the underlying drivers of supply and demand. Our forecasts are largely based on interviews with the author's extensive international network of industry contacts. This allows us to consider and explain the meaning and implications of industry events, rather than offer simple description based on incomplete data.

Our approach is divided into two distinct methodologies:

- qualitative interviews these are generally opinion-based, which aim to build knowledge about future clutch market trends and company strategies;
- quantitative interviews typically fact-based, focused on establishing market values, shares, and volumes.

Our research typically concentrates on applications for light vehicles which include all cars, light trucks and the various cross-over vehicle styles such as sports utility vehicles and people carriers. These vehicles collectively account for about 96% of the global vehicle build.

Our market forecasts are set out by major light vehicle-producing region, i.e. Europe, Japan, China and North America. For the purposes of this report, except where expressly stated, Europe includes Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Turkey and the UK. North America includes the US, Canada and Mexico.

#### Report coverage

In this, the sixth edition of this report, *just-auto* reviews the key market drivers for vehicle clutches, and updates the market analysis. Following our market overview in Chapter 1, *just-auto's* product fitment forecasts in Chapter 2



predict the market (by volume and value) worldwide (and by major carproducing region) for manual transmissions and automated manual transmissions. This chapter includes exclusive interviews with senior executives of BorgWarner, Getrag, LuK, Prodrive, Vocis Driveline Controls, Torotrak and ZF. Chapter 3 reviews the technical advances in clutches, defining the parts that make up the clutch itself as well as what we can expect to see in tomorrow's cars. Chapter 4 sets out profiles of the major manufacturers, namely Aisin Seiki, Exedy, FCC, LuK, Valeo, and ZF.

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## **Chapter 1 Introduction**

Europe may have long resisted the automatic gearbox, but new environmental and fuel efficiency legislation combined with major advances in electronics and manufacturing techniques are paving the way for a flood of new automated transmission technologies.

These include high-performance automated manual transmissions (AMTs), dual-clutch transmissions (DCTs), continuously variable transmissions (CVTs) for smaller vehicles and highly innovative new technologies such as Torotrak's infinitely variable transmission (IVT) and Antonov's automatic drive.

The most likely 'winner' (that will replace traditional automatics and boost market penetration of automated transmissions generally) will be the dualclutch, pre-select DCT concept.

DCT is growing in significance due to its combination of refinement, efficiency, low cost and driving satisfaction. Supplier BorgWarner has long been associated with dual-clutch systems with Volkswagen. The VW Group pioneered this technology and continues to push dual-clutch technology in Europe. VW co-developed the six-speed dual-clutch gearboxes (branded DSG) with BorgWarner, making use of the supplier's DualTronic wet-clutch and control-system technology.



## **Chapter 2 The market**

#### Market players

#### Aisin Seiki

Aisin Seiki's clutch products include clutch covers, discs, flywheel with torsional damper and torque converters for light vehicles, small- and mediumsize trucks, buses and industrial vehicles. In Japan, Aisin produces clutch covers, discs and automatic transmissions at its Ogawa plant, in Anjo prefecture. Aisin also produces and sells clutches at its facilities located in Australia, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Mexico and the US.

#### Exedy Corp

Exedy Corp is the largest independent OEM supplier of clutches in Japan. Exedy supplies all of the major Japanese vehicle makers and to Ford and GM in the US. Its product line-up includes torque converters and automatic transmission parts, clutch discs, clutch covers and dual mass flywheels, power shift transmissions, hydraulic clutches, machine devices, moulding devices and motorcycle clutches. The company currently employs xxxxxx people at its facilities in the US, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, China and India.

#### FCC Co Ltd

FCC Co Ltd currently employs xxxxx people across its three operating divisions, namely motorcycle clutches (employing xxxxx people), vehicle clutches (xxxxx people) and other products (xxx people). The company also employs a further xxx people looking after the administration side of the business. FCC Co Ltd designs and produces clutches and clutch-related parts for motorcycles, passenger cars and other vehicles. The company mainly sells clutches for motorcycles and passenger cars to Honda. Its dependence is particularly high in relation to motorcycles, where the company supplies clutches for virtually all of Honda's requirements. For passenger car applications, the company supplies clutches for nearly all Honda cars fitted with automatic transmissions. Its other customers include Suzuki Motor, Yamaha Motor and Kawasaki Heavy Industries. On a geographical basis, Japan accounted for xx% of FCC's sales in the fiscal year ended 31 March 2009, North America (xx%), Asia (xx%) and the rest of the world made up the remaining x%.



## **Chapter 3 Technical review**

#### Defining the elements

Transmissions generally fall into one of two camps:

- manually-shifted transmissions with spur gears in a countershaft arrangement;
- load-actuated automatic transmissions with planetary-gear sets.

According to Bosch, the basic elements of the manually-shifted transmission are:

- single or multiplate dry-clutch for interrupting and engaging the power flow; actuation may be power-assisted to deal with high operating forces;
- variable-ratio gear transmission unit featuring permanent-mesh gears in one of several individual assemblies;
- o shift mechanism with shift lever.

A friction clutch consists of a pressure plate, a clutch disk – featuring bonded or riveted friction surfaces – and the second friction surface represented by the engine-mounted flywheel. The flywheel and pressure plate provide the thermal absorption required for friction operation of the clutch; flywheel and pressure plate are connected directly to the engine, while the clutch disk is mounted on the transmission's input shaft.

The pressure plate is basically the pressure mechanism that clamps the disc to the flywheel to get the vehicle moving. Pressing in the pedal relieves the pressure from the clutch disc to disengage the engine from the drivetrain for shifting or stopping.

The clutch disc is the central connecting element of the clutch. Together with the pressure plate, it disengages and engages the engine from and with the drivetrain. The clutch disc transfers engine torque to the transmission input shaft. The clutch disc is a flat plate with friction materials on both sides. As the pressure plate is engaged (pedal let out), the clutch disc is clamped to the flywheel. When the pressure plate is disengaged, (pedal pushed in) the clutch disc is unclamped. The disc is connected to the input shaft of the transmission



## **Chapter 4 Manufacturers**

#### Aisin Seiki

Aisin Seiki is one of the leading manufacturers in terms of clutch sales, although it is still mainly concerned with the Asian market. Its drivetrain products group designs and produces automatic transmission; manual transmissions; automated manual transmissions; continuously variable transmission; clutch cover and discs. More specifically, its clutch products include:

- clutch covers;
- clutch discs (torsion rubber type);
- clutch discs (coil spring type);
- clutch disc (variable hysteresis type);
- flywheel with torsional damper;
- torque converter;
- electric oil pumps;
- semiconductor-type active speed sensor;
- aluminium die-casting oil pump cover;
- wet friction material for automatic transmission;
- o dry friction material for manual transmissions.

Aisin Seiki describes its drivetrain products as its *"mainstay business"* comprising xx% of net sales. It supplies products for light vehicles, small- and medium-size trucks, buses and industrial vehicles.

In Japan, Aisin produces clutch covers, discs and automatic transmissions at its Ogawa plant, in Anjo prefecture. Aisin also produces and sells clutches at the following sites:

- Aisin (Australia) Pty Ltd production of door latches and sales of clutches and domestic sewing machines;
- PT Aisin Indonesia clutch covers and other drivetrain-related components, door latches and other body related components, intake manifolds and other engine related components;
- Liberty Mexicana SA de CV production of water pumps and rebuilding of clutch covers;
- Aisin Asia Pte Ltd, Singapore sales of clutches for the aftermarket and domestic sewing machines;

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