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Rheinmetall Automotive

Follow-up order for the US market: gasoline piston assemblies worth over €135 million

Through its subsidiary, KS Kolbenschmidt US, Inc., first-tier auto-industry supplier Rheinmetall Automotive AG has booked a follow-up order from a major American OEM. With a lifetime volume of more than €135 million the contract is for the delivery of gasoline engine pistons for high-displacement eight-cylinder engines to replace the present series-production family of gasoline engines installed in delivery and other light commercial vehicles. The components are to be manufactured for the local market at KS Kolbenschmidt's North American plant in Marinette / Wisconsin. The contract will run until 2025.

These pistons are members of the manufacturer's Liteks family and will be supplied complete with rings, piston pin, piston rings, and connecting rod. Thus, KS Kolbenschmidt once again underlines its engine-module capability. The pistons feature a specially machined crown for extreme robustness. The skirt comes with a Nanofriks coating whose nanoparticles make for exceptional wear and friction resistance, thus addressing the growing demand for fuel-consumption and emission reductions.

About Rheinmetall Automotive

Rheinmetall Automotive AG which represents the Mobility sector within Rheinmetall, the Technology Group, has annual sales of around €2.6 billion (2015) and ranks among the 100 biggest auto-industry suppliers worldwide. Some 11,000 employees at around 40 production plants in Europe, the Americas, Japan, India and China develop and manufacture components, modules and assemblies for the drive systems of present and future vehicles.

Proposed illustration: Liteks gasoline engine piston

