

KSK Concept and Products

"Creation based upon intelligence and five senses"

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The KSK Concept of Creation: "Creation based on intelligence and the five senses"

The intelligence to conceive improvements and modifications, and the five human senses that follows up on the mistakes that tend to occur with computer control.

The concept behind this "Creation based on intelligence and the five senses" represent our fundamental guideline, and we put it to maximum use through all processes, from design through to manufacture.

"Creation based on intelligence and the five senses" helps us instill an analog sense into state-of-the-art digital machines, and there is no end to the improvements that can be made.

We will **continue to work on improvement over improvement** to constantly enhance our powers of creation so that we can be assured of the complete trust of all our clients.

We have been involved in Kaizen (improvement) exchanges with overseas nations since the 1990s, and so far more than 800 people have visited us from overseas to exchange ideas on the KSK way of Kaizen and creation.



KSK Creation

KSK is a manufacturer of "aluminum diecast/fully-assembled products" and "transmission control systems".

Aluminum diecast/ fully-assembled products

Consistent throughout all stages of creation

Consistent throughout all manufacturing processes, from diecasting through to processing, assembly and inspections.

This enables us to provide products that match up with our clients' optimal QDC requirements.

Transmission control system manufacturer

Consistent throughout all stages of product development

Providing mission control for a wide range of vehicles, from light vehicles through to large-sized trucks.

This enables us to provide modular products that have been developed in accordance with our client's optimal requirements.



Consistent Throughout All Stages of Creation

Minimizing stocks

2 Flexibly supporting volume variations

3 Quality assurance on 100% of processes

Achieving the above to establish production methods that are consistent throughout all stages of creation to provide high-quality products inexpensively to our clients.

One-piece flow production is the basis of KSK creation.



KSK Processing Technology

Approximately 70% of KSK's machinery and 100% of our tools are designed and manufactured in-house, and we have established unique, imaginative and compact production lines. This not only makes daily maintenance an easy task, it also enables continual improvement by allowing us to upgrade the machinery and tools as and when we wish, which is a KSK administrative policy.

Despite the Great Eastern Japan Earthquake and other disasters that struck Japan, we were able to achieve the recovery of our production capacity within a few days.

Examples of our in-house production machinery and tools



KSK Diecasting Technology

We cast products on our diecasting machines, which range between **135 and 800 tons**, and deliver the end products to our clients after processing has been completed. Our main keywords are low-cost, **compact and lightweight**.

High-strength, air-tight, high-quality

We use our diecasting technology to promote conversions away from steel and gravity-cast products.

In addition, we received an order for the valve bodies that represent ultra high-quality parts conventionally manufactured by automobile companies, produced them on our integrated onepiece flow production line, and are currently in the process of delivering them to our client.

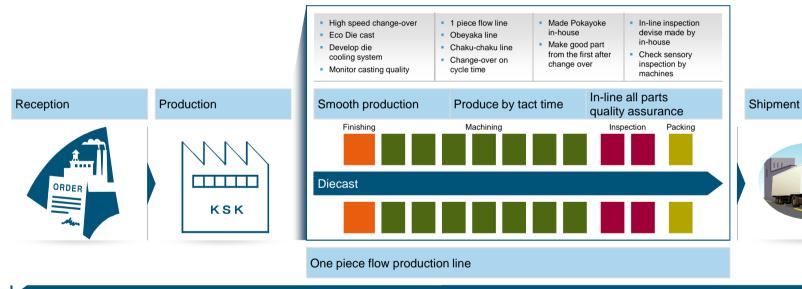


One-Piece Flow Production Line (Concept)

Products flow swiftly from the die-casting process, which represents the upstream source, through to processing and then inspections ...

Seek and pursue are the keywords to the ideal creation. Our just-in-time production system takes this to the extreme in order to produce and deliver to our clients the "needed products", "when needed" in the "needed quantities". The system that enables this is our one-piece flow production lines.

To explain it from a different angle, this line represents the "delivery pizza store for our creations".















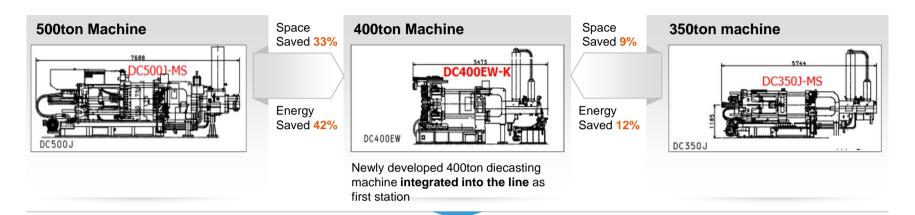








One-Piece Flow Production Line (Example)



Casting

- 1. Uses an oil-based mold release agent with a new cooling system
- 2. Constant monitoring of diecast processes

Processing

1. Process error judgment machines built into lines

Inspecting

- 1. One-piece flow inspections
- 2. Automated inspections on blowhole accuracy of deep hole diameters (Installation of gyro-scanners)

Low contamination

Visibility/
Recordability

Prevention of undetected defects

Improve work performance

Precision greatly improved – Shortened inspection time

High-Strength, Air-Tight Products Transcending the Oceans

It was originally suggested to us in 1999 when exchanging opinions with a certain German company during a Kaizen convention that if air-tight gravity products were converted to KSK's high-strength, airtight diecast products it would be possible to reduce both weight and cost. We submitted a quotation for exporting valve housings, and they were highly acclaimed for reducing weight by approximately 30% or more and because of their low cost, and the company started importing them from Japan in 2001.

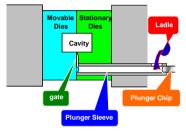
Ever since then we have initiated model changes based on the same levels of stable quality, and we have continued to supply them now for more than 10 years.



Example of Conversion

High Strength, Air-Tight products

Cold chamber machine



Semi hot chamber machine

- Horizontal die closing and horizontal injection
- Ladle melt feed system

- Horizontal die closing and vertical injection
- Electromagnetic pump melt feed system

Special features of semi hot chamber diecasting

- Oxideskins and congealed material can almost be avoided by using an electromagnetic pump melt
- Limited blowholes due to horizontal die closing and low-speed vertical injection (0.1m/s~0.15m/s).

Products that must have very low porosity

- Strength 20~30% up, because heat treatment (T6) becomes possible, and welding becomes possible too.
- Malina air firbitail-tight parts are possible.



Case for power snift

Air-tight part



Engine mounting

- High strength part
- Heat treatment T6



Valve housing for power steering

Oil-tight part

Lighter engine mounts for medium-sized trucks Aim of Points of Consideration Effect Item Development Modified from pressed-steel and Weight reduced by More lightweight cast-iron products to aluminum approx. 55% die-casting products. Heat processing High levels of strength made possible possible by semi- hot chamber Few blowholes so die-casting. higher density High density made possible by products possible vertical injection at low speeds (0.1m/s to 0.15m/s). Modified from steel sheet brackets to aluminum diecasting products. Patent Development Mass-Production Recommended **Progress** Vehicle Types **Current Product Developed Product** Configura-Drawing press processed Diecast + T6 processing **Product Outline and Features** tion Steel-made Aluminum diecast-made Principle Weight: ^ ^ ^ ~ **ENG MOUNTING** Weight 1.8kg 0.9kg Cost 100% 100% Issues Restricted to shapes that can be cast. Suggested Use Base BRKTs on lightweight floor shifts that require high strength and high density.

High strength and air-tight diecasting parts



Medium duty truck

1 CASE Mass: 308g

FRONT COVER mass: 490g

4 ENGINE FOOT mass: 1000g



Light duty truck

3 SPRING SEAT mass: 690g

5 COVER mass: 315g





Mercedes E Class

6 VALVE HOUSING mass: 380g

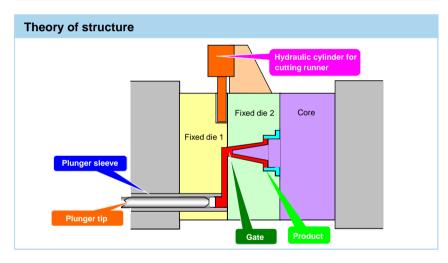


Example of Conversion

High quality diecasting method

Purpose

 Use center gate diecasting method to increase measurement accuracy and to reduce porosity.



Characteristics

- Realized sprain accuracy by "center gate method" without processing.
- Porosity is very limited.

Parts

- Drum, Piston, Hub, Balancer for automatic transmission.
- Circular parts which need high accuracy.

| More light weight for Hub of auto transmission | | | | | | | |
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| Aim of Development | | Item | Points of Consideration | | Effect | | |
| | | More light weight Anti wear Product accuracy | Modified from steel sheet members to aluminum diecasting parts High-silicon aluminum diecasting good worth ADC 14 Centergate diecasting method | | Weight reduced by approx. 55% Strength of surface increasing 15% (comparing against ADC12) Realized sprain accuracy by "center gate method" without processing | | |
| | elopment gress | Mass-Production | Recommended Vehicle Types | | | Patent | |
| | | Current Product Developed Pr | | Developed Prod | duct | | |
| Product Outline and Features | Configuration Principle | Used steel to ensure wear-resistance Drive power transferred by fixed welding | | Centergate method – Cog angle of Ø 0.2 achieved without processing 1. High-silicon – Surface hardness increased by 15% with ADC12 material 2. Drive power transferred with an inner spline | | | |
| | Weight | 240g (equivalent to the shape of the developed product) | | 140g | | | |
| Cos | t | 100% | | 100% | | | |
| Issues | | Difficult to obtain in large quantities | | | | | |
| Suggested Use | | High-precision circular products requiring wear-resistance | | | | | |



High quality diecasting parts – Centergate diecasting method



ELGRAND

- DRUM ASSY mass: 1120g
- 6 PISTON; DIRECT CLUTCH mass: 447g



MOVE

- PISTON mass: 182g
- 5 PISTON mass: 61g





CAMRY

7 HUB mass: 140g



TUNDRA

3 BALANCER mass: 266g



IS350

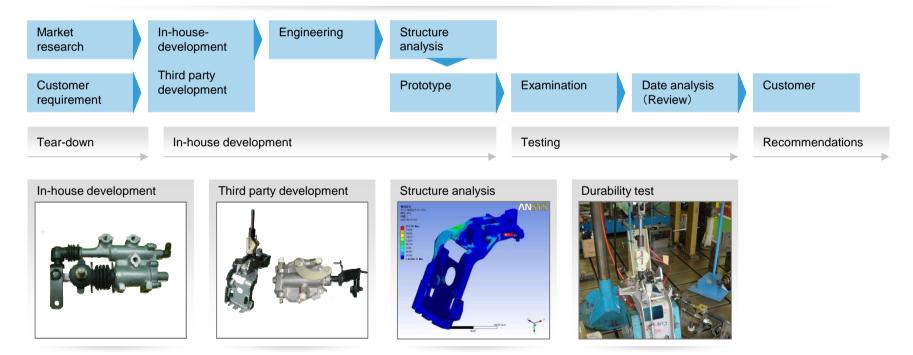
4 PISTON; BRAKE mass: 278g

Consistent Throughout All Stages of Product Development (Processes)

Aiming at becoming a proposal-based company with regard to transmission control.

KSK is forging ahead with the development of a system covering all aspects of product provision, from initial proposals through to design, analysis and test evaluations, in order to satisfy all customer requirements for a wide range of vehicles from light vehicles through to large trucks.

We are aiming at becoming a proposal-based company based on product development that will also satisfy all of our overseas customers.



Consistent Throughout All Stages of Product Development (Products)

The only one in Japan. We provide all aspects involved in the development and delivery of products, from shift levers through to control boxes, as part of our overall system. We also promote the substitution of materials and specifications in order to achieve more compact and lightweight products.

In-house development







1 SHIFT LEVER ASSY



2 CONTROL BOX ASSY



3 SHIFT LEVER ASSY



POWER SHIFT

Example of Conversion

| Lighter Floor Shifts for Light Vehicles | | | | | | | |
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| Aim of Development | | Item | Points of Consideration | | Effect | | |
| | | More lightweight Cost reductions | Modified from steel sheet members to aluminum diecasting parts. Costs reduced owing to a unified aluminum form. | | Weight reduced by approx. 30% Cost reduced by approx. 30% approx. 30% | | |
| Development Progress | | Mass-Production | | Recommended Patent Vehicle Types | | Patent | |
| | | Current Product | | Developed Prod | oduct | | |
| Product Outline and Features | Configura- tion Principle | 1. Steel sheet change 2. Steel sheet memb 3. Transfer lever | · | | zed | . | |
| | Weight | 3.3kg | | 2.4kg | | | |
| Cost | | 100% | 70% | | | | |
| Issues | | | | | | | |
| Suggested Use | | Base BRKTs on floor shifts | | | | | |

| Lighter change levers for small-sized trucks | | | | | | | |
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| Aim of Development | | Item | Points of Consideration | | Effect | | |
| | | More lightweight Cost reductions | Modified from steel sheet and aluminum brackets to unified aluminum diecasting products. Cost reductions by simplifying the collapsible mechanism. | | Weight reduced by approx. 50% Cost reduced by approx. 30% | | |
| Development Progress | | Mass-Production | | Recommended Vehicle Types | | Patent | |
| | | | | Small trucks, etc. | | Yes | |
| | | Current Product Developed Prod | | uct | | | |
| Product Outline and Features | Configuration Principle | 1. Steel sheet selector bar 2. Aluminium bracket 3. Steel sheet bracket | | 1. Housing that can be made of resin 2. AL selector bar 3. Unified AL bracket | | | |
| | Weight | 2.6kg | | 1.3kg | | | |
| Cost | | 100% | 70% | | | | |
| Issues | | Aluminium-made shift levers | | | | | |
| Suggested Use | | Change levers BRKTs on passenger vehicles and trucks | | | | | |



Change Lever Parts – Passenger Cars



ATRAI

MT LEVER: INPANE TYPE mass: 1350g



XENIA

2 MT LEVER mass: 1320g



MOVE

MT LEVER mass: 2340g





COPEN

4 MT LEVER mass: 2340g



TERIOS

3 MT LEVER mass: 1640g



HIJET

5 MT LEVER mass: 2300g

Change lever Parts – Commercial Vehicles



Light duty truck

MT LEVER – FOLDABLE & W/SWITH TYPE

mass: 1400g

AMT LEVER ELECTRIC TYPE

mass: 1550g



Medium duty truck

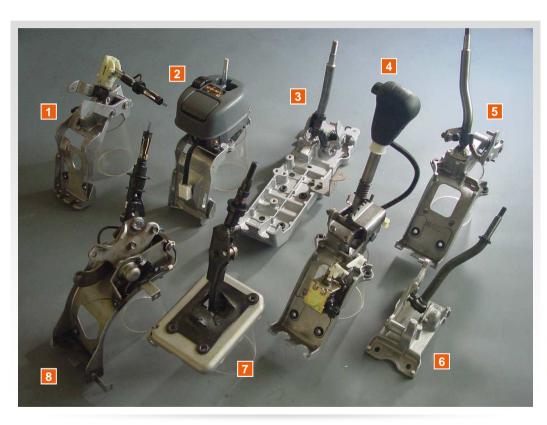
8 MT LEVER - TILT-FOLD-ABLE & W/SWITH TYPE

mass: 2800g



Heavy duty truck

7 MT LEVER – TILT-FOLDABLE TYPE mass: 2300g





Heavy duty truck

MT LEVER mass: 2280g



Medium duty truck

MT LEVER mass: 1470g

6 AT LEVER mass: 3220g



Medium duty truck

6 MT LEVER mass: 1520g



Example of Conversion

| Power assistance cost reductions for medium-sized trucks | | | | | | | |
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| Aim of Development | | Item | Points of Consideration | | Effect | | |
| | | Cost reductions More lightweight | Reducing the diameter of the pistons by separating the valves and pistons. | | Weight reduced by approx. 65%Cost reduced by approx. 30% | | |
| Development Progress | | Mass-Production | | Recommended Vehicle Types | | Patent | |
| | | | | Medium-sized trucks | | Yes | |
| | | Current Product | | Developed Product | | | |
| Product Outline and Features | Configuration Principle | The valve and piston are located on the same spindle and the diameter of the piston is large 1. The valve and piston are located on the same spindle and the diameter of the piston is large | | Air switch bubble Piston Separating the valve and the piston will enable the piston to have a smaller diameter to achieve a more compact | | | |
| | Weight | 3.4kg | | 1.2kg | | | |
| Cost | | 100% | | 70% | | | |
| Issues | | | | | | | |
| Suggested Use | | Air-pressure and hydraulic parts | | | | | |



Control box & Power shift



DMAX

1 CONTROL BOX mass: 1100g



Light duty truck

2 CONTROL BOX mass: 1900g



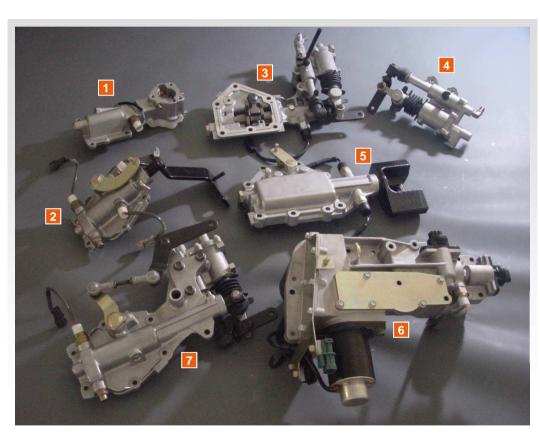
Medium duty truck

4 POWER SHIFT mass: 1350g



Heavy duty truck

5 CONTROL BOX mass: 4200g





Medium duty truck

CONTROL BOX W/POWER SHIFT

mass: 4200g



Medium duty truck

CONTROL BOX
W/POWER SHIFT

mass: 4500g



Light duty truck

6 CONTROL BOX W/ELECTRIC ACTUATOR

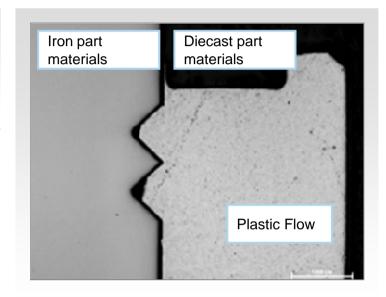
mass: 17500g

Results of Joint Industrial and Academic Research

The results of the "plastic binding" process, in which pressure is applied to aluminum and poured into fine steel grooves in order to obtain mechanical meshing, provide the basis for tangible objects.

Iron part materials and diecast part materials can be bound together. Substituting the plastic binding process for bolted binding has enabled smaller, lighter and cheaper products.

(Patent applied for)



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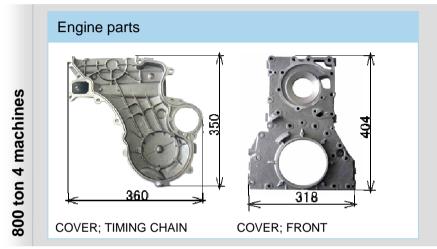
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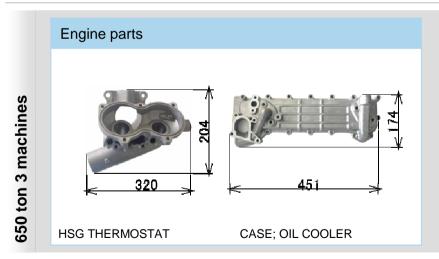
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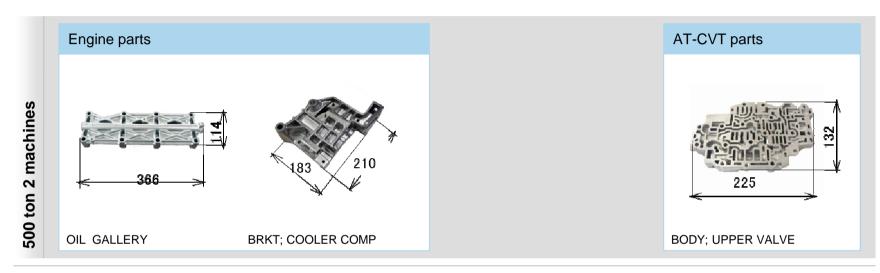


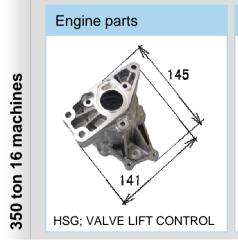




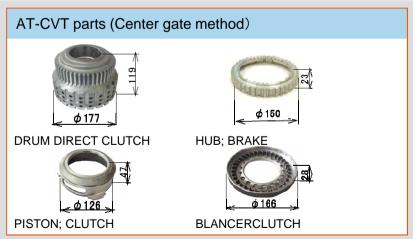


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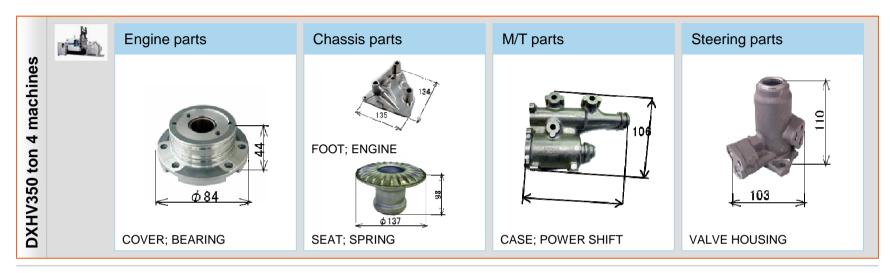


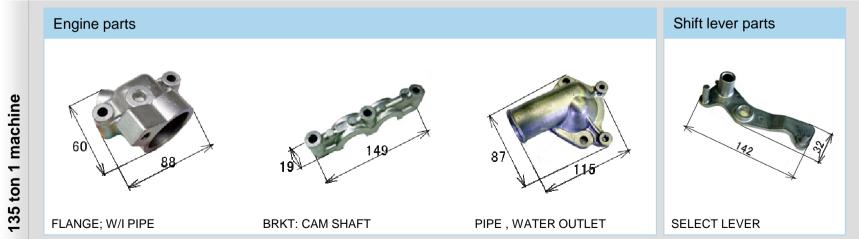






Reference Material: Machines and Products (3/3)





Reference Material: Test Facilities

Vibrochamber

Temperature: -40°C to +140°C Humidity 30 to 98% Capacity size 1.0m x 1.0m x 1.0m



Vibration Test Systems

Acceleration 40G Frequency 5 to 2500Hz Ability 1400Kgf



Methods of Compound corrosion Test Systems

Temperature -40° C to $+120^{\circ}$ C Humidity 50 to 95% Capacity size 1.0m x 0.6m x 1.0m



Hydraulic Shaker 2 sets

Load 29.4KN Stroke ±100mm Cycle 100Hz



Test Bench

3.0m x 4.5m 2 pieces



Pit

gvw Max 8ton



