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Overseas Initiatives

Carlex Group

As a member of the Central Glass Group, the Carlex Group, which has its head office in Nashville, Tennessee, operates four plants in the United States and one plant in Europe.

It produces high-quality automotive glass for not only Japanese companies but also a wide range of customers in the US, Europe, and South Korea.



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Items produced: fabricated automotive glass, float glass
Number of Employees: 3,100

➤ Environmental and Safety Initiatives

In recent years, automakers have been pursuing safety and environmental initiatives such as safety and collision avoidance features, energy efficiency, and weight reduction. In order to meet these needs, the Carlex Group supplies products for head-up displays, windshields with infrared reflective coatings, products for vehicle-mounted cameras, laminated door glass, and more. The Group is also working to develop new products. As environmental measures, we consider energy-saving equipment when making capital investments for planned new installations and are working to establish and promote lead-free soldering technology in compliance with the regulations in each country.

Initiatives in the Carlex Group

The number of employees in the Carlex Group has increased sevenfold over the last five years.

Accordingly, we established a department dedicated to the environment, health, and safety at the head office in 2015. This department is providing assistance and guidance to all sites, including in Europe.

In addition, this year we started using a management system to support safety and environmental compliance as a new initiative in North America.

➤ Message from the CEO

The Carlex Group has rapidly expanded in size in recent years, including through corporate acquisitions. Employee safety and health and environmental consideration are the basic premises under which we conduct our business. Last year, we established and launched use of environmental safety and health management system guidelines that cover the expanded business.

I believe that in order for the system to function effectively, it is important for top management to take the initiative in addressing these issues. From here on, we will make even greater efforts to reduce our environmental impact by setting targets for factors such as energy conservation, emissions, and waste reduction. I also believe that a future task for each site is to focus more on social contributions.



Toru Ogawa
Chief Executive Officer