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Akebono Brake Reinforces Management Structure for North American Operations

Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd., will as of December 1, 2005 implement the following changes in the management structure of its North American operations. With Ambrake Corporation, formerly a joint venture with Delphi Automotive Systems, having become a wholly owned subsidiary of Akebono, the changes are intended to strengthen management to better handle the increased scale of operations in North America.

The new management structure (only Japanese personnel are shown)

Name	New North American management structure	Current position
Hisataka Nobumoto	Chairman & CEO Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd. Chairman & CEO Akebono Corporation (North America)	Chairman & CEO Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd.
Sachiyuki Ishige	Senior Managing Executive Officer Status Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd. President & COO Akebono Corporation (North America)	Senior Managing Executive Officer Status Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd. Chairman & CEO Akebono Corporation (North America)
Hironori Sato	OEM Sales (Japanese & Korean accounts) Akebono Corporation (North America)	General Manager Automotive Sales 1 Group Sales Department Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd.
Yoichi Shinagawa	President Amtec Brake L.L.C.	Project Manager IT Project Corporate Planning Department Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd.
Yoshikazu Okawa	President Amak Brake L.L.C.	President & Representative Director Akebono Brake Yamagata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
Hiroshi Ogawa	Senior Chief Engineer R&D and CATI Akebono Corporation (North America)	Chief Engineer Akebono Corporation (North America)