Since •

Akebono was founded as Japan's first brake lining (friction material) manufacturer at the dawn of the Japanese automotive industry.



1960 First phase of transition Launched as a comprehensive brake manufacturer



1986 Second phase of transition First full-scale overseas expansion



Akebono resin brake shoes and disc brake linings are used on Japanese National Railways'

Kodama express trains



AD Type disc brakes win the Fiscal 1981 Japan Society of Mechanical **Engineers Medal**



Establishes Ambrake Corporation as a joint venture with General Motors in the United States



Founded as Japan's first brake lining manufacturer at the dawn of Japan's motorization



Signs brake-related technical assistance agreement with a global brake manufacturer Bendix Corporation in the United States



Acquires equity interest in PT. (currently PT. Akebono Brake Astra Indonesia) First step to establish a business

Net sales trend



2010 Third phase of transition Acceleration of globalization



Participates in F1 providing brake components as the official supplier for the McLaren team



New corporate headquarters, the Akebono Crystal Wing (ACW) is completed in Hanyu City, Saitama Prefecture

2000

Starts using the new corporate logo



(Billions of yen)

250

Society of Mechanical Engineers the "development and mass production of high performance brakes for road cars"

200



150

100



Establishes Akebono Arras S.A. production facility in France (currently Akebono Europe





Chinese local subsidiaries Akebono Corporation (Guangzhou) and Akebono Corporation (Suzhou) are



Signs a contract with Robert Bosch GmbH to acquire its North American brake business Accelerates globalization from 2010