

ISO 14001 EXTERNAL AUDIT

Kiryu, Japan

Last quarter, Ogura underwent an ISO 14001 Environmental Management System recertification audit conducted by BSI Japan at Ogura’s head office and related sites. No major or minor nonconformities were identified.

The auditors noted that Ogura’s environmental management system is systematically implemented from top management through all departments. Action plans and KPIs are clearly defined, progress is reviewed monthly, and improvements in performance were recognized. The system was found to be well managed, with no significant complaints, environmental incidents, or legal violations. Based on these results, continued ISO 14001 certification was approved.●

HYDROGEN RACE CAR IMPROVES

Japan

Last quarter, the final round of the Super Taikyu Series was held at Fuji Speedway, where Rookie Racing entered two cars: the No. 32 TGRR GR Corolla H2 Concept and the No. 28 TGRR GR86 Future FR Concept.



Mr. Toyota with 32 TGRR GR Corolla H2

Starting from 59th position, the No.32 car, driven by Morizo, Ogura, Sasaki, and Ishiura, completed the race smoothly with consistent pace and efficient hydrogen refueling, demonstrating improvements in driving range and refueling time.

The No.28 car focused on evaluating sustainable tires as a key objective. Multiple drivers maintained stable performance throughout the race, finishing without incident.●

TOKYO AUTO SALON 2026

Tokyo, Japan

In January, Ogura exhibited at Tokyo Auto Salon 2026 in collaboration with Rookie Racing, HAL springs, and PIT ORC. The Ogura booth attracted many visitors throughout the event.



GR Yaris M-concept



Ogura booth

A major highlight was the announcement of the “GR Team ORC × Field” lineup for the Super Endurance Series ST-Q class, along with the display of the GR Yaris M-concept, a mid-engine 4WD that drew strong

attention for its unique design.

Ogura also announced that its clutches will be officially adopted for the Kyojo Formula, all-female racing championship, starting in the 2026 season. This marks an important recognition of the performance and reliability of our products.



All-female racing team



Members of GR Team ORC Field

The booth featured four race vehicles from various categories, as well as new and upcoming clutch products, including metal clutches for the BMW M2/M4 and Isuzu D-MAX, a semi-custom clutch scheduled for release in February 2026, and a lightweight twin-plate

clutch currently under development.●

Ogura Sales Rep Profile

*Bill Lucas
Herrington PT*

Bill Lucas joined the HerringtonPT team in June of 2024 and quickly made an impact, hitting the ground running from day one. With more than 20 years of sales experience and a strong background in agriculture, Bill brings a deep understanding of both the technical and practical challenges his customers face.



Bill Lucas

Bill's greatest strength lies in relationship building and truly listening to understand customer needs, allowing him to develop solutions that create long-term value and trust. His approachable style and industry knowledge make him a valued partner to both customers and suppliers alike.

Outside of work, Bill enjoys cooking and spending time with his fiancée, Nicole, and their blended family. ●

TABLE MANNERS WORKSHOP

Kiryu, Japan

Last quarter, a table manners workshop was held at Trattoria Bourbon in Kiryu City for the new employees. The workshop emphasized that dining occasions are an important opportunity for building trust in professional settings. By experiencing a full-course meal, participants gained a structured understanding of basic table manners and finer points of etiquette that are often overlooked in everyday dining, making the session highly meaningful. As employees of Ogura Clutch, participants aim to put these lessons on manners, conduct, and poise into practice and grow into exemplary professionals.

The session also provided a chance for new employees to reconnect with their peers for the first time since their initial training, share updates, and strengthen their relationships, which proved to be very inspiring. ●

ZEN MEDITATION TRAINING FOR NEW EMPLOYEES

Takasaki City, Japan

Last quarter, a Zen meditation training program was held for the new employees at Shorinzan Daruma-ji Temple in Takasaki City. Participants experienced zazen meditation, sutra copying, temple cleaning, and chanting, spending time calming their minds and reflecting on themselves. They also learned proper dining etiquette and worked together to prepare and enjoy traditional vegetarian temple meals.



Throughout the training, participants were required to act quietly and mindfully, which made them more aware of the importance of consideration, cooperation, and respect for others. The sutra-copying practice, in particular, helped develop concentration and gave participants a strong sense of accomplishment. ●

OGURA'S TOP SPIN CHALLENGE

Kiryu, Japan

The 7th Kiryu Tournament of the All Japan Business Team Spinning Top Championship was held in Kiryu in December, with 38 teams participating, including local high schools and companies. Ogura entered two teams: the Transportation Equipment Clutch Team and the General Clutch Team.



The Transportation Equipment Clutch Team used a balanced design and strategic throws but narrowly lost in the first round to Daiichi Kako Co., Ltd.

The General Clutch Team improved on last year's single-point stationary concept, winning their first two matches, including against Daiichi Kako. They advanced to the quarterfinals, where they were narrowly defeated by Takasaki Technical High School in a close endurance battle. ●

Application Story

Change You Can Trust: Ogura AMB Brake and The GLORY Mach™ 9e

High-volume coin processing environments demand precision, reliability, and long-term durability. In the GLORY Mach™ 9e WAVE coin sorter, these requirements are met through thoughtful system design and the integration of proven motion control components, including the Ogura AMB 80-07 electromagnetic brake. Together, Ogura and GLORY Global support consistent, dependable performance in mission-critical cash handling operations.



The GLORY Mach™ 9e WAVE is engineered for high-throughput coin processing centers where productivity, accuracy, and uptime are essential.

Designed for use by financial institutions, armored carriers, vending operators, transportation authorities, and gaming environments, the Mach™ 9e WAVE processes large volumes of coin with dependable accuracy. Advanced authentication capabilities and effective debris handling help maintain operational integrity while minimizing downtime.



AMB 80-07

Within this demanding application, the Ogura AMB 80-07 electromagnetic brake plays a critical role in controlling rotary motion within the coin handling system. Ogura's AMB Series brakes are designed specifically for industrial environments requiring fast response, repeatable engagement, and long service life. Their electromagnetic design delivers precise braking torque and rapid engagement, supporting smooth, controlled operation in automated equipment.

In a high-speed coin sorter, controlled motion is essential for maintaining consistent coin flow, reducing jams, and protecting downstream components. The Ogura AMB 80-07 provides reliable stopping and holding performance during frequent start-stop cycles and varying load conditions typical of bulk coin processing. Its zero-backlash armature design supports accurate positioning while reducing mechanical shock, a key benefit in precision cash-handling machinery.

Durability is equally important for equipment that often operates continuously for extended periods. Ogura AMB Series brakes feature robust construction and effective heat dissipation, enabling consistent performance in continuous-duty applications. This aligns with GLORY Global's focus on designing equipment capable of sustained operation in demanding environments where reliability directly impacts productivity and operating costs.

The integration of Ogura motion control technology into the GLORY Mach™ 9e WAVE demonstrates the value of collaboration between component specialists and system manufacturers. Together, Ogura and GLORY Global deliver a high-performance coin sorting solution that supports accuracy, reduces downtime, and provides long-term operational confidence for end users.

The Ogura AMB 80 electromagnetic brake (torque range: 2–70 in-lbs / 0.25–8 Nm) offers zero-backlash stopping performance in a compact, easy-to-mount package. Its fast response time and excellent heat dissipation make it well suited for continuous operation in precision cash-handling systems.



GLORY Mach™ 9e WAVE coin sorter

For more information on Ogura clutches and brakes, please visit us at www.Ogura-Clutch.com. ●



Ogura in the News

2025 INTERNATIONAL ROBOT EXHIBITION

Tokyo, Japan

Last quarter, Ogura exhibited at the 2025 International Robot Exhibition at Tokyo Big Sight. The event, held under the theme “A Sustainable Society Enabled by Robotics,” attracted a record 156,110 visitors and showcased the latest robotics, AI, and automation technologies from around the world.



Ogura Clutch booth

At the Ogura booth, live demonstrations featured collaborative robots from Yaskawa Electric and FANUC, equipped with Ogura’s OGR-type robot hand, OTC-type tool changer, and ODS-type brake diagnostic system. Visitors experienced the robot hand’s flexibility, precision, and stability in handling workpieces of varying shapes and materials.



LEAP Award winner MCNB 0.02

Ogura also highlighted its electromagnetic tool changer, which enables automated changeovers with zero power consumption while engaged, and its brake diagnostic system, which provides real-time condition monitoring and predictive maintenance. In addition, Ogura exhibited a range of spring-applied brakes, including an ultra-compact model, that won the Gold Award in the Machinery Category of the LEAP Award, a high hollow-ratio hollow-shaft brake, and a newly developed thin-type brake.

With support from Itoh Shokai Co., Ltd., Ogura also showcased the MES “ProManage,” demonstrating how digital solutions can improve visibility, efficiency, and KPI management in manufacturing operations.●

OGURA WINS RACE HONORS FOR 2025

Japan

Last quarter, the series rankings for the TGR Rally Challenge 2025, held at 11 locations nationwide, were announced. The Ogura Clutch BS GR Yaris-ORC delivered outstanding performances throughout the season, earning Mr. Ogura (driver) and Mr. Takada (co-driver) the series championship for the first time in 11 years.



Mr. Ogura with Tom Suzuki (2nd) and Daiki Hiroki (3rd)

At the Toyota Special Race held on November 29–30, which opened only to top-ranked competitors, featured intense battles among the leading drivers in each class. The event also featured notable drivers, including Yuta Tomikawa of Toyota Times and actor Sho Aikawa, competing in the “e-Vote FLEX Sho ORC Yaris,” which Ogura proudly supports, further adding to the excitement. Amid fierce competition, the Ogura Clutch BS GR Yaris-ORC not only secured the series championship but also claimed overall victory in the Toyota Special Race, bringing the season to an outstanding close.●



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