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Sterling Stamping Plant

35777 Van Dyke , Sterling Heights, Michigan, United States

Floor Space: 2.74 million square feet

Acreage: 254 acres

Products: Stampings and assemblies including hoods, roofs, liftgates, side apertures, fenders and floor pans for the Dodge Durango; Chrysler Pacifica, Chrysler Voyager and Chrysler Grand Caravan (Canada only); Jeep® Grand Cherokee and Ram Truck.

Employment: 1,743 (1,564 hourly; 179 salaried)

Union Local: UAW Local 1264, 889 and 412

Plant History: Facility was completed and production started in 1965. The first stampings were produced in January 1965. There are 26 major lines of stamping presses, ranging from 400 to 4,000 tons capacity. The facility has a capacity of 480,000 tons of steel and 14,000 tons of aluminum annually, water storage capacity of 900,000 gallons, steam capacity of 300,000 pounds per hour and compressed air of 25,000 cubic feet per minute. Sterling Stamping is the largest stamping plant in the world and ships to customers in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Venezuela.

In July 2015, the Company confirmed an investment of more than \$166 million in three new press lines to support increased product demand. The investment included the purchase and installation of two extra-large High Speed Servo Tandem press lines (each 180 inches) and one large Servo Progressive press line. The three presses have increased the number of stampings produced each day by nearly 75,000 or 20 million a year.

On Feb. 26, 2019, FCA announced that it would invest \$160 million in the facility to support additional production of Jeep® and Ram vehicles being created as part of a \$4.5 billion investment announcement that will impact five existing Michigan facilities and build a new assembly plant within the city of Detroit. In total, the proposed projects will create nearly 6,500 new jobs, including 80 at the stamping plant.

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