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## Tuff Torq Celebrates Grand Opening of Test Engineering Center



Tuff Torq staff and management celebrate the opening of the Tuff Torq Test Engineering Center.

June 30, 2022, Morristown, TN - Tuff Torq Corporation has celebrated a major milestone in its history with the grand opening of the Tuff Torq Test Engineering Center (T-TEC). The 17,000 square foot facility allows for significant expansion of Tuff Torq's testing capabilities and supports continued growth of the company.

Tuff Torq Corporation was established in 1989, with the Test Department formed in 1995. Beginning with only three employees and three pieces of equipment, the department has expanded significantly in the past 27 years, and now boasts over thirty employees, fifteen test stands, two test tracks, and multiple other pieces of equipment. The new dedicated testing facility will further enhance Tuff Torq's testing capabilities towards improving quality and reliability and increasing customer value.

A ceremony was held to commemorate the opening of the facility, and was attended by Tuff Torq management and employees, and representatives of the local community.

“Tuff Torq’s sales and product portfolio have grown to the point where more testing and new types of testing are needed,” said Yoshimune Yamaoka, Chairman of Tuff Torq Corporation. “It is thanks to your continued efforts that Tuff Torq has succeeded and faces a secure future.”

Mr. Yamaoka also praised the strong support from the local city and government as contributing to Tuff Torq’s success.

Keith Andrews, one of the original test department members, was on hand to join in the opening of the center and thanked community leaders and team members for their efforts in leading this project.

“With this new state of the art facility, Tuff Torq will continue to produce and develop new industry leading products with world-class leading performance, quality, and reliability.”

Another unique feature of the new building is its Yanmar’s energy system. The system allows for lower operating costs and helps to achieve the goal of reducing the carbon footprint and providing sustainable solutions to customers. Tuff Torq is a subsidiary of Kanzaki Kokyukoki Corporation, which is part of the Yanmar group.

T-TEC was designed to be easily expandable and will support Tuff Torq’s continued growth.



Left: testing facilities at the new testing center; right: Yanmar energy systems provide low emissions energy for the facility.

### **About Tuff Torq**

Tuff Torq Corporation is based in Morristown, Tennessee and handles all manufacturing functions for products within U.S. facilities. We are committed to being an American made product and, thus, we are driven to ensure our product quality reflects this heritage. Established in 1989 by Kanzaki Kokyukoki Mfg. Co. Ltd of Amagasaki, Japan, Tuff Torq Corporation was created to be a domestic manufacturing base for drive systems for the lawn and gardening industries.

For more details, please visit the official website:

<https://www.tufftorq.com/>

### **About Yanmar**

With beginnings in Osaka, Japan, in 1912, Yanmar was the first ever to succeed in making a compact diesel engine of a practical size in 1933. A pioneer in diesel engine technology,

Yanmar is a global innovator in a wide range of industrial equipment, from small and large engines, agricultural machinery and facilities, construction equipment, energy systems, marine, to machine tools, and components — Yanmar’s global business operations span seven domains. On land, at sea, and in the city, Yanmar provides advanced solutions to the challenges customers face, towards realizing A Sustainable Future.

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