

**FANUC America Marks
35-Year Milestone of
Manufacturing Robots in the U.S.**

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ROCHESTER HILLS, MI – (March 28, 2017) – FANUC America marks the 35th anniversary of manufacturing its line of painting robots at the company's Rochester Hills, Mich., headquarters, a major milestone in the U.S. robotics industry.

Company President, Mike Cicco remarked: "We have dedicated ourselves to 35 years of product innovation and manufacturing efficiencies to provide our customers with the highest quality paint robots that we design, assemble, and integrate here in the U.S. and export to customers around the world. Throughout 2017, we will be taking a look at where we started, what we have achieved, and what our plans are for the future."

In 1982, FANUC America produced its first NC Painter, a hydraulic paint robot using key components from parent company FANUC CORPORATION in Japan. Now, 35 years later, FANUC America remains globally responsible for all paint robots and door openers of the FANUC robot lineup, which are sold to a diverse range of industries including automotive, aerospace, agricultural products, recreational vehicles and boats, furniture, appliance, and medical devices. In fact, FANUC America has supplied its U.S.-made paint robots to all of the top 15 global automakers ranked by the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA).

FANUC America's U.S.-based product development team designs and implements a wide range of mechanical, electrical, process and software products, including Zero Down Time (ZDT), a cloud-based application that analyzes data collected from FANUC robots, alerting customers of potential issues that need to be addressed before unexpected downtime occurs. "Our local product development team is the industry's largest with hundreds of years of accumulated engineering experience located here in Michigan," added Cicco.

All of FANUC America's new paint robots are ZDT-ready, which means they can monitor a variety of functions including paint canisters, spray applicators, drive health and paint process regulators. In addition, ZDT provides maintenance reminders to notify customers to inspect or replace worn items. Currently, there are over 800 paint robots now using ZDT analytics with additional robots connected to the cloud each month.

"Having an extensive group of local experts to provide software, product design, assembly and integration of our paint robots allows us to react quickly to customer needs," said Jon Karr, FANUC America's Vice President of Paint Shop Automation.

FANUC America's paint robots are ideal for automating applications that are ergonomically challenging, hazardous and labor intensive. "We're seeing a significant increase in paint robot sales to non-automotive customers both domestically and abroad," added Karr. "These

customers want to improve quality and throughput while minimizing their assembly workers' exposure to hazardous environments, similar to what automakers looked to do back in 1982.”

FANUC America recently introduced its latest paint robot, the P-350iA/45, which will demonstrate sanding, washing and drying an aircraft fuselage at the 2017 Automate Show in Chicago, booth #1625.

The new P-350iA/45 robot is designed for a variety of applications including painting, coating, sanding, and washing, it offers a flexible six-axis design and is Class 1, Division 1 approved for operation in hazardous environments.

About FANUC America Corporation

FANUC America Corporation is a subsidiary of FANUC CORPORATION in Japan, and provides industry-leading robotics, CNC systems, and factory automation. FANUC's innovative technologies and proven expertise help manufacturers in the Americas maximize efficiency, reliability and profitability.

FANUC embraces a culture of “Service First” which means that customer service is our highest priority. That commitment includes lifetime maintenance for all FANUC products for as long as our customers use them in production.

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