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Auto parts maker to expand in Dayton region, add more than 100 new jobs

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An Illinois auto parts maker is investing in its Dayton-area plant. UGN Inc. will expand its Monroe operations with a 154,000-square-foot addition.

In addition, UGN will hire 111 more workers at the plant, which currently employs nearly 300.

The project adds to the automotive growth in Warren County and across the Dayton region.

UGN — a partnership between Nihon Tokushu Toryo Co. Ltd. and Autoneum Holding AG, UGN Inc. — makes acoustic, interior trim and thermal management products.

The company had weighed expanding an Indiana facility, before ultimately selecting Monroe.

“We are excited about our growth in Monroe,” said Peter Anthony, UGN president and CEO, in a release. “And I’m very happy our customers are embracing the UGN innovations and are designing them into their future vehicles. Ultimately, these technologies benefit UGN’s customers, in turn adding value to the end customer — the drivers themselves.”



COURTESY KZF DESIGN

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Jonathan Bridges, JobsOhio director of automotive, said it's exciting to see another Japanese auto supplier grow in Ohio.

"UGN's investment in Warren County was a collaborative effort that will bring 111 new jobs to support OEM demand for its high-quality acoustic, interior, and underfloor products," Bridges said.

The \$50 million, 230,000-square-foot UGN Monroe facility opened in 2015. KZF Design served as architect and structural engineer for the plant, which was developed by IDI/Gazeley and constructed by Paul Hemmer Cos. UGN officials previously said they were drawn to Monroe because it's close to the company's customers and needed a site that was more than a generic speculative development to meet its needs.

The new expansion will add close to \$6 million in salaries.

UGN, with more than \$415 million in revenue, has six U.S. locations: Novi, Michigan; Jackson, Tennessee; Monroe, Ohio; Somerset, Kentucky; Tinley Park, Illinois; and Valparaiso, Indiana.