Japan car parts squeeze hits U.S., Europe

Automakers in North America and Europe are cutting or suspending production in the wake of parts supply shortages in Japan triggered by the catastrophic March 11 earthquake and tsunami

United States: Several Ford and Nissan plants to be closed for part of April. Toyota to lose output of 35,000 vehicles by April 25. General Motors has restarted Louisiana truck production after five-day stoppage

2 Canada, Mexico: Chrysler to cut overtime at Brampton, Ontario, and Toluca, Mexico, to conserve parts

3 UK: Production at Honda Swindon plant to run at 50% until end of May. Nissan to cut production at Sunderland plant. Toyota output cut April 21-May 2

4 France: Toyota output halted at Valenciennes April 21-May 2. Peugeot Citroen diesel engine production cut

5 Poland: Toyota to shut Jelcz-Laskowice diesel engine plant April 21-May 3, with reduced output through remainder of Mav

6 Turkey: Toyota to cut output at Adapazari between April 21-May 2 - reduced output through remainder of Mav

7 Czech Rep: No cuts planned. Toyota-TPCA waiting for future model



Japan's global market share of selected components

Mobile phone camera modules

43% Electronic components

46% Lithium ion batteries

Silicon wafers 72%

Games software 87%

Aluminium capacitors for electronic components 89%

Polariser film for LCDs

100%