

Proposal of optimal electric power steering (EPS) system considering safety, comfort and ecology

As the world's No.1 contributor to the environment,* JTEKT a comprehensive steering systems manufacturer committed to providing optimal systems that match vehicle use/purpose by ensuring products are well-balanced in all areas; from quality, cost and delivery to safety, comfort and ecology.

** JTEKT is world No. 1 in contributing to the environment. Our EPS systems have top market share, offer superior fuel efficiency and contribute to environmental conservation to the highest degree. We are also working to improve the environmental efficiency of conventional hydraulic power steering systems.

A Confident, Relaxing Driving Experience... That's what our steering systems provide

Steering System Features

Steering System Configuration

Definition of steering system: Components used to control (steer) the direction a vehicle is moving; in short, the equipment for changing the direction of the tires.

Attaches the steering wheel axle inside the cabin, and is equipped

haft connecting the steering column to the pinion gear.

Metal bar that is twisted according to the steering force

Detects the amount of torque generated when the torsion

Rack axial force

(force applied to change tire direction)

JTEKT products not only realize steering performance matching vehicle requirements (e.g., body, suspension, tires, brakes and drive-train), our steering systems act as a human-machine interface where the driver's intentions are delivered to the vehicle and supplemental/accurate information is transmitted back to the driver, making it possible for the driver to feel "happier," "safer" and "more comfortable" when driving the vehicle.

Interface used by the driver to transmit

Steering

Converts the rotating motion of the steering wheel input by the driver to straight horizontal movement to the rack bar via the pinion gear

Calculates the amount of power-assist required according to driver's steering force and vehicle speed signal.

Outputs rotating torque according to the required power-assist calculated.

Gear mechanism that increases the rotational torque generated by the motor and transmits it to the pinion gear.

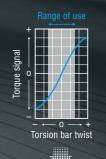
1 Steering wheel is turned.



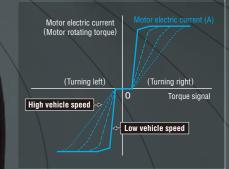
The force input to the steering wheel (torque) twists the torsion bar.



3 Torsion bar twisting is detected as a torque signal by the torque sensor and input into the ECU.



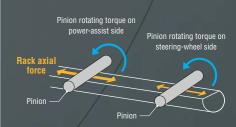
4 ECU adds electric current to the motor based on torque signal and vehicle speed.



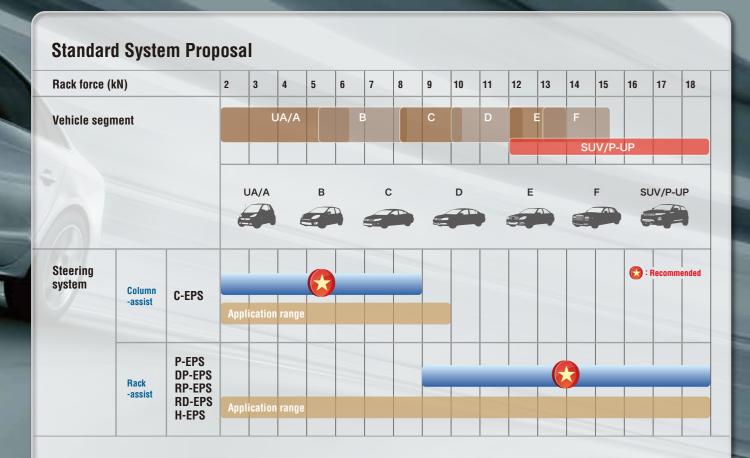
Motor rotating torque is increased by the reduction gear and transmitted to the pinion.



6 Pinion rotating torque (supplemental steering torque) on the power-assist side and pinion rotating torque (steering rotating torque) on the steering-wheel side are converted to rack axial force to change tire



JTEKT Steering Systems



JTEKT EPS systems are compatible for most automobiles, from small vehicles to large SUVs

System Features by Type

Column-assist Since the motor and ECU are inside the cabin, waterproofing is not required and there is no influence on engine and transmission layout.

Optimum steering system for compact vehicles with small rack force

Rack-assist

Excellent steering performance as the result of minimal friction between the time of turning the steering wheel and start of rack movement.

> Optimum steering system for medium- to large-sized vehicles that require better steering performance

C-EPS

- Ideal for compact vehicles with small engine compartment: power-assist unit is located in the steering column
- Introduced as the world's first EPS in 1988
- Superior safety, comfort and environmental performance based on technologies and experience accumulated since its introduction



high collision safety performance realized



Compact, lightweight, high-efficiency integrated motor/ECU



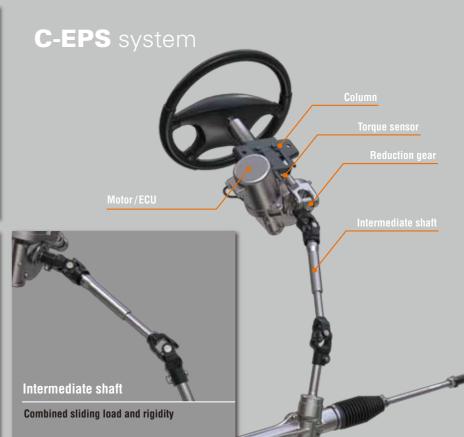
High-strength and high rigidity realized



Compact and simple design and high performance realized



Anti-backlash system realizes both low friction and quiet performance



DP-EPS

- Rack-assist realizes excellent steering feel with high rigidity and superior dynamic performance.
- System structure with flexible mounting freedom realized by separating the assist unit from the steering wheel axle.
- Enhanced degree of freedom in specific stroke on the steering-wheel side realized by adopting an optimal design to reinforce the assist unit.
- System with excellent safety, comfort and environmental performance realized through the application of proven technologies.

RP-EPS

- Rack-assist realizes excellent steering feel with high rigidity and superior dynamic performance.
- Easier installation realized with adoption of high-output, compact reduction gear.
- System with excellent safety, comfort and environmental performance realized through the application of proven technologies.



Compact, simple, high-performance sensor

Compact, lightweight, high-efficiency

integrated motor / ECU resistant to water

resistant to water realized

Motor / ECU

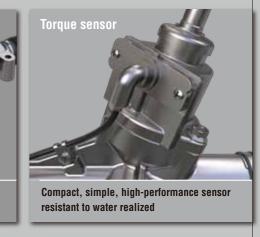
Torque sensor





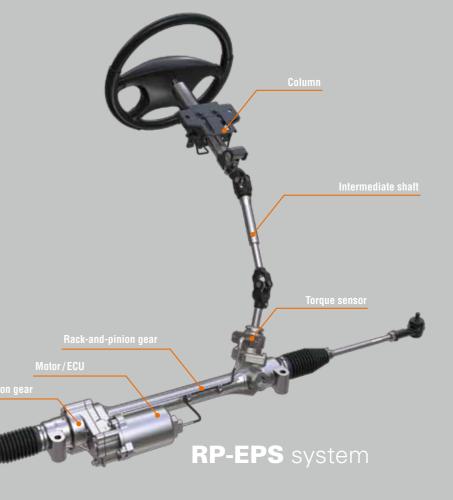










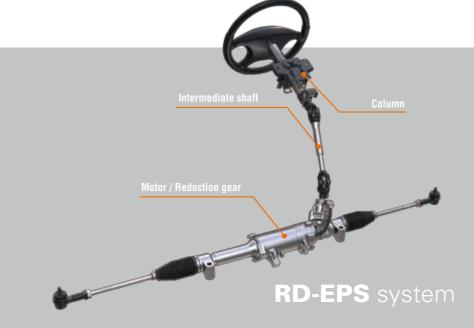


RD-EPS

- Rack-assist realizes superior direct-response steering feel.
- Superior energy-saving system has less reduction gear loss and high machine efficiency.

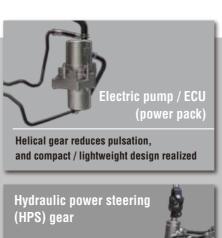
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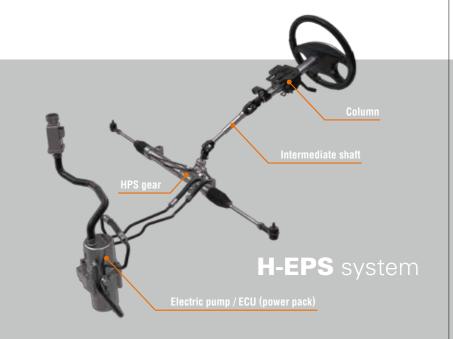


H-EPS

- Excellent safety, comfort and environmental performance realized using an energy-saving hydraulic power steering system equipped with an electric pump.
- Extremely flexible installation and ability to use for EV driving realized by adopting an independent electric pump.
- Excellent steering feel and improved fuel efficiency realized through optimum discharge setting (MAP) and special valve tuning.



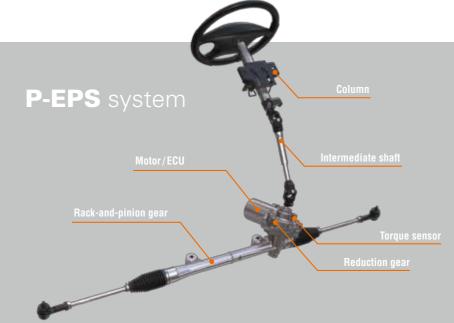




P-EPS

- Rack-assist realizes excellent steering feel with high rigidity and superior dynamic performance.
- Small/compact system adopted in response the engine room environment.
- System with excellent safety, comfort and environmental performance realized through the application of proven technologies.



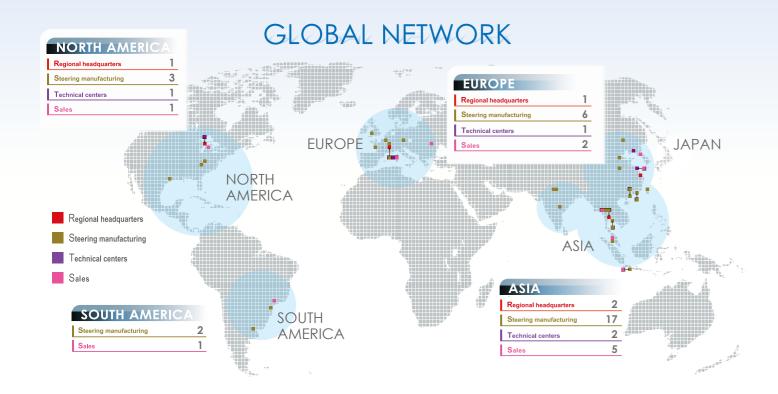


E-VGR

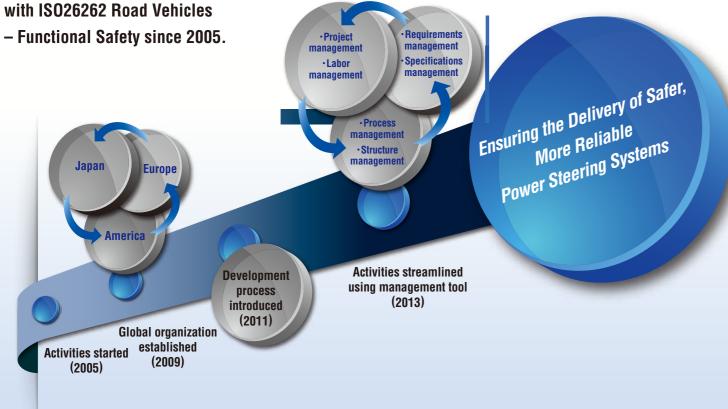
- Variable steering-angle ratio system combining vehicle stability and steering performance.
- Steering performance improved by increasing steering angle ratio at low speed.
- Straight-line driving stability improved by decreasing steering-angle ratio at high speed.



Safer, More Reliable Power Steering Systems to Customers Worldwide

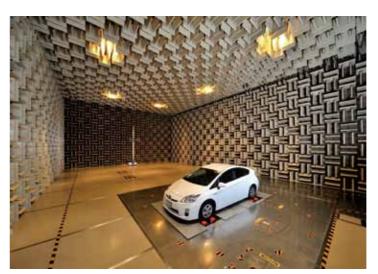


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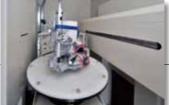


Advanced Research & Development Facilities for Producing Next-generation EPS Systems

JTEKT R&D centers exchange information around the world, enabling the company to accurately understand market demand and provide the newest/best/optimal systems to meet the diversified needs of our customers.



Electromagnetic Anechoic Chamber











Steering Column Impact Testing Apparatus





Measuring Apparatus

Iga Proving Ground Enables Testing / Evaluations Simulating Roads Worldwide

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