

Press Release



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VOLKSWAGEN 'BEST SUPPLIER' AWARD FOR NGK SPARK PLUGS

NGK Spark Plugs was one of only 25 suppliers from a total of 10,000 worldwide to win the Volkswagen Group's world 'Best Supplier' Award for 2002 – for the fifth time in 10 years. NGK was also the only spark plug supplier to receive this coveted Award.

The Volkswagen Award is presented in five categories – Excellence in Development, Product Quality, Logistics, Entrepreneurial Performance and Environmental Awareness. NGK was one of the five winners worldwide of the Product Quality Award which encompasses the quality of series-production supplies as well as the overall quality performance of the supplier.

The Awards were presented at a ceremony in Wolfsburg on 8 October by Dr Bernd Pischetsrieder, Chairman of the Board of Management of Volkswagen AG and Herr Francisco Javier Garcia Sanz, Member of the Board of Management of Volkswagen AG, responsible for Supply.



Left to right: Herr Falco Schling (Quality VW Group), Herr Takao Okumura (NGK's European Managing Director) Dr. Bernd Pischetsrieder (Chairman of the Board of Management of Volkswagen AG), Herr Francisco Javier Garcia Sanz (Member of the Board of Management of Volkswagen AG, responsible for Supply).

Dr Pischetsrieder offered his Company's warm thanks to all Award winners for their work, saying: "We hope this excellent cooperation will continue and we will not cease in our joint efforts to do better."

Herr Sanz honoured the Award winning suppliers, saying: "We want to cooperate with the best. The 2002 Award winners have demonstrated their commitment in long term cooperation with the Volkswagen Group founded on partnership. Investment in new locations and participation in new concepts confirm a strategic, entrepreneurial approach oriented to the long term."

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Commenting on the Award, Brian Childs, NGK UK's Deputy Managing Director, Sales & Marketing, said: "We are delighted to have won the Volkswagen worldwide 'Best Supplier' Award for 2002 which is a testimony to our excellent product quality and our ability to achieve the Volkswagen Group's many and varied technical requirements. This Award – our fifth in 10 years - confirms NGK as the Volkswagen Group's number one partner for spark plugs."

