

Magna have won seating business in North America and will supply structures from a new manufacturing facility in Lancaster, Ohio. The company held a groundbreaking ceremony at the site where construction has recently started on the 150,000-square-foot facility with an initial investment of around US\$60m.



The event was attended by Magna CEO Don Walker, US Representative Steve Stivers, and US Vice President Mike Pence. "As our customers expand their manufacturing footprints around the world, we will be there to support them with design, engineering and manufacturing. With this investment and job creation we are pleased to contribute to the strong automotive industry in Ohio and the US" said Walker

Magna's new seating plant is expected to be operational in the first quarter of next year, and to employ 300 people by 2021 with the possibility for future growth.

The facility represents Magna's first dedicated seat structure plant in the US and will feature robotic laser and MIG welding capabilities.

The facility is located to provide seat structures to Magna's customers, starting with a new plug-in hybrid vehicle for an unnamed global automaker. The company currently have four manufacturing operations and employs around 2,700 people in Ohio.

The new seating facility in Lancaster will be Magna's fifth location in the State.