# Reducing Environmental Impacts

Tamron strives to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, electricity consumption, waste and water consumption at the company's plants using its integrated management system.

### Breakdown of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

CO<sub>2</sub> accounts for most of the greenhouse gases released by Tamron. As regards the sources of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions(excluding distribution and logistics), electricity usage accounts for 98.1%, followed by heavy oil at 1.2%. Given this mix, our energy saving activities focus on reducing electricity consumption.



# Trends in CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions

Since FY2011, the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions(excluding emissions during transportation) from Tamron's head office, the three plants in Aomori Prefecture, Tamron Optical (Foshan) in China and Tamron Optical(Vietnam)has been on the rise. In FY2017, overall CO<sub>2</sub> emissions rose 4.0% compared to FY2016 levels. Viewed by geographic location, our sites in Japan saw a 2.6% decrease, while Tamron Optical(Foshan) saw a 2.5% increase and Tamron Optical(Vietnam) saw a 21.2% increase. The rise from Tamron Optical(Vietnam) is primarily due to a higher rate of in-house production from capital investment, and the heightened requirement for precise air conditioning for humidity control in lens machining rooms as a result. The basic unit of sales for overall CO<sub>2</sub> emissions increased by 3.0% compared with the FY2016 level. In FY2018, we will consider comprehensive energy saving measures to reduce emissions by 16.55% by the year 2030 by adding Tamron Optical(Vietnam) to the integrated management system.



1. The greenhouse gas coefficient from the Greenhouse Effect Gas Measuring & Reporting Manual Version 4.3.1 is used for managing medium-term targets with a benchmark year of FY2016. For consistency purposes, this same coefficient has been used for this report to re-calculate basic unit of  $CO_2$  emissions from FY2010 onward.

## Measures to Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions

In FY2017, Tamron implemented activities through the CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Reduction Committee, and used streamlined electric power management sensors to identify excess power usage. When excess power was discovered, the committee examined whether reductions could be made. When possible, reduction measures including operational improvements were implemented and the effects verified. A solar power generating system was installed at Tamron Optical(Foshan) in China in August 2017. Cumulative power generation has now reached 128,000 kWh, which is equivalent to reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 70 tons. Tamron Optical (Foshan) has also replaced 4,167 lights with LED lighting and switched to energy efficient types of motors. At Tamron Optical (Vietnam), efforts are being made to reduce standby power consumption. For instance, on plant closure days, the power supply to equipment such as compressors, cooling towers and process cooling water supply systems is cut, provided it does not run the risk of causing malfunction. In addition, the third Friday of every month has been designated as No My Car Day, and certain days in the summer and winter are designated as Eco Life Days(an initiative launched by Saitama Prefectural Government), as part of the company's efforts to raise environmental awareness among all of the executive officers and employees at the head office. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions were reduced by 13.1t-CO<sub>2</sub> through these efforts in 2017.

Tamron will continue to work on further CO<sub>2</sub> reductions by sharing information and taking a long-term approach in considering the introduction of energy-saving equipment.

The measures taken to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in FY2017 are outlined below



A solar power generating system (Tamron Optical (Foshan) in China)

#### Main CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Reduction Measures Implemented in FY2017

Site	Measure	Reduction (t-CO <sub>2</sub> )
Head Office	Improving compressor operation (Mold & Tooling Technology Center)	1
Namioka Plant	Improving operation of continuous evaporation machine	17
Owani Plant	Switching air conditioning units to energy-saving types (9 units)	57
Tamron	Introduction of a solar power generating system	70
Optical (Foshan)	Switching over to LED lights (4,167 lights)	250
(in China)	Switching to energy efficient motor types (38 units)	50
Tamron Optical (Vietnam)	Reducing standby power consumption	-

## Waste Reduction Initiatives

The total amount of waste generated in FY2017 by the Tamron Group as a whole, increased by 5.9% compared with FY2016. This is mainly due to the increased rate of inhouse manufacturing, higher molding volume and the increase in disposal of cardboard and waste plastic at Tamron ptical (Vietnam)



1. Waste volume for the Owani Plant reported in FY2016 was corrected from "4lt" to "40t." Accordingly, Group-wide waste volume was corrected from "1,934t" to "1,933t."

# Ascertaining $CO_2$ Emissions in the Supply Chain(FY2016)

Tamron calculates its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions based on direct emissions (Scope 1) and energy-derived indirect emissions(Scope 2). In 2017, we received support from the Ministry of the Environment in calculating supply chain emissions and also calculated indirect emissions (Scope 3) for FY2016. As a result, we verified that among

#### CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions for FY2016 by Scope and Category \*

		Scope	CO2 Emissions(t-CO2)
Scope 1	Scope 1:D	irect greenhouse gas emissions from the use of fuel, etc.	1,395
Scope 2	Scope 2: Indirect greenhouse gas emissions generated due to the use of purchased electricity or heat		
Scope 3 <sup>2</sup> Indirect greenhouse gas emissions related to business activities in the supply chain (except for Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions)	Category 1	Emissions generated from the extraction and production of all products and services that have been purchased or acquired	112,203
	Category 2	Emissions generated from the manufacturing or transportation of purchased or acquired capital goods	50,939
	Category 3	Upstream emissions from purchased fuel and upstream emissions from the electricity and heat manufacturing process	2,365
	Category 4	Emissions associated with distribution of purchased products and services from a supplier to the company	13,720
	Category 5	Emissions from the external disposal and treatment of waste generated from business activities	3,644
	Category 6	Emissions from the use of transportation by employees for business purposes, such as employee business travel	328
	Category 7	Emissions from the use of transportation by employees to commute for and from plants and offices	8,393
	Category 8	Emissions associated with the operation of leased warehouses, etc.	50
	Category 11	Emissions due to the use of sold products and services by consumers	1,274
	Category 12	Emissions due to the disposal and treatment of sold products, their containers and packaging when they have been used	4,409
		Scope 3 Total	197,325
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during transportation) \* Method of Calculation : "Emission factor database for corporate GHG emissions accounting over the supply chain Ver. 2.4" and "Carbon Footprint Communication Program Basic Database Ver. 1.01

2. Please visit the Tamron website for more details such as information on the categories excluded from the calculation of Scope 3 emissions

## Trends in Water Consumption

The total water consumption of the Tamron Group as a whole in FY2017 decreased by 1.8% compared with FY2016. In May 2017, reclaimed water recycling facilities were installed at Tamron Optical(Foshan) in China. We have since managed to recycle 2,957 tons of production wastewater. Tamron Optical (Vietnam) made improvements to the cooling water systems of its molding machines to reduce water usage and wastewater production. As a result, water usage and wastewater generation were reduced by 12%. The increased usage at the Namioka Plant was due to a higher number of operating days compared with the previous year, and longer operating times for equipment.



Scope 3 emissions, Category 1 emissions (emissions generated from the extraction and production of all products and services that have been purchased or acquired) accounted for a large proportion of the total. Moving forward, we will work to improve the accuracy of our calculations and further reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

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