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FCA México Saltillo Van Assembly Plant Celebrates Silver Award in World Class Manufacturing

- Total number of silver plants in North America increases to six
- Plant achieves silver just over two years after being awarded bronze

March 7, 2018, Mexico City - The FCA México [Saltillo Van Assembly Plant](#) is celebrating after being honored with a silver award in the Company's World Class Manufacturing (WCM) methodology. The plant, which produces the [Ram ProMaster](#), has been recognized for its efforts in expanding WCM throughout the facility.

Two years after being awarded bronze, Saltillo Van Assembly Plant earned the milestone award following a three-day audit demonstrating clear WCM know-how.

The Saltillo Van award brings to six the total number of FCA North American facilities that have been designated silver plants. The other five are [Windsor Assembly Plant \(Ontario\)](#), [Dundee Engine Plant \(Michigan\)](#), [Toledo Assembly Complex \(Ohio\)](#), [Mack Avenue Engine Plant \(Detroit\)](#) and [Saltillo South Engine \(Mexico\)](#). Windsor Assembly was the first North American plant to reach silver status, an honor they received in March 2014.

"All those who work in this plant feel honored to have achieved this distinction. In order to get it, many work hours were put in and lots of effort was made, resulting in this award," said Jorge Luis Lares, Vice President – Manufacturing, FCA México. "The conviction of being better and continuously improving our processes has been rewarded. We feel very proud of what we are accomplishing as a team and will keep giving our best to put FCA in higher standards."

The achievement of WCM award levels, as confirmed through independent audits, recognizes the long-term commitment of the workforce to making significant changes that can secure the future of a facility. Awarded plants also have a role in accelerating the implementation of WCM throughout the organization as coaches and mentors.

WCM was first implemented by Fiat in 2006 and introduced to Chrysler Group as part of the alliance between the two companies in June 2009. It is a methodology that focuses on eliminating waste, increasing productivity and improving quality and safety in a systematic and organized way. WCM engages the workforce to provide and implement suggestions on how to improve their jobs and their plants, promoting a sense of ownership.

In addition to the six silver plants, there are currently 14 facilities that hold the WCM bronze designation:

- [Saltillo Truck Assembly \(Mexico\)](#)
- [Trenton Engine Complex \(Michigan\)](#)
- [Indiana Transmission Plant II \(Kokomo, Indiana\)](#)
- [Kokomo Transmission Plant \(Indiana\)](#)
- [Kokomo Casting \(Indiana\)](#)
- [Toluca Assembly \(Mexico\)](#)
- [Sterling Stamping \(Sterling Heights, Michigan\)](#)
- [Brampton Assembly \(Ontario, Canada\)](#)
- [Belvidere Assembly Plant \(Illinois\)](#)
- [Warren Stamping \(Michigan\)](#)
- [Indiana Transmission Plant I \(Kokomo, Indiana\)](#)
- [Toledo Machining \(Ohio\)](#)

- [Warren Truck \(Warren, Michigan\)](#)
- [Tipton Transmission \(Tipton, Indiana\)](#)

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