



(Summary for reference only)

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Financial Results for the Third Quarter ended December 31, 2004 (Consolidated)

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The accounting methods used in this report are not consistent with U.S. standards accounting methods.

1. Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(1) Difference in Accounting Policies from the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004: Applicable

The practical estimation has been applied for the calculation of some allowances instead of actual basis.

The effect from change is not material.

(2) Changes in Consolidation and Equity method Policies

Consolidation New : 1, Exclusion : 1

Equity method New : 0, Exclusion : 1

2. Results of the Third Quarter ended December 31, 2004 (From April 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004)

(Notes) 1. Amount Unit: 1 Million Yen unless otherwise specified (Amounts less than 1 Million Yen are omitted).

(1) Financial Results

	Net Sales	Change	Operating Income	Change	Ordinary Income	Change	Net Income	Change
3rd Quarter ended December 31, 2004	¥465,879	28.7%	¥13,984	-	¥7,726	-	¥23,407	-
3rd Quarter ended December 31, 2003	¥362,111	-	¥(5,763)	-	¥(8,155)	-	¥(2,819)	-
(Reference) Year ended March 31, 2004	¥506,378		¥3,674		¥(4,280)		¥2,409	

	Net Income per share of Common Stock (Yen)	Net Income Per Share of Common Stock after dilution (Yen)
3rd Quarter ended December 31, 2004	¥63.38	¥56.23
3rd Quarter ended December 31, 2003	¥(7.63)	-
(Reference) Year ended March 31, 2004	¥6.52	¥6.02

(2) Financial Position

	Total Assets	Shareholders' Equity	Ratio of Shareholders' Equity to Total Assets	Shareholders' Equity per Share of Common Stock (Yen)
3rd Quarter ended December 31, 2004	¥672,245	¥193,302	28.8%	¥523.14
3rd Quarter ended December 31, 2003	¥593,753	¥163,131	27.5%	¥441.80
(Reference) Year ended March 31, 2004	¥606,513	¥171,194	28.2%	¥463.54

(3) Cash Flows

	Cash Flows from Operating Activities	Cash Flows from Investing Activities	Cash Flows from Financing Activities	Cash and Cash Equivalents at Term-end
3rd Quarter ended December 31, 2004	¥13,566	¥(5,022)	¥3,502	¥29,006
3rd Quarter ended December 31, 2003	¥(1,335)	¥(16,117)	¥14,985	¥21,033
(Reference) Year ended March 31, 2004	¥1,399	¥(8,327)	¥(184)	¥16,099

3. Forecast for Year ending March 31, 2005 (From April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005)

The forecasts for Year ending March 31, 2005 have remained unchanged since Nov 15, 2004.

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Consolidated Balance Sheets

Amount Unit: 1 Million Yen

	As of December 31, 2004		As of March 31, 2004	
		%		%
Assets				
Current assets				
Cash and time deposits	29,400		17,618	
Notes and accounts receivable-trade	137,019		119,900	
Inventories	257,861		237,506	
Other current assets	50,529		36,878	
Allowance for doubtful receivables	(2,674)		(2,572)	
Total current assets	472,136	70.2	409,331	67.5
Fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets				
Buildings and structures	40,313		39,890	
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	32,369		33,161	
Furniture and fixtures	12,671		11,229	
Land	16,238		16,418	
Construction in progress	9,003		6,138	
Total tangible fixed assets	110,597	16.5	106,838	17.6
Intangible fixed assets	10,953	1.6	10,924	1.8
Investments and other assets				
Investment securities	60,530		61,575	
Other	18,137		17,893	
Allowance for doubtful receivables	(109)		(50)	
Total investments and other assets	78,557	11.7	79,418	13.1
Total fixed assets	200,108	29.8	197,181	32.5
Total assets	672,245	100.0	606,513	100.0

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Consolidated Balance Sheets

Amount Unit: 1 Million Yen

	As of December 31, 2004		As of March 31, 2004	
		%		%
Liabilities				
Current liabilities				
Notes and accounts payable-trade	149,804		141,578	
Short-term bank loans	62,141		46,645	
Commercial papers	8,000		-	
Current portion of bonds	10,000		10,000	
Accrued income taxes	9,504		2,960	
Accrued expenses	38,676		30,934	
Warranty reserve	4,896		4,005	
Other current liabilities	21,842		12,815	
Total current liabilities	304,866	45.3	248,940	41.1
Long-term liabilities				
Bonds	145,700		155,500	
Long-term debt	7,420		8,370	
Liability for employees' retirement benefits	19,582		21,009	
Other long-term liabilities	1,176		1,321	
Total long-term liabilities	173,879	25.9	186,201	30.7
Total liabilities	478,745	71.2	435,142	71.8
Minority interest	197	0.0	176	0.0
Shareholders' equity				
Common stock	36,660		36,660	
Capital surplus	51,930		51,927	
Retained earnings	103,744		83,035	
Unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities	6,226		6,109	
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(4,790)		(5,885)	
Total	193,771		171,847	
Treasury stock	(469)		(653)	
Total shareholders' equity	193,302	28.8	171,194	28.2
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	672,245	100.0	606,513	100.0

Consolidated Statements of Income

Amount Unit: 1 Million Yen

	3rd Quarter ended December 31, 2004		Year ended March 31, 2004	
		%		%
Net sales	465,879	100.0	506,378	100.0
Cost of sales	315,765	67.8	346,897	68.5
Selling, general and administrative expenses	136,129	29.2	155,805	30.8
Operating income	13,984	3.0	3,674	0.7
Non-operating income				
Interest and dividend income	806	0.2	808	0.2
Other income	4,094	0.9	4,058	0.8
Non-operating expenses				
Interest expenses	1,778	0.4	2,355	0.4
Other expenses	9,380	2.0	10,466	2.1
Ordinary income (loss)	7,726	1.7	(4,280)	(0.8)
Extraordinary gains				
Gains on sale of fixed assets	6,078	1.3	13,359	2.6
Gains on sale of investment securities	108	0.0	3,418	0.7
Settlement income of patent litigation	15,878	3.4	-	
Extraordinary losses				
Losses on sale and disposal of fixed assets	459	0.1	778	0.2
Losses on sale of investment securities	1	0.0	486	0.1
Additional retirement benefits paid to employees	-		1,070	0.2
Other losses	412	0.1	672	0.1
Income before income taxes	28,919	6.2	9,489	1.9
Income taxes	5,485	1.2	7,056	1.4
Minority interest	25	0.0	23	0.0
Net Income	23,407	5.0	2,409	0.5