

CONTINENTAL-RICO'S NETWORK BASED ON R&M PRODUCTS

R&M cabling equipment was chosen for Continental's factory facilities in India due to superior technological excellence and reliability, and due to R&M's strong local presence guaranteeing on-time delivery of components and the presence of competent certified installation partners.

In 2008, international automotive supplier Continental AG, on behalf of its Automotive Systems Division, signed a Joint Venture Agreement with RICO Auto Industries Limited, India, to build a hydraulic brake systems plant in the city of Gurgaon, 20 kilometers from New Delhi.

This smart new factory will build hydraulic brake products and other products such as calipers for front and rear axles, drum brakes, master cylinders, brake boosters and load sensing proportioning valves for vehicles of all classes and will supply to OEM customers in India.

The networking installation highlights R&M's credentials in supplying products to harsh and demanding industrial production areas: It is the first place in India where R&M's high-quality IP54/IP67 network products for industrial networking have been installed.

Continental made a forward-looking choice of cable grade and implemented a network based on Cat. 6 S/FTP ensuring data speeds of up to 10 Gbps. All termination modules implemented are currently of the Cat. 6A standard. The network backbone is based on R&M OM3 Fiber Optic cabling and connectivity between two R&D offices and the machinery shop is based on R&M SM Fiber Optic cabling.

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"The quality and stability of R&M products are very satisfying and R&M's local support ensures reliability of delivery," explained Mr. Anoop Verma, Operational Head of the facility.

Continental-RICO's IT team is very impressed with the technical solution designed and with the support extended by Mr. Vinodkumar Vaniak, technical specialist at Netsol, an IBM company (R&M certified installation partner).

Following the success of R&M's networking solution at Continental-RICO in Gurgaon, R&M has been recommended as supplier to other divisions of Continental (Conti Tire & Conti Tech). R&M is also involved in LAN networking projects for Continental in other parts of India like Bangalore, Sonipat (Haryana) and Manesar.



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Booster assembly at the Continental-RICO plant in Gurgaon, India



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R&M's high-quality network products for industrial networking



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