

## Press Release

Industry Leaders Attend Unveiling of State-of-the-Art Facility



# DEKRA Opens U.S. Automotive Test Center of Excellence in Michigan to Advance Future Mobility

- ▶ Comprehensive service portfolio from a single source
- ▶ Multi-million-dollar investment by the expert organization
- ▶ Governor Whitmer emphasizes Michigan's leading role in mobility

**DEKRA, a global leader in safety, security sustainability testing and certification, officially opened its Michigan Automotive Testing Laboratory in Plymouth, Michigan, yesterday, showcasing a cutting-edge center designed to meet the future needs of the mobility sector. The new center offers one of the most comprehensive portfolios of automotive testing, validation, and certification services in North America under one roof.**

These services include electric vehicle (EV) testing, automotive electromagnetic compatibility (EMC), reliability testing, automotive connectivity technologies, and Digital Trust Services, spanning cybersecurity, functional safety, and AI testing and certification.

The event also marked a significant milestone, DEKRA's 100-year anniversary, a global celebration of a century spent advancing trust, innovation and safety across borders. Attendees reflected on the organization's legacy of technical excellence and integrity, while also looking ahead to DEKRA's continued leadership in shaping the future of safe and sustainable mobility worldwide.

The grand opening welcomed international DEKRA executives, global mobility leader, and government officials including Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, to inaugurate the facility, which enhances DEKRA's ability to serve clients across North America, Europe, Asia, and beyond.

The project represents a multi-million-dollar investment in Michigan's automotive and mobility industry, developed in collaboration with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

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“Michigan put the world on wheels and we’re building the future of the auto industry, too, thanks to companies like DEKRA,” said Governor Whitmer. “Their new test center will support good-paying, high-skill jobs and help companies meet modern safety and sustainability standards. We will keep working together to bring jobs home so we can grow our economy and lead the automotive industry for the next century, too.”

### **A Strategic Addition to DEKRA's Global Testing Network**

The new center in Plymouth, Michigan, is the only facility of its kind in North America with such an extensive scope of automotive services. It complements DEKRA's global automotive network of testing and certification laboratories and facilities located in Germany, Mainland China, South Korea, Taiwan, Japan, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, and other key innovation hubs.

### **Technological Leadership with Global Impact**

Guests were given guided tours highlighting DEKRA's cutting-edge testing capabilities, including:

- High-voltage EMC testing
- Environmental simulation and reliability testing
- Automotive cybersecurity testing and certification (pentesting, ISO 21434, R155, R156)
- Functional safety services (training, audit, assessment, testing and certification) for Automotive-ISO 26262
- Apple MFi CarPlay and CarKey testing and certification
- Android digital car key testing and certification
- Global automotive connectivity certifications, including Car Connectivity Consortium standards

### **A Century of Trust. A Future of Global Mobility.**

“With this center, we are delivering what the future of mobility demands – rigorous testing, seamless certification, and digital trust,” said John Tesoro, President of DEKRA North America.

“This milestone is about more than a building—it’s about our mission,” said Peter Laursen, DEKRA Board Member and COO, about the opening. “We are investing in people, partnerships, and progress to ensure DEKRA continues leading the way for the industries of tomorrow’s safe mobility.”

To learn more about DEKRA's Michigan Automotive Testing Laboratory for Future Mobility and its role in the global testing ecosystem, visit:

[www.dekra.us/en/grand-opening-michigan-test-center](http://www.dekra.us/en/grand-opening-michigan-test-center)

For more information about DEKRA's global Automotive Testing Services, visit:

[www.dekra.com/en/automotive-testing](http://www.dekra.com/en/automotive-testing)

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### ***Captions***

1. DEKRA's new Automotive Testing Laboratory in Plymouth, Michigan.
2. Governor Gretchen Whitmer shaking hands with John Tesoro, President of DEKRA North America, at the grand opening of DEKRA's new Automotive Testing Laboratory in Plymouth, Michigan.

### ***About DEKRA***

*For 100 years, DEKRA has been a trusted name in safety. Founded in 1925 with the original goal of improving road safety through vehicle inspections, DEKRA has grown to become the world's largest independent, non-listed expert organization in the field of testing, inspection, and certification. Today, as a global partner, the company supports its customers with comprehensive services and solutions to drive safety and sustainability forward—fully aligned with DEKRA's anniversary motto, "Securing the Future." In 2024, DEKRA generated revenue of 4.3 billion euros. Around 48,000 employees are providing qualified and independent expert services in approximately 60 countries across five continents. DEKRA holds a Platinum rating from EcoVadis, placing it among the top 1% of the world's most sustainable companies.*