

Wheels India partners with Japan's Topy Industries for technical know-how

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Wheels India said it has signed a Technical Assistance Agreement with Japan's Topy Industries for design, development and manufacture of aluminium alloy wheels. Topy will provide technical know-how and engineering support to enhance Wheels' design and manufacturing capabilities for the cast aluminium wheel business.

Wheels forayed into alloy wheels in FY21 with a facility at Thervoy Kandigai on the outskirts of Chennai. Having started initially by exporting alloy wheels to the US and the European after-market,



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the company is now targeting the domestic market and has commenced supplies to OEMs such as Tata Motors and Stellantis.

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The company has also bagged orders for its aluminium wheels from Hyundai and Volkswagen, and expects to commence sup-

plies next year. Wheels India is currently in the process of expanding annual capacity at Thervoy Kandigai to 7 lakh wheels from the existing 5 lakh. This is expected to be completed by the end of the next quarter. The company is planning to further expand its capacity to 10 lakh wheels per annum next year, and this is expected to be completed by the end of FY27.

"This agreement is expected to bring in considerable technical expertise in the aluminium wheel segment for Wheels India. We are confident this will also help us win new businesses and bolster our competitive advantage in the cast aluminium segment," Srivats Ram, MD, Wheels India, said.