Ricoh to construct new manufacturing facility in Japan to accelerate growth of its inkjet business

Combining Ricoh's strengths in ultra-precision manufacturing with automation, logistics innovation and AI to create a next-generation factory

TOKYO, September 18, 2026 – Ricoh Company, Ltd. today announced plans to construct a new facility at its Atsugi Manufacturing Site in Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan, to accelerate the growth of its inkjet business and strengthen its supply capabilities to meet growing demand for high-quality inkjet heads. Construction is scheduled to begin in November 2026, with completion planned for the first half of fiscal 2028.

As a core manufacturing hub for Ricoh's inkjet business, the new facility will provide the capacity to more than double current inkjet head production over time. By combining Ricoh's strengths in ultra-precision manufacturing and quality engineering with automation, AI and digital manufacturing[*1] technologies, the company will build a next-generation manufacturing platform designed to deliver high quality, productivity and supply reliability.

Koji Miyao, President, Ricoh Graphic Communications and Senior Corporate Officer, Ricoh Company, Ltd., said, "This new facility is a strategic investment in the future of Ricoh's inkjet business and in our ability to meet the evolving needs of customers worldwide. By combining the expertise and craftsmanship cultivated by our people with AI and digital technologies, we are creating a next-generation factory where people and AI work together, further enhancing our manufacturing competitiveness and accelerating the growth of our inkjet business. We also plan to share the technologies and expertise developed at this facility across the Ricoh Group, carrying forward and further advancing our ultra-precision manufacturing capabilities for the future."

In industrial printing[*2] applications such as sign and display graphics, labels and packaging, and textiles, the transition from conventional analog printing to digital printing continues to accelerate, driven by growing demand for greater product variety, shorter production runs, faster turnaround times and reduced environmental impact. At the same time, the use of high-precision inkjet technologies is expanding into functional printing[*3] applications, including printed electronics, batteries and automotive coatings. To address these growing opportunities and respond flexibly to long-term demand, Ricoh is strengthening its production and supply capabilities for inkjet heads, a core component of inkjet technology.

For decades, Ricoh has developed and manufactured high-performance inkjet heads by leveraging its expertise in ultra-precision manufacturing and materials technologies. Producing inkjet heads requires micron-level precision, and the expertise and know-how of highly skilled technicians play a critical role in maintaining and continuously improving product quality. Building on this foundation,

the new facility will consolidate manufacturing functions currently distributed across multiple buildings at the Atsugi Manufacturing Site and introduce automated production lines and robotics capable of flexibly producing a wide range of products, enabling high levels of productivity and operational flexibility.

Ricoh will also capture and digitize the expertise and know-how of its skilled technicians and use AI to apply this knowledge in production and quality decision-making. This combination of human expertise and AI will help preserve and transfer valuable manufacturing expertise to future generations, enable employees to focus on higher value-added activities and support the consistent delivery of high-quality products.

In addition, Ricoh will digitally connect production equipment, quality management and logistics operations. Combined with automated material handling, this integrated approach will optimize the flow of materials and information throughout the factory, enabling Ricoh to respond flexibly to changing demand while supporting the rapid and reliable delivery of high-quality products.

Through the new facility, Ricoh will strengthen its ability to reliably supply high-quality inkjet heads while supporting customers' growth and further expanding its inkjet business.

Overview of the new facility
Location: Atsugi, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan
Structure: Four-story building
Gross floor area: Approximately 39,000 square meters (approximately 420,000 square feet)
Construction start: November 2026
Planned Completion: First half of fiscal 2028



*1 Digital manufacturing
The use of digital technologies, IoT and AI to collect, analyze and leverage data from manufacturing and business operations to improve productivity, transform ways of working and create new value.

*2 Industrial printing
Industrial inkjet heads, inks and printers used to enable a wide range of printing applications, including building materials, furniture, wall coverings, sign and display graphics, and textiles.

*3 Functional printing
The use of inkjet technology to precisely deposit functional materials for advanced applications such as electronics, batteries and automotive components.

Related Information
The expansion of Ricoh's Inkjet Technology
https://www.ricoh.com/technology/inkjet

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