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Nippon Steel Corporation

**Nippon Steel's "ECOKOTE-S™" Adopted in Fuel Tanks
for Chevrolet Volt Electric Vehicle with Extended Range**

Nippon Steel Corporation (President: Shoji Muneoka) has announced that it has accepted orders for its specially developed "ECOKOTE-S™" for fuel tanks to be manufactured by Spectra Premium Industries Inc., from Canada, for Chevrolet Volt electric vehicle with extended range.

"ECOKOTE-S™" is a tin-zinc-coated steel sheet for automotive fuel tanks that contains no lead or other environment-loading substances, exhibits high corrosion resistance, which are advantages desired by today's customers.

Through technical exchange with Spectra, a fuel tank manufacturer, we have been endeavoring to achieve corrosion resistance, formability, and environmental performance most appropriate for environmentally safe vehicles. As a consequence, "ECOKOTE-S™" became an officially approved material for Volt's fuel tank.

We view this adoption of "ECOKOTE-S™" for the Volt, as an important success for Nippon Steel, and we will continue working on the development and spread of environmentally friendly and advanced products, such as "ECOKOTE-S™".

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