Hitachi Appliances keeps striving to help create a better environment through technological innovation.

Hitachi Appliances operates businesses in the areas of home appliances, air-conditioning systems, and new environmental technologies for consumer use, with our vision of “contributing to society through the development of superior, original technology and products.”

To this end, we are working every day to achieve technological innovation using our strengths such as technical skills, manufacturing capabilities, and the ability to develop a wide range of products.

The 21st century is said to be the century of environmental protection, where the issues of climate change and conservation of resources have become important themes.

In particular, solving the issue of climate change purportedly requires building a new, fair, and effective international framework in which all major countries participate, aiming to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Japanese government submitted Japan’s Intended Nationally Determined Contribution ahead of the 21st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 21) to be held in December 2015, declaring that Japan will reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 26.0% by 2030 from the level in 2013 (25.4% from the level in 2005; approx. 1,042 million tons of CO2).

Achieving this goal requires higher energy savings and more efficient products in the industrial, business and household sectors.

We consider our mission to be the continuous supply of such products to society, and are making every effort to accomplish this mission.

In the 2nd half of 2015, we will transfer our air conditioner business, excluding the sales and service divisions in Japan, to a company jointly established with U.S.-based Johnson Controls, Inc. Through this joint company, we will develop a structure that will facilitate a more globalized supply of our high-efficiency air-conditioning systems.

Moreover, in our businesses of home appliances and new environmental technologies, we will continue to develop environmentally friendly products using our energy-saving technologies and products that meet customer demands, hoping to help develop a sustainable society and more comfortable, fulfilling lives of people.

Through such corporate activities, we are striving to become a company that contributes to protecting the global environment.

Takanori Ninomiya
President and Director
Eco-Products and Their Technologies

**Room Air Conditioner X Series**

(FOR JAPAN)

Detects the path of air current to maintain comfort and save power*.1

[Kurashi Camera 3D] captures the room three-dimensionally and detects [Air current path]. The air conditioner efficiently circulates cool air to keep the room cool in summer, and directs warm air at people’s feet in winter by flexibly controlling the air current.

**Energy-Saving Technologies**

New blade propeller fan

- Enlarging the diameter of the propeller fan used in the outdoor unit by 6%* and cutting the central part of the blade edge where air current is concentrated into a V shape have achieved higher fan efficiency.

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High-efficiency SJ-MOS compressor inverter

- The on-resistance of the element used in the high-efficiency SJ-MOS compressor inverter has been decreased, and the switching characteristics improved, in order to reduce loss.

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Scroll compressor

- The heating loss caused by the mixture of high-temperature oil into low-temperature inhaled gas in the conventional model has been reduced by directly supplying heated oil into specified sections for the compression process.

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**Distinctive Hitachi Technologies**

[Kurashi Camera 3D]

- This image camera and thermo camera detects the location, number, and amount of activities of people, and the temperature around them. The object camera that combines the image camera and near infrared LED detects the position and shape of furniture, and in [Air current path].

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**Natural Refrigerant Heat Pump Water Heater**

(FOR JAPAN)

Hot water tank [Uretank] with a urethane foam filling insulation structure achieves high energy saving performance*.1

In addition to the heat pump unit that efficiently makes hot water, the hot water storage unit [Uretank] that adopts a urethane foam filling insulation structure achieves high energy saving performance.

**Energy-Saving Technologies**

[Uretank]

- Urethane foam with higher insulation than the conventional polystyrene lagging is applied on all surfaces and spaces of the tank. The hot water tank with Vacuum Insulation Panel and a high-efficiency heat pump help save even more energy.

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- **Urethane foam and Vacuum Insulation Panel are used to enhance heat retention.**
  - The combination of urethane foam and Vacuum Insulation Panel has achieved insulation about double that of our conventional model.*2
  - The temperature of the tank-water heated to 90°C only drops 2.5°C, or about half the drop in temperature with the conventional model (BHP-F444M), after 12 hours have elapsed.

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**Distinctive Hitachi Technologies**

Intelligent control

- Efficient control is achieved through sensor-based detection, learning function, etc.

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**Energy saving heat retention**

- The sensor detects the temperature of water in the bath tub and learns the time when the temperature drops, etc. By reducing the number of detection times, up to about 35% of the power can be saved*3 while keeping the bath water warm in comparison to automatic heat retention.

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**Saving additional water**

- The system saves power by learning the water usage during the previous seven days and avoids refilling, which is activated by a function to prevent water shortages, and late at night as much as possible.*4

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* The power saving effect was measured using RAS-X450EU in Hitachi’s environment test room (31.4°C as interior). The urethane foam and insulation were added to the sections of hot water storage units.

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*2 The urethane foam in the photo is equipped with leg covers (option).

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*3 This efficiency of yearly hot water supply and heat retention is calculated based on JIS C 8300:2011. The value varies depending on the region, operation mode settings, condenser status, etc.

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*4 In comparison with the conventional model, the tank-water temperature stays 3.5°C higher than the conventional model for 12 hours.

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*5 The hot water unit in the photo is equipped with leg covers (option).
LED Lighting (For Japan)

Hitachi’s LED lighting that has achieved high energy saving performance

LED Ceiling

Energy conservation with high light intensity

Optimizing the arrangement of domed LED units equipped with our original lens and efficiently radiating heat from the LEDs achieves both high light intensity and energy saving performance. The brightness is at the respective highest levels for rooms 6 to 14 tatami units in size*1 (10,000 fum/en) and the highest in the industry*2, and for 15 tatami units or larger.*3 All models achieved high energy saving performance of 137 lm/W (fum,en) or higher for rooms 6 to 20 tatami units in size or larger.*2

Domed LED units

The domed lens covering the LED module efficiently disseminates light coming out from LED. The lens expands the maximum brightness appropriate for the room size,*1 which illuminates across the room including the walls and ceiling.

LED Bulbs

The energy saving target for 2017 has already been achieved. This use of high efficiency LED module and a new structure with high heat-radiation performance has allowed high energy saving performance at a level close to incandescent light bulbs.

The FY2017 energy efficiency target standard value

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Application: general light bulbs (E26 cap), small light bulbs (E17 cap)

Non-application: general light bulbs (E26 cap) with adjustable light, ball-shaped light bulbs (E26 cap)

High energy saving performance and weight reduction

Our original, highly efficient fin shapes were developed based on heat radiation analysis and achieve high efficiency. The brightness was made equivalent to that of existing mercury lamp devices, and the weight was reduced to facilitate easier installation.

This has achieved efficiency of 134.3 lm/W and a mass of 1.5 kg for the Meta-Halo Lamp 400 Series.

Facility LED Lamps

Achieves high energy saving performance and weight reduction

For the Mega-Halo Lamp 400 Series and 250 Series, the components inside the wash tub were slimmed to increase the height of 3.2 m over the floor and washing off any residual dirt and detergent left in the fibers.

Environment Friendly

New way of rinsing that uses Hitachi’s original technologies

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Distinctive Hitachi Technologies

[WaGaKa]niagara(t) warms up the detergent water and activates enzymes to remove stains.

Such technologies as the large flow shower that circulates plenty of water and high-speed rotation that creates strong centrifugal force to thoroughly wash off any residual dirt and detergent left in the fibers.

Packaged air-conditioning Systems for commercial/office (For Japan)

Our product Energy Saving Master Premium has continuously pursued energy conservation and comfort.

In addition to industry leading energy conservation, the use of such functions as sensors and individual operation achieves efficient and comfortable air-conditioning. The increased energy saving effect of the products also contributes to reducing power consumption and CO2 emissions.

Energy-Saving Features

Motion sensors and radiative temperature sensor

Motion sensors and one radiative temperature sensor as standard features. These sensors sense the air-conditioning space divided into four areas to detect the amount of human activity in each area. They also detect the radiative temperature from the floor and tables in the entire area to control room temperature according to the room environment.

Individual operation

Energy Saving Master Premium is capable of connecting multiple indoor units to a single outdoor unit and separately controlling each indoor unit. The indoor units enable air conditioner settings for varying conditions and the environment of use.
**Eco-Products and Their Technologies**

We are also developing environmentally friendly products at our overseas locations.

**Side-by-side Refrigerator** *(for Thailand)*

This side-by-side refrigerator features a convenient layout with the freezer and refrigerator/vegetable compartments placed side by side so that each compartment is vertically long, making the upper and lower compartments more visible, and thus allowing frequently used products to be placed at a convenient height and less frequently used products and stock food to be placed on an upper or lower shelf. It is equipped with an ice-and-water dispenser that uses a water supply tank. Crushed ice, cube ice, and cold water can be dispensed with one push without having to open the doors.

**Energy-Saving Technologies**

- The refrigerator is efficiently cooled down internally by using an inverter-controlled compressor; and a dual-fan cooling system that employs dedicated fans to send cool air separately to the freezer and the refrigerator.
- LED lights used in the freezer, refrigerator, and vegetable compartment save power and last longer than incandescent lamps.

**Environmental Protection**

This is an HFC-free refrigerator that uses cyclopentane as a foaming agent and R600A (isobutane) as a refrigerant, which causes very little global warming effect.

**Window Air Conditioner** *(for India)*

This air conditioner is equipped with Auto Climate Technology, which automatically selects comfortable settings from data on the temperatures and humidity of more than 100 Indian cities. Simply pressing the remote control button activates comfortable air-conditioning.

Because a power outage occurs frequently in India where a power supply is unstable, the air conditioner settings are saved in the backup memory, and the settings are restored when power returns after a power outage. The product received five stars in the 1.5 ton class of the Standard & Labeling Program.

**Energy-Saving Technologies**

- The product is equipped with an Extra Heat Exchanger that cools down the air by using condensation water. It enables efficient operation even under a very high outside temperature.
- The indoor fans and outdoor fans are powered by two independent motors. Slowing down the indoor fans to reduce airflow does not affect rotation of the outdoor fans, thereby reducing any decline in efficiency of the entire air-conditioning system.

**Report on Environmental Activities**

Hitachi Appliances has Group-level policies and targets that are discussed and determined by the Environment Management Board consisting of the Environmental Management Officer in each Hitachi Group Company, who coordinates environmental policy for the entire Group, and environmental officers representing Japanese offices and their key subsidiaries.

The Environmental Promotion Department implements environmental protection activities in cooperation with business and management divisions based on decisions made by the Environmental Management Board. It also conducts environmental internal audits to raise the level of environmental activities carried out in the entire Group.
Building an Environmental Management System

We are building an environmental management system based on ISO 14001, particularly at manufacturing sites with large environmental impact, and working to obtain certification by outside organizations to facilitate our environmental protection activities.

Number of Manufacturing Sites Granted ISO 14001 Certification

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Development of Eco-Products

We conduct the Assessment for DfE (Design for Environment) at product development and design to minimize the environmental impact at every stage of the product life cycle from resource mining to disposal and recycling. The Assessment for DfE evaluates product models based on eight criteria, including mass and volume reduction, long-term usability, recyclability, and ease of dismantling and treatment, on a scale of Level 1 to Level 5. Those models, of which all assessment results are Level 2, equivalent to the model before a major change in specifications, or having been evaluated in an environmental certification in environmental protection, and having reduced CO2 emissions by 20% or more compared to the model before a major change in specifications, or environmental performance such as the rate of meeting energy saving standards, are designated as Eco-Products and commercially developed.

In FY2014, a total of approximately 1,421,000 units of three combined products were recycled as products. The recycling rates of all products exceeded the legal standards.

Recycling of Home Appliances

Recycle works with the production plant to facilitate product recycling and sorting, increase the ease of dismantling, promote the use of recycled materials, etc. Five companies*1 in the same industry cooperatively established and currently operate an efficient recycling system nationwide.

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In response, we have established the Environmental CSR-compliant Monozukuri Standards for managing chemical substances contained in products at every stage from product development, design, and procurement to manufacturing.

Global Warming Prevention

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**Effective Utilization of Resources**

Hitachi Appliances reducing the amount of waste generated in production activities and such valuable materials as marketable resources, in order to make effective use of finite resources. We have been working to reduce the amount of waste and valuable materials generated per unit by 6% in FY2014 from that in FY2005. Additionally, five of our business sites*3 have achieved zero emissions*4 in an attempt to reduce the amount of waste and valuable materials generated per unit by approximately 17% in FY2014 from that in FY2006.

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**Management of Chemical Substances**

Hitachi Appliances is reducing the atmospheric emissions of 41 volatile organic compounds (VOCs)*5 determined independently by the Hitachi Group. In order to help prevent air pollution. We have been working to reduce VOC atmospheric emissions per unit*6 by 11% in FY2015 from that in FY2006. The VOC atmospheric emissions per unit were reduced by 17% from FY2005 to FY2006 thanks to improved production efficiency.

![Image](image)

**Environmental Communication Activity**

To create a sustainable society together with our customers, the local community, suppliers, employees and all other stakeholders, Hitachi Appliances strives to disclose information and engage in dialog in various forms.

**Promotion of Environmental Education**

Hitachi Air-conditioning & Refrigerating Products (Guangzhou) provided its employees and their children with educational opportunities to learn about the necessity and importance of environmental protection.

In the environmental protection class, the participating children observed the cells of plant roots and stems using microscopes that they had assembled. The class helped the children familiarize themselves with the environment by experiencing the links between plants and the environment in the microscopic world. On the factory tour, we showed the children how to sort waste materials, the sewage treatment plant and other facilities, and described out environmental activities.

This marked the first educational event of its kind, through which the children became more interested in environmental protection. We plan to continue such events in the future.

**Children’s Eco Club Held**

Taiwan Hitachi held Children’s Eco Club in May and June 2014 for a total of 150 children from the second and third grades of local elementary schools, in order to raise environmental awareness among children.

After watching a video giving an overview of the company, the children took a tour of the wastewater treatment facilities, EPS Styrofoam compactors, food waste composter, and other facilities in the factory. We described the treatment process at each site and posed questions to help the children learn about waste material sorting and recycling.

Such educational activities will be continued in the future to raise children’s awareness of environmental protection.

**Hitachi Joins Global Light-off Campaign**

On March 28, 2015, Hitachi Air Conditioning Products Europe S.A.U. participated in Earth Hour*1 organized by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The outdoor illuminations in the premises of the company were turned off and remained off for an hour between 20:30 and 21:30 local time, during which we thought about the global environment. We also turned off the lights for six days between March 23 and 28 as an extended period of Earth Hour.

*1: An international event held by people around the world to share the desire to stop global warming and protect the Earth’s environment by turning off lights for an hour at the same local time on the same local day.
CSR-DW Award

Hitachi Compressor (Thailand) Ltd. received the CSR-DW Award presented by Thailand's Ministry of Industry. This is a project promoting corporate social responsibility implementation since 2008, aiming to increase the international competitiveness of companies in Thailand. It requires companies to carry out CSR initiatives in the seven core categories specified in ISO 26000, including “organizational governance,” “human rights,” “labour practices,” “fair operating practices,” “consumer issues,” and “community involvement and development.” The CSR-DW Award is given to companies whose efforts in such areas have been recognized. Hitachi Compressor (Thailand) received the award this time for its projects involving the education of teachers and students, and the repair and maintenance of school PCs (as part of building a sustainable environment) that were actively implemented as part of educational assistance in the communities.

Three products win the 2014 Energy Conservation Grand Prize.

In the product and business model categories of the 2014 Energy Conservation Grand Prize awarded by the Energy Conservation Center Japan (ECCJ) and sponsored by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Hitachi’s room air-conditioner Shizuku Air with Inverter X Series (a total of 15 models including BAS-XAEX5) received the ECCJ’s Award, and a total of 52 models including (18 models of LED lighting equipment) and LED ceiling (30 models including LEC-1810) products, LED light bulbs (19 models including LDA-TL-300), and factory-use LED lighting high-capacity LED lamps (three models including LME 2510M) received the ECCJ’s Award. Home-use natural refrigerant heat pump water heater and LED lighting received the Energy Conservation Grand Prize for the second consecutive year.

Visiting Lecture on the Environment at Local Elementary School

In November 2014, representatives from the Tochigi Works of Hitachi Appliances visited 62 fourth-graders at a local elementary school to give a lecture on the environment. In the class, the children learned how used household appliances were recycled and factory wastewater was purified from a video, and they measured the cloudiness of factory wastewater using a transparency meter that they had recycled and factory wastewater was purified from a video, and they measured the cloudiness of factory wastewater using a transparency meter that they had recycled. Tree surgeon, Mr. Toshihiro Kurusu, described the planting technique using charcoal and mycorrhizal fungi that would facilitate the growth of Japanese black pines. Mr. Kurusu then explained how the planting of 200 seedlings of nematode-resistant Japanese black pines, which was followed by the planting of 200 seedlings of nematode-resistant Japanese black pines.

Participation in Pine Planting at Miho Beach

On February 7, 2015, the Shimizu Works of Hitachi Appliances participated in pine planting at Miho Beach, Shimizu-ku, Shizuoka city, which was organized by the Shizukuai City Association for Environmental Safeguards. This event was held as part of the celebration of the Association’s 10th anniversary for conveying the importance of forest preservation to younger generations. The event was participated by 166 people from 24 Association member companies including the Shimizu Works of Hitachi Appliances. A tree surgeon, Mr. Toshihiro Kurusu, described the planting technique using charcoal and mycorrhizal fungi that would facilitate the growth of Japanese black pines for reforestation, which was followed by the planting of 200 seedlings of nematode-resistant Japanese black pines.

Cleaning of Area Around the Office

In November 2014 and March 2015, employees at the Ome Works of Hitachi Appliances cleaned Kawaage Beach of Hitachi city located near the office before the beach was opened for the summer season.

This cleaning has been done for nearly half a century since 1965. About 120 employees joined the event and cleaned the areas around Eboshi-ina (pines).

Company Name
Hitachi Appliances, Inc.

Main Business
Development, manufacture and sales of home appliances and comprehensive air conditioning systems

President & Director
Takasynori Nishiyama

Capital Stock
20 billion yen (Hitachi, Ltd. 100%)

Corporate Overview (as of September 30, 2015)

Established
April 1, 2006 (Registered: Establishment Date: November 26, 1996)

Consolidated revenue
608.2 billion yen (for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015)

Consolidated number of employees
16,803 (as of the end of March, 2015)

Website
http://www.hitachi-ap.com/
Corporation Overview (as of September, 2015)

Factories in Japan

Tochigi Works
Tochigi City, Tochigi Prefecture

Shinshu Works
Shinshu City, Niigata Prefecture

Ome Works
Ome City, Tokyo

Taga Works
Hitachi City, Ibaraki Prefecture

Tsuchiura Works
Tsuchiura City, Ibaraki Prefecture

Hokkaido Marketing Branch

Fukushima Marketing Branch

Hokuriku Branch Office

Kansai Branch Office

Shikoku Marketing Branch

Sales Divisions, Branches, and Marketing Offices in Japan (Air Conditioning System Group)

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Kanto Marketing Branch

Kansai Marketing Branch

Kyushu Marketing Branch

Group Companies in Japan

Hitachi Taga Technology, Ltd.

Hitachi-Kucho SE, Ltd.

Niigata Hitachi Co., Ltd.

Hitachi Air Conditioning Kyushu Co., Ltd.

Shizuoka Hitachi Reinetsu Co., Ltd.

Hitachi Softec Co., Ltd.

Hitachi Reftechno, Inc.

Hitachi Air Conditioning Kanto Co., Ltd.

Hitachi Air Conditioning Kansai Co., Ltd.

Kanagawa Hitachi Air Conditioning Co., Ltd.

Kantou Eco Recycle Co., Ltd.

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