

The world's first electric power steering for kei cars

Registration No.	Number 00403		
Registration Date	September 29, 2026	Registration Category	Category 1
Name (Model, etc.)	Column Type Electric Power Steering (C-EPS)		
Location	Kariya-shi, Aichi		
	JTEKT CORPORATION		
Owner (Custodian)	JTEKT CORPORATION		
Manufacturer (Company)	KOYO SEIKO CO., LTD. (Current: JTEKT CORPORATION)		
Year Manufactured	1988		
Reason For Selection	This item is electric power steering that was first installed in 1988 on the Suzuki Motor Co., Ltd. (currently Suzuki Motor Corporation) Cervo special edition model as power steering for kei cars, which had not taken well to hydraulic power steering. The power-assist mechanism is located in the steering column (inside the passenger compartment), directly below the steering wheel. It was the world's first electric power steering for automobiles, and is significant for its major contribution to energy conservation and improved fuel efficiency, as exemplified by achievements such as being the first automotive component to receive the Environmental Award co-sponsored by the Nikkan Kogyo Shimbun and the Environmental Research Center Foundation in 1994.		
Registration Criteria	1-B (Shows a uniquely Japanese scientific or technological development from an international perspective.)		

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