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**Sage Automotive Interiors Transitions to Medical Fabrics**

*Temporary Transition to Reusable Face Mask Textiles, Level 3 Gown Capability*

**Greenville, S.C.** – [Sage Automotive Interiors](#) (an Asahi Kasei company) announces it has temporarily transitioned its U.S. manufacturing operations to produce medical fabrics to support COVID-19 relief efforts. Over the last several weeks, Sage Automotive Interiors has worked diligently to transition its manufacturing capability in automotive fabrics into the ability to produce fabrics needed for the medical industry. This week, Sage begins production of fabric for washable face masks as well as the elastic strap material to provide for some of its customers. Additionally, Sage has developed the capability to manufacture level 3 gown material.

“The globe is in a period of critical need,” says Dirk Pieper, President and CEO of Sage Automotive Interiors, “and it’s important that we do our part. I am very proud of our associates who have stepped up and made this transition happen.”

Manufacturing for Sage Automotive Interiors’ medical products will occur at its Greenville manufacturing site. In normal day-to-day operations, Sage Automotive Interiors fabricates material for seat manufacturers in the automotive market such as high-quality textiles and leather alternatives.

Sage Automotive Interiors ([www.sageautomotiveinteriors.com](http://www.sageautomotiveinteriors.com)) is one of the world’s leading providers of automotive interior materials—seating, door panel surfaces, and headliners—to automotive Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs). Global offices and manufacturing locations include the U.S., Japan, China, Brazil, Korea, India, Thailand, Mexico, and Europe. Sage enjoys core strengths in consumer research, sustainability and innovative problem solving for the OEM. Sage’s vision is to be the market leader in design, engineering, and technical capability, supported by world-class manufacturing. Sage Automotive Interiors is an Asahi Kasei company (TYO: 3407).

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