

## World First\*: Development of New Antibacterial Seatbelts - For Adoption in All Toyota JPN Taxis -

TOKAI RIKA Co., Ltd. (President: Hiroyoshi Ninoyu) has developed antibacterial seatbelts that have been adopted for the first time in the world in the redesigned JPN Taxi that was launched by Toyota Motor Corporation in May 2022.

TOKAI RIKA is responsible for developing, designing, and manufacturing a wide range of products such as seatbelts and steering wheels that help to protect the safety and peace of mind of vehicle users. The belt, tongue, and buckle of a seatbelt are high-contact parts. We have incorporated antibacterial properties into these components to produce seatbelts that will help to protect both the safety and peace of mind of as many vehicle users as possible.

TOKAI RIKA intends to continue developing high-performance safety systems to help keep our customers safe from the concerns and issues of the world.

\* The world's first antibacterial seatbelt developed by an OEM for an automaker (as of May 13, 2022).

### Distinguishing characteristics of these new seatbelts:

1. Belts covered with photocatalytic antibacterial coating.
2. Silver-based antibacterial agent added to the tongue (plastic portion), the button and cover of the buckle, as well as the connector tongue (plastic portion) and buckle cover.

→ Realizes strong antibacterial properties and restricts bacterial growth.

