



# Press Release

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## **Gates sets foot ashore in Turkey**

***For the first time Gates will be present at Eurasia's number one OEM and Aftermarket event, Automechanika Istanbul, from April 16 until 19. During the show this leading manufacturer will be showcasing its broad range of automotive products and services for the independent aftermarket. In addition the parts manufacturer announces plans to open a production plant and a distribution centre in Turkey.***

With plans to invest in a new Power Transmission facility in the Izmir Free Trade Zone and the opening of a distribution centre in Kartal in the near future, Gates is determined to enter the Turkish market. In this respect, their participation to the biggest automotive aftermarket event is a first step to become an established key player in the Turkish automotive business.

Gates designed and produced the industry's first V-belt and is today the world's largest manufacturer of V-belts, multi-ribbed belts and timing belts. For the automotive aftermarket Gates offers a range of OE equivalent PowerGrip® timing belts which cover virtually every car on the road. A badly functioning timing belt drive system can cause serious problems such as a complete destruction of the engine, so it is essential to use high quality replacement parts that ensure a safe operation. Gates timing belts are manufactured to the toughest OE requirements and are specified by car manufacturers around the world.

Visitors to the stand will experience that Gates is not only a belt supplier but also a key player in the European tensioner business for the OE and replacement market. To make life easier for garage mechanics, Gates offers complete kits which include timing belts and all necessary metal parts and if needed O-rings, oil seals or a water pump are also included. According to the manufacturer it is best to replace belts, idlers and tensioners at the same time to guarantee a perfect and safe performance of the drive system. Clear installation instructions in the kit allow correct installation as per the vehicle manufacturer's recommendations.

Gates useful online application catalogue, which will be demonstrated on the stand, allows mechanics to quickly find the right replacement part. This information is directly accessible via [www.gatesautocat.com](http://www.gatesautocat.com) and can be consulted for free by all mechanics and spare parts distributors.

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**Image Caption:**

PowerGrip® kits by Gates, a reliable solution for belt drive systems.

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*About Gates*

The Gates Corporation, headquartered in Denver (USA), is a leading manufacturer of hi-tech rubber belts and hoses for industrial, hydraulic, agricultural and automotive applications. Gates not only supplies to all major car and machine manufacturers, but also to the aftermarket. Automotive manufacturing, transport, agriculture, mining, construction, office equipment, computer technology and food processing are the primary industries it serves. The Gates Corporation is part of Tomkins Plc.