

## MIRA INFORM REPORT

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### IDENTIFICATION DETAILS

Name :	SHOWA CORPORATION
Registered Office :	1-14-1 Fujiwaracho Gyoda City Saitama-Pref 361-8506
Country :	Japan
Financials (as on) :	31.03.2018
Date of Incorporation :	Oct., 1938
Com. Reg. No.:	0300-01-086904 (Saitama-Gyoda)
Legal Form :	Limited Company (Kabushiki Kaisha)
Line of Business :	Manufacturer of Hydraulic Shock Absorbers, Power Steering.
No. of Employees :	2,728

### RATING & COMMENTS

(Mira Inform has adopted New Rating mechanism w.e.f. 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017)

<b>MIRA's Rating :</b>	A
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Credit Rating	Explanation	Rating Comments
A	Acceptable Risk	Business dealings permissible with moderate risk of default

<b>Maximum Credit Limit :</b>	Yen 7,769.8 Million
<b>Status :</b>	Good
<b>Payment Behaviour :</b>	Regular
<b>Litigation :</b>	Clear

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**NOTES:**

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**ECGC Country Risk Classification List**

Country Name	Previous Rating (31.12.2017)	Current Rating (01.04.2018)
Japan	A1	A1

Risk Category	ECGC Classification
Insignificant	A1
Low Risk	A2
Moderately Low Risk	B1
Moderate Risk	B2
Moderately High Risk	C1
High Risk	C2
Very High Risk	D

## JAPAN - ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

Over the past 70 years, government-industry cooperation, a strong work ethic, mastery of high technology, and a comparatively small defense allocation (slightly less than 1% of GDP) have helped Japan develop an advanced economy. Two notable characteristics of the post-World War II economy were the close interlocking structures of manufacturers, suppliers, and distributors, known as keiretsu, and the guarantee of lifetime employment for a substantial portion of the urban labor force. Both features have significantly eroded under the dual pressures of global competition and domestic demographic change.

Measured on a purchasing power parity basis that adjusts for price differences, Japan in 2017 stood as the fourth-largest economy in the world after first-place China, which surpassed Japan in 2001, and third-place India, which edged out Japan in 2012. For three postwar decades, overall real economic growth was impressive - averaging 10% in the 1960s, 5% in the 1970s, and 4% in the 1980s. Growth slowed markedly in the 1990s, averaging just 1.7%, largely because of the aftereffects of inefficient investment and the collapse of an asset price bubble in the late 1980s, which resulted in several years of economic stagnation as firms sought to reduce excess debt, capital, and labor. Modest economic growth continued after 2000, but the economy has fallen into recession four times since 2008.

Japan enjoyed an uptick in growth since 2013, supported by Prime Minister Shinzo ABE's "Three Arrows" economic revitalization agenda - dubbed "Abenomics" - of monetary easing, "flexible" fiscal policy, and structural reform. Led by the Bank of Japan's aggressive monetary easing, Japan is making modest progress in ending deflation, but demographic decline - a low birthrate and an aging, shrinking population - poses a major long-term challenge for the economy. The government currently faces the quandary of balancing its efforts to stimulate growth and institute economic reforms with the need to address its sizable public debt, which stands at 235% of GDP. To help raise government revenue, Japan adopted legislation in 2012 to gradually raise the consumption tax rate. However, the first such increase, in April 2014, led to a sharp contraction, so Prime Minister ABE has twice postponed the next increase, which is now scheduled for October 2019. Structural reforms to unlock productivity are seen as central to strengthening the economy in the long-run.

Scarce in critical natural resources, Japan has long been dependent on imported energy and raw materials. After the complete shutdown of Japan's nuclear reactors following the earthquake and tsunami disaster in 2011, Japan's industrial sector has become even more dependent than before on imported fossil fuels. However, ABE's government is seeking to restart nuclear power plants that meet strict new safety standards and is emphasizing nuclear energy's importance as a base-load electricity source. In August 2015, Japan successfully restarted one nuclear reactor at the Sendai Nuclear Power Plant in Kagoshima prefecture, and several other reactors around the country have since resumed operations; however, opposition from local governments has delayed several more restarts that remain pending. Reforms of the electricity and gas sectors, including full liberalization of Japan's energy market in April 2016 and gas market in April 2017, constitute an important part of Prime Minister Abe's economic program.

Under the Abe Administration, Japan's government sought to open the country's economy to greater foreign competition and create new export opportunities for Japanese businesses, including by joining 11 trading partners in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). Japan became the first country to ratify the TPP in December 2016, but the United States signaled its withdrawal from the agreement in January 2017. In November 2017 the remaining 11 countries agreed on the core elements of a modified agreement, which they renamed the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). Japan also reached agreement with the European Union on an Economic Partnership Agreement in July 2017, and is likely seek to ratify both agreements in the Diet this year.

Source : CIA

## **COMPANY NAME AND ADDRESS**

### **SHOWA CORPORATION**

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**MAIN OFFICE:** 1-14-1 Fujiwaracho Gyoda City Saitama-Pref 361-8506 JAPAN  
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**URL:** <http://www.showa1.com>  
**E-Mail address:** (thru the URL)

## **ACTIVITIES**

Mfg of hydraulic shock absorbers, power steering

## **BRANCHES**

Saitama, Nagoya

## **OVERSEAS**

USA, China, Canada, Mexico,

## **FACTORIES**

At the caption address, Nagoya, Hadano, Gotemba, other (Tot 5)

## **OVERSEAS**

USA, China, Canada, S/E Asia, Europe, other (Tot 6 areas)

## **OFFICERS**

NOBUYUKI SUGIYAMA, PRES  
Takeshi Nagao, mgn dir  
Tetsuya Wakiyama, mgn dir  
Hiroshi Ichimura, s/mgn dir  
Narutoshi Wakiyama, mgn dir  
Kazuhiro Nishioka, dir

Yen Amount: In million Yen, unless otherwise stated

## **SUMMARY**

FINANCES	FAIR	A/SALES	Yen 291,989 M
PAYMENTS	REGULAR	CAPITAL	Yen 12,698 M
TREND	UP	WORTH	Yen 96,076 M
STARTED	1918	EMPLOYES	2,728

## **COMMENT**

MFR OF AUTOMOTIVE PARTS, AFFILIATED TO HONDA MOTOR

FINANCIAL SITUATION COSIDERED FAIR AND GOOD FOR ORDINARY BUSINESS ENGAGEMENTS.

MAX CREDIT LIMIT: YEN 7,769.8 MILLION, 30 DAYS NORMAL TERMS

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

This is the Honda Motor-affiliated mfr of hydraulic shock absorbers & power steerlings. Strong in motorcycle shock absorbers. Diversifying into hydraulic equipment for marine and industrial use. Has plants in N America and China. Advanced into overseas markets from an early stage, and is continuing to expand into areas such as North America, South America, Europe, Asia & China for multipolarization. Sales ratio to Honda Motor stands nearly 80%. Sales of motorcycle shock absorbers in Asia make a strong profit contribution.

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The sales volume for Mar/2018 fiscal term amounted to Yen 291,989 million, a 12.52% up from Yen 259,495 million in the previous term. The recurring profit was posted at Yen 26,042 million and the net profit at Yen 13,855 million, respectively, compared with Yen 2,407 million recurring loss and Yen 11,444 million net losses, respectively, a year ago.

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For the current term ending Mar 2019 the recurring profit is projected at Yen 27,200 million and the net profit at Yen 17,000 million, respectively on a 4.11% fall in turnover, to Yen 280,000 million.

The financial situation is considered FAIR and good for ORDINARY business engagements. Max credit limit is estimated at Yen 7,769.8 million, on 30 days normal terms.

## **REGISTRATION**

**Date Registered:** Oct 1938  
**Regd No.:** 0300-01-086904 (Saitama-Gyoda)  
**Legal Status:** Limited Company (Kabushiki Kaisha)  
**Authorized:** 186 million shares  
**Issued:** 76,020,019  
**Sum:** Yen 12,698 million

**Major shareholders (%):** Honda Motor (33.4), Japan Trustee Services T (6.1), Chase Manhattan GTS Escrow (4.3), Master Trust Bank of Japan T (3.8), Kapan Trustee Services T9 (2.7), Customers' S/Holding Assn (2.3), MUFG (1.6); Government of Norway (1.6), Japan Trustee Services T5 (1.3), State Street Bank & Trust (1.2); foreign owners (30.7)

**No. of shareholders:** 4,103

**Listed on the S/Exchange (s) of:** Tokyo

Nothing detrimental is known as to the commercial morality of executives.

**Related companies:** American Showa, Showa Canada, other.

## **OPERATION**

**Activities:** Manufactures hydraulic shock absorbers, power steerlings, others:

**(Sales Breakdown):**

**Motorcycle & General use (28%), Four Wheelers (32%), Steerings (35%), Gas Spring (1%), Others (4%)  
Overseas Sales Ratio (78%)**

**Clients:** [Automakers, mfrs, wholesalers] Honda Motor, Suzuki Motor, Kawasaki Heavy Ind, Mitsubishi Motor, Fuji Heavy Ind, Mazda Motor, Daihatsu, American Showa, Daihatsu Motor, Tohatsu Marine, Otsuka Koki Co, other  
No. of accounts: 1,000

Domestic areas of activities: Nationwide

**Suppliers:** [Mfrs, wholesalers] NTN, NOK, Mitsubishi Electric, Ogawa Spring, Hanwa Co, Metal Act, Oiles Corp, other

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**Payment record:** Regular

**Location:** Business area in Gyoda City, Saitama-Pref. Office premises at the caption address are owned and maintained satisfactorily.

**Bank References:**

MUFG (H/O)  
Saitama Resona Bank (Saitama)  
Relations: Satisfactory

**FINANCES**

(In Million Yen)

Terms Ending:	31/03/2019	31/03/2018	31/03/2017	31/03/2016
Annual Sales	280,000	291,989	259,495	258,246
Recur. Profit	27,200	26,042	-2,407	7,454
Net Profit	17,000	13,855	-11,444	-2,348
Total Assets		201,967	205,888	186,793
Net Worth		96,076	84,152	93,259
Capital, Paid-Up		12,698	12,698	12,698
Div.P.Share(¥)		12.00	10.00	0.00
<b>&lt;Analytical Data&gt;</b>	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
S.Growth Rate	-4.11	12.52	0.48	-3.06
Current Ratio		..	..	..
N.Worth Ratio		47.57	40.87	49.93
N.Profit/Sales	6.07	4.75	-4.41	-0.91

**Notes:** Forecast (or estimated) figures for the 31/03/2019 fiscal term.

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES**

Currency	Unit	Indian Rupees
US Dollar	1	INR 73.58
UK Pound	1	INR 95.89
Euro	1	INR 84.70
Yen	1	INR 0.65

**Note:** Above are approximate rates obtained from sources believed to be correct

**INFORMATION DETAILS**

<b>Analysis Done by :</b>	PRI
<b>Report Prepared by :</b>	NIT

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**RATING EXPLANATIONS**

Credit Rating	Explanation	Rating Comments
A++	Minimum Risk	Business dealings permissible with minimum risk of default
A+	Low Risk	Business dealings permissible with low risk of default
A	Acceptable Risk	Business dealings permissible with moderate risk of default
B	Medium Risk	Business dealings permissible on a regular monitoring basis
C	Medium High Risk	Business dealings permissible preferably on secured basis
D	High Risk	Business dealing not recommended or on secured terms only
NB	New Business	No recommendation can be done due to business in infancy stage
NT	No Trace	No recommendation can be done as the business is not traceable

NB is stated where there is insufficient information to facilitate rating. However, it is not to be considered as unfavourable.

This score serves as a reference to assess SC's credit risk and to set the amount of credit to be extended. It is calculated from a composite of weighted scores obtained from each of the major sections of this report. The assessed factors are as follows:

- Financial condition covering various ratios
- Company background and operations size
- Promoters / Management background
- Payment record
- Litigation against the subject
- Industry scenario / competitor analysis
- Supplier / Customer / Banker review (wherever available)