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# Toyota's Bodine to add jobs in Mo., Tenn.

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Toyota said Friday that two of its Bodine Aluminum plants, in Missouri and Tennessee, would add 20 new jobs as part of an \$8.4 million investment to support expanded production of the car maker's six-speed automatic transmissions.

The two Bodine plants — in Jackson, Tenn., and Troy, Mo. — will provide transmission cases and housing parts for expansion at Toyota Motor Manufacturing West Virginia Inc. in Buffalo, W.Va.

Bodine, which is based in north St. Louis County, will grow its capacity by more than 320,000 units a year, the car company said. Toyota didn't indicate exactly how many new jobs would be added at each Bodine plant.

Toyota revealed Bodine's expansion when it announced a \$64 million investment to add six-speed automatic transmission capacity at its plant in Buffalo, which will create about 40 jobs there. The plant currently builds six-speed transmissions for V6 engine models including the Avalon, Camry, Lexus RX350, Sienna and Venza.

The expansion will bring Toyota Motor Manufacturing West Virginia's annual transmission capacity to nearly 400,000, raise total employment there to about 1,100 and total plant investment to \$1.26 billion.

Production at the West Virginia plant as well as the two Bodine locations is set to being by the end of 2012.

Toyota (NYSE: TM) currently operates 14 manufacturing plants in North America, including one under construction.

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