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Daimler Trucks North America to add 1,200 jobs in Charlotte region

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Daimler Trucks North America will add 1,101 jobs at its Freightliner truck plant in Rowan County, as well as boosting the work force at its Gastonia parts plant by about 100 employees.

The company is expanding production at its manufacturing plant in the Rowan town of Cleveland, adding a second shift.

The majority of the new positions there will be filled by recalled workers who were laid off in 2009, the company says.

Daimler expects to start hiring in February and have the new shift operating at full capacity by September.

"We make things better than anyone here," N.C. Gov. [Bev Perdue](#) said Thursday morning during an announcement at the Cleveland plant.

The facility currently employs 1,472 workers, so the new jobs will boost its work force to 2,573. The plant manufactures Class 8 truck models, including Freightliner's Cascadia, Columbia and Argosy lines.

"We at Daimler have successfully left the recession behind," [Roger Nielsen](#), the company's chief operating officer, said during the announcement.

Current employment figures for the company's Gastonia plant weren't immediately available. Elsewhere in the Charlotte region, Daimler Trucks has about 1,400 employees at a truck-assembly plant in Mount Holly, which added a second shift last summer.

Daimler Trucks North America is based in Portland, Ore., and is a unit of Daimler AG of Stuttgart, Germany.