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Much of the best technology available today is from Europe and Asia, but most regional systems

Chicago's Metra commuter rail is a case in point. Metra serves 500 miles of track and 230 stations.

The cars are being built by a Japanese company, Nippon Sharyo, and powered by Toshiba traction motors.

"These units will help Nippon meet the 60 percent American content requirement for the new cars."

The drives feature an advanced design that helps prevent oil leakage, making the new cars more efficient.

The first 16 Highliner cars went into service with Metra already. Voith will deliver a total of 100 cars.

"We expect this kind of partnership to be the model for many more regional transportation systems."

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