

Third Time Is NOT The Charm: Nissan Smokes UAW Again In Union Vote

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More than 3,500 Nissan workers in Canton, Mississippi, [overwhelmingly voted against union representation](#) by the United Auto Workers (UAW) on Aug. 3 and 4. The final vote tally was 2,244 to 1,307. This follows [two prior defeats of the UAW](#) by Nissan in 1989 and 2001, so third time is not the charm. It also is the latest in a long line of losses by the UAW in the South and within foreign car companies' U.S. manufacturing sites. The [latest blowout defeat for the UAW](#) raises significant questions about the union's future and its ability to organize foreign auto manufacturers. The UAW filed unfair labor practice charges on Aug. 4 against Nissan shortly after the vote concluded alleging employee intimidation and other misconduct. If the National Labor Relations Board finds merit to any of the allegations, it could result in a [re-run election](#). For now, however, Nissan and its other Japanese automotive counterparts' American operations remain union-free.

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