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Steelwrist launches XTR tiltrotators in Asia and presents OS40 addition to the Open-S standard at CSPI-EXPO

Steelwrist will launch the third-generation XTR tiltrotator range in Asia at CSPI-EXPO in Tokyo, Japan, June 17–20. With several XTR models on display, the first Japanese presentation of QuantumConnect, two electric excavators equipped with Steelwrist tiltrotators and the official announcement that OS40 is added to the Open-S standard, Steelwrist brings its biggest CSPI-EXPO presence ever to Japan’s leading construction equipment exhibition.

CSPI-EXPO takes place annually at Makuhari Messe in Tokyo and is the largest and most important exhibition in the Japanese construction equipment industry. The 2026 edition will be the seventh time Steelwrist participates in the exhibition and marks an important milestone in the company’s continued growth in Japan and across Asia.

Since entering the Japanese market in 2018, Steelwrist has established itself as the market leader for tiltrotators in Japan. At CSPI-EXPO 2026, visitors are welcome to meet the Steelwrist team in indoor stand 09-41, where the company will present its latest technology for the Asian market, including XTR tiltrotators, SQ fully automatic coupler solutions, QuantumConnect and Open-S.

Launching the XTR series tiltrotators in Asia

CSPI-EXPO will be the official launch of the Steelwrist XTR tiltrotator range in Asia. The XTR series represents the third generation of Steelwrist tiltrotator technology and brings together new tiltrotator hardware, advanced hydraulics, smart onboard technology and the latest Steelwrist control system platform.

In the Steelwrist stand, visitors will be able to see the XTR7, XTR10 and XTR15 models. The XTR7, which made its first public appearance at Svenska Maskinmässan in Sweden only two weeks before CSPI-EXPO, is developed for excavators in the 4–7 tonne range and comes with S40 size interface. At CSPI-EXPO, the XTR7 will be shown with Steelwrist SQ40, the fully automatic coupler solution that enables hydraulic powered work tools to be changed without leaving the cab. Additionally the XTR7 comes equipped with absolute tilt- and rotation sensors enabling easy integration to machine control systems.

In addition to the Steelwrist stand, further XTR models will be shown mounted on excavators in OEM stands. One XTR10 will be displayed in the Kubota stand, while one XTR15 and one XTR23 will be displayed in the Komatsu stand. This underlines the growing interest in Steelwrist tiltrotator technology among leading excavator manufacturers.



The XTR series is developed to take excavator efficiency to the next level, with increased performance, improved safety, higher uptime and an operator experience built around precision and control. Key features include steel cast components, refined tilt geometry, OptiLube onboard lubrication, high-resolution tilt and rotation sensors, and Steelwrist safety solutions for secure work tool locking.

The XTR platform is also prepared for SuperProp, Steelwrist's patented fully pressure compensated proportional hydraulic technology. SuperProp improves tiltrotator precision, function independence and energy efficiency by reducing losses in the hydraulic system and enabling smooth, predictable movements even when several excavator functions are used at the same time.

“Japan is one of the most important markets in the world for compact and mid-size excavators, and CSPI-EXPO is the right place to launch our third-generation XTR tiltrotators in Asia. With the XTR7 and SQ40 combination, we bring new levels of efficiency, safety and flexibility to a machine segment that is highly relevant for Japanese contractors. Steelwrist has established itself as the market leader for tiltrotators in Japan, and the continued growth of our local organization shows our long-term commitment to customers, dealers and OEM partners in this important market,” says Stefan Stockhaus, Steelwrist CEO.

QuantumConnect introduced in Japan

CSPI-EXPO will also be the first time Steelwrist presents QuantumConnect in Japan. QuantumConnect is Steelwrist's latest tiltrotator control system platform and is developed to make installation, operation and support easier and more efficient.

The platform brings together new hardware components, smart apps and connected functionality. Main components include A9 joysticks, QIO module, Connectivity Gateway and touch display. The system is delivered with machine-specific cable harnesses to simplify installation from start.

For installers, QuantumConnect is designed to make tiltrotator installation faster and more consistent. The InstallMate app provides predefined, machine-specific and multilingual installation guides, supporting technicians step by step and enabling remote installation support.

For operators, QuantumConnect is built around precision and control. Tiltrotator hydraulic functions are controlled proportionally with rollers on the A9 joysticks, while auto-calibration of hydraulic valves helps optimize the driver experience. The QuantumConnect app allows the operator to configure settings, access support and keep the system updated.

The platform also integrates with other Steelwrist technologies. LockSense gives clear indication of secure work tool locking, ToolRec can wirelessly detect the connected work tool and automatically adjust tiltrotator settings, and optional Machine Control System integration supports precision work through bucket position feedback.



Steelwrist brings its biggest CSPI-EXPO presence ever

Steelwrist will have its biggest stand ever at CSPI-EXPO. The 315 square meter indoor stand, located at 09-41, will bring together the company's latest tiltrotator technology, quick coupler solutions, work tools, control system platform and Open-S information in one major exhibition presence.

The stand will include static product displays, a dedicated Open-S area and a dedicated area for QuantumConnect. Visitors will be able to see several XTR tiltrotator models, SQ fully automatic coupler solutions, Steelwrist work tools and control system components.

Two electric excavators equipped with Steelwrist X04 tiltrotators will be used to demonstrate the productivity and efficiency gains that tiltrotators bring to compact machines. The demonstrations will show how the ability to tilt and rotate the work tool allows operators to work faster, with greater precision and with less need to reposition the excavator.

The Steelwrist team in Japan, together with colleagues from the global organization, will be on site throughout the exhibition to welcome customers, dealers and OEM partners. Visitors will have the opportunity to discuss product solutions, machine setups, installation support and how tiltrotators, automatic quick couplers and work tools can increase excavator efficiency in the Japanese market.

"CSPI-EXPO is the most important exhibition for us in Japan, and this year we are taking a major step with our biggest stand ever at the show. Interest in Steelwrist tiltrotators continues to grow among Japanese contractors, and we are excited to welcome customers, dealers and OEM partners to experience our latest technology first-hand. With the XTR series, QuantumConnect, Open-S and two electric excavators in live demonstrations, visitors will see how Steelwrist solutions can improve everyday excavator efficiency," says Takujiro Igarashi, Steelwrist Country Manager Japan.

Steelwrist Japan expands capacity with new facility in Saitama

Steelwrist has been present in Japan since 2018 and has built a strong position in the market together with customers, dealers and OEM partners. During the last year, interest in Steelwrist tiltrotators has increased significantly, with more contractors around the country seeing the benefits of using tiltrotators, quick couplers and work tools to improve excavator efficiency.

To support this continued growth, Steelwrist Japan will move into a new facility in Miyoshi-machi, Saitama, from July 1, 2026. The new location provides significantly expanded capacity and improved conditions for sales, availability of local spare parts, logistics, training and continued market development.

The move marks an important step in Steelwrist's long-term commitment to Japan. With a larger and more capable facility, Steelwrist Japan will be better positioned to support customers and dealers, handle increasing product volumes and provide the technical competence needed as tiltrotator adoption continues to grow.



The Open-S standard expands with OS40

Steelwrist will continue to highlight Open-S at CSPI-EXPO. Open-S is the open industry standard for automatic couplers for excavators, owned and managed by the independent Open-S Alliance. Steelwrist is a founding member of the alliance and has been a driving force behind the development of the standard.

At a press event hosted in the Steelwrist stand during CSPI-EXPO on June 17, Open-S will officially announce the expansion of the standard with the OS40 size, the standard now covers excavators from 2 to 75 tons. OS40 brings Open-S into the compact excavator segment between 2 and 7 tonnes, a highly important size class in Japan and many other markets.

Steelwrist first presented SQ40, the solution that now becomes the OS40 standard, at Bauma in Munich in 2025 and has since actively introduced the solution to the market. With OS40 becoming part of the Open-S standard, the benefits of fully automatic work tool changes and open compatibility become available in one of the most important compact excavator segments.

Open-S continues to gain traction globally, including Japan and Asia. The most recent expansion of the alliance with four new members joining included two Japanese companies. This is an important signal that the open standard is becoming increasingly relevant for the Japanese market and for the global excavator industry.

“With OS40 officially becoming part of the Open-S standard, the alliance takes an important step into one of the most relevant compact excavator segments globally, and especially in Japan. The OS40 solution builds on the SQ40 technology developed by Steelwrist, and it shows how innovation from one company can help move an entire industry forward when it is brought into an open standard. With more members joining from Japan and other markets, Open-S has real global traction, giving machine owners and contractors freedom of choice without compromising safety or compatibility,” says Karl Serneberg, Steelwrist VP OEM Sales & Marketing and board member of Open-S Alliance.

Visit to Steelwrist headquarters by Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado

Ahead of CSPI-EXPO, Steelwrist had the honor of welcoming Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado to the company’s headquarters in Rosersberg, Sweden, on June 12. The visit was organized together with Samhall and focused on the cooperation between Steelwrist and Samhall.

Samhall is a Swedish state-owned company with the mission to create meaningful work for people with disabilities. The cooperation with Steelwrist is an example of how Samhall employees contribute to quality and competitiveness in Swedish industry.

During the visit, Steelwrist and Samhall presented their cooperation and gave an insight into how industrial customers and social innovation can create value both for individuals and for society. For Steelwrist, the visit was also an opportunity to highlight the company’s development journey, its Swedish manufacturing and innovation base, and the growing importance of Japan as a market for Steelwrist tiltrotators, quick couplers and work tools.



The visit underlines the strong relationship between Sweden and Japan and comes at a time when Steelwrist continues to invest in the Japanese market. With a growing local organization, a new facility in Saitama and the launch of the XTR tiltrotator range in Asia, Steelwrist further strengthens its position as the market leader for tiltrotators in Japan.

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Steelwrist is a global manufacturer of tiltrotators, quick couplers and work tools for excavators with headquarters in Sweden. A determined focus on robust and modern products, combined with fast service has been appreciated by an increasing number of customers worldwide. For more information about Steelwrist, please visit steelwrist.com.

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