



**FCA CANADA**  
Canadian Facilities  
**ARDC FACT SHEET**

**University of Windsor / FCA Canada Automotive Research and Development Centre**

3939 Rhodes Drive, Windsor, Ontario

**Site:** 93,000 square metres

**Employment:** 180 positions

**History:** Opened in May 1996 with a \$30 million (CDN) investment, it was the first partnership of its kind in Canada, linking industry and academia. With a total Research and Development spend in Canada exceeding \$1 billion in 2016, the ARDC benefits all partners. The facility is equipped with six road-test simulators, proprietary software development and a range of research and development support facilities.

**Research Areas:**

- Vehicle and System Level Durability
- Emissions and Fuel Economy
- Elastomer Characterization
- Engine Cooling System
- Automotive Lighting Research
- Steering Column and Component Development
- Steering System Durability Testing
- Design Engineering including Computer Aided Engineering (CAE)
- Automotive Recycling Research
- Automotive Coatings Research
- Vehicle Safety
- Advanced Digital Tools
- Automotive Corrosion Research



**Engineering Research Laboratories:**

- Vehicle Structural Development Lab
- Automotive Lighting Research Facility
- Elastomer Characterization Lab
- Engine Cooling Systems Lab
- Steering Column and Component Lab
- Automotive Recycling Research Facility
- Automotive Corrosion Research Lab
- Steering System Durability Test lab

**Educational Partnerships:**

- Founding partner - University of Windsor (Windsor, ON)
- McMaster University (Hamilton, ON)
- University of Waterloo (Waterloo, ON)
- Politecnico di Torino (Torino, Italy)

