



NOV 18 – 19

DOORS & CLOSURES 2025

AGENDA

TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 18

9.00 AM Welcome and conference introduction
Dr. Dirk Meine, Automotive Circle, DE

GETTING ACCESS

9.30 AM Access made effortless: redefining the digital car experience
Sebastian Stücker, Huf Hülsbeck & Fürst GmbH & Co. KG, DE

10.00 AM Innovative architecture for next generation vehicle access
Carlo Mutti, Nico Doronzo, Kiekert AG, CH

10.30 AM New generation of smart and safe vehicle access
Reinaldo Mensch, Witte Automotive GmbH, DE;
Christian Rucha, HQ-Europe GmbH, DE

11.00 AM Meet the Speakers | Exhibition | Coffee and contacts

OEM PROJECTS – DOORS AND CLOSURES SYSTEMS AWARD COMPETITION

11.45 AM New DS N°8 Closures 
– Technical presentation followed by plenary discussion at the hardware exhibit –
Olivier Pauvert, Dominique Lefort, Stellantis NV, FR

12.45 PM Exhibition | Lunch Break

2.00 PM Li i6 Front Frunk System 
– Technical presentation followed by plenary discussion at the hardware exhibit –
Xianwang Chen, Binbin Tang, Shanghai Lixiang Automobile Co., Ltd., CN

3.00 PM IONIQ 9 closure systems 
– Technical presentation followed by plenary discussion at the hardware exhibit –
Rolf Verhoeven, Hyundai Motor Europe Technical Center GmbH, DE; Sangjin Lee, Daeyoung Choi, Hyundai Motors, KR

4.00 PM Exhibition | Coffee & Contacts

4.45 PM The doors concept of the new BMW iX3 
– Technical presentation followed by plenary discussion at the hardware exhibit –
Christian Markowski, Michael Pangerl, BMW Group, DE

6.00 PM Get-Together | Exhibition

7.00 PM Networking Dinner



DOORS & CLOSURES SYSTEMS AWARD 2025

As a conference delegate, you are part of the jury that decides on the winner of this year's Doors & Closures Systems Award. This award is bestowed by the Automotive Circle for the most convincing series OEM hang-on part development regarding construction as well as production processes.



OEM HARDWARE PRESENTATIONS:
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KEYNOTE

8.00 AM **Accessing the future: How AI is redefining doors and closures**

Dr. Mario Herger, Enterprise Garage Consultancy, US

IMPROVING ACCURACY

9.00 AM **Monte Carlo simulation integration into Six Sigma: a quantitative framework for uncertainty management**

Kerem Sezer, Özgür Gündoğdu, Ford Otosan A.S., TR

9.30 AM **Best practice: patented, flexible straightening system for tailgates**

Philipp Hettich, Laubinger & Rickmann GmbH, DE

10.00 AM **Meet the Speaker | Exhibition | Coffee and contacts**

SEALING AND LUBRICATION INNOVATIONS

10.45 AM **Innovating automotive sealing foam with sustainable UV curing technology**

Philip Johnson, Sunstar Engineering Europe GmbH, DE

11.15 AM **Advanced lubricants for doors & closures – enhancing durability, comfort and functionality**

Andreas Krüger, Fuchs Lubricants Germany GmbH, DE

11.45 AM **DOORS AND CLOSURES SYSTEMS AWARD 2025**

Disclosure of the results of the awards competition and bestowal of the award



12.00 PM **TECHNOLOGY CLINIC**

The audience is invited to experience and benchmark hands-on

- 1) frunk solutions
- 2) the charging process of a selection of current BEV exhibited on the conference site.

1.00 PM **Meet the Speakers | Exhibition | Lunch break**

ADVANCING TESTING METHODS

2.15 PM **Inhouse KLT Mechanism Development**

Hande Bezci Zeren, Kerim Kabas, Ford Otosan A.S., TR

2.45 PM **Assessment of exposed aluminum surface undulations using non-destructive quantitative metrics**

– Online presentation –
Adam Hodges, General Motors Company, US

3.15 PM **OEM CONCLUSIONS**

Members of the Advisory Board on their conference summary and future outlook of Doors and Closures development and production

3.30 PM **Farewell address and end of the conference**

* All times in CET (UTC+1)
Conference program is subject to change
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