

IEE presents BodySense at Airbag 2008

Luxembourg, 4th November 2008 – IEE, global leader in automotive safety sensing systems, announced its participation at this year's Airbag 2008 exhibition in Karlsruhe (Germany), where it will present its vehicle occupant classification solution BodySense, which went into serial production earlier this year.

BodySense allows advanced airbag deployment and complies with the US standard FMVSS 208 (Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard) issued by the NHTSA (National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration). Since 2003, this standard mandates the installation of advanced airbag systems in cars sold in the USA. In order to meet specific certification strategies set by the standard, the airbag needs to be disabled for certain types of occupants.

The BodySense system is based on a capacitance measurement and consists of a sensor mat that is installed in the passenger seat. It offers a reliable detection and classification of child seats and passengers, even in varying seating positions and under different climatic circumstances. The system suppresses the airbag for children in child seats or unoccupied passenger seats and guarantees airbag deployment in case of the presence of a passenger.

More and more vehicle manufacturers tend towards installing so-called low-risk airbag systems, which in combination with BodySense, comply with the NHTSA regulation. BodySense will be installed in 1.5 million vehicles of one of the largest vehicle manufacturers in the US, which will enter the market in Model Year 2009.

About Airbag 2008

"Airbag 2000+" has been hosted by the Fraunhofer ICT since 1992. With over 1,000 participants every other year, the symposium has become one of the most important forums for the airbag industry, covering topics such as legislation, vehicle safety, occupant risks, marketing and product liability.

About IEE

IEE is a privately held innovative developer of specialized sensing systems. Founded in 1989 and headquartered in Luxembourg, the company has operations in Europe, the US and Asia. IEE is also a global leader in automotive safety sensing systems for occupant detection and classification, and has developed solutions such as Occupant Classification, Child Seat Presence and Orientation Detection, Seat Belt Reminders and BodySense. The company's solutions are dedicated to the following markets: Transportation & Automotive, Public & Commercial Infrastructure, Automation & Logistics and Medical & Healthcare. IEE employs over 1,400 people worldwide. 26% of the company's workforce is engaged in Research & Development. For more information, please visit <http://www.iee.lu>.

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