



**AUTO
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AGENDA

NOV 18 – 19

DOORS & CLOSURES 2025

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 Hülbeck & 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 Doors and Closures of the new Lixiang

– 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:
DOORS & CLOSURES SYSTEMS AWARD

DOORS & CLOSURES IN CAR BODY ENGINEERING 2025

Conference venue: Hotel DOLCE Bad Nauheim
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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, Ford Otosan A.S., TR

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

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
Status as of: October 9, 2025



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DOORS & CLOSURES IN CAR BODY ENGINEERING 2025

Conference fee: 2.195 € | All prices plus 19% German VAT
Registration and Terms & Conditions at www.automotive-circle.com

See you next year at the **Doors & Closures conference**
in November 2026 in Bad Nauheim again!