



**AUTO
MOTIVE
CIRCLE**

2026



IN COLLABORATION
WITH **>140 OEM
ENGINEERS!**

ANNUAL PROGRAM

Connecting outstanding engineering experts

OEM MEMBERS

in the professional Automotive Circle Network

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RENAULT | RIVIAN | SCOUT MOTORS | SEAT | SKODA | STELLANTIS | SUBARU
SUZUKI | TOYOTA | VOLVO | VOLKSWAGEN | ZEEKR

OUR ADVISORY BOARDS – SHAPING EVENTS WITH INDUSTRY EXPERTISE

Each Automotive Circle conference is developed in close cooperation with a dedicated Advisory Board of leading automotive OEM experts. These Advisory Board members – executives and senior engineers from development, planning, and production engineering – contribute their expertise to ensure that our conferences are directly aligned with the most relevant industry challenges and priorities. Delegates also benefit from the opportunity to meet many of these Advisory Board members in person at the conferences.

Their role is to actively advise on the scope and content of each conference, provide insights into current technological developments, and provide technical OEM progress reports as well as hardware exhibits. In doing so, they help guarantee that Automotive Circle events deliver practical value, topicality, and tangible relevance for all delegates.

FOR PARTICIPANTS, THIS MEANS:

- First-hand insights from those shaping technology and production in leading OEMs,
- Conference programs designed with industry guidance, ensuring the focus is always on the most urgent and forward-looking topics,
- Unique networking opportunities with the very experts who are driving innovation.

Through this collaboration, Automotive Circle events remain the foremost platform for automotive engineers, combining technical depth with economic perspective – and helping the industry make the best possible technology decisions for a sustainable future.

› 140 OEM ENGINEERS

The foremost network of
leading automotive engineers!



WELCOME

to the Automotive Circle 2026

Managing multiple-crisis situations, coping with uncertainty, facing rising competition, steering through deep, in part even disruptive transformations, reacting to new or preparing for expected legislative regulations – all at the same time:

The global automotive industry is clearly experiencing very challenging times. As always in such times of significant changes, transformations or paradigm shifts, there is an increased need for significant, reliable and widespread information, as well as for helpful and relevant **orientation** via intensive discussions among experts – all aiming at enabling the creation of optimal, company-specific strategies and solutions. When it comes to providing such information and orientation in **automotive engineering and production**, we are entering **AUTOMOTIVE CIRCLE's** realm: Since decades, our focused international engineering conferences and congresses have been offering you valuable, **application-oriented insights** in latest developments and trends, with high-level progress reports from **global OEM**, often including hardware exhibits, from **innovative system suppliers** and from leading **academic institutions** – and 2026 will be no different.

Our events gather global expert audiences to hear about, discuss and often also experience hands-on new engineering solutions, and to benefit from a **unique networking atmosphere**, promoting an intensive exchange of views and (non-competitive) information.

We are delighted to present you with our program of events for 2026, and we are looking forward to welcoming you inside the **AUTOMOTIVE CIRCLE!**

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

Professional network

Valuable contacts

Technological knowledge

Success methods and models

Comparative analysis

Inspiration

We ensure compliance with laws, guidelines and voluntary codes.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THIS NETWORK AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR PARTICIPATION AND CONTRIBUTION.



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FEBRUARY



EALA – EUROPEAN AUTOMOTIVE LASER APPLICATIONS

February 03 – 04, 2026 | Bad Nauheim, Germany | online



JOINING IN CAR BODY ENGINEERING

February 24 – 25, 2026 | Rochester, MI, USA | online

APRIL



JOINING IN CAR BODY ENGINEERING

April 14 – 16, 2026 | Bad Nauheim, Germany | online

Module 1: Adhesive Bonding and Hybrid Bonding

Module 2: Thermal and Mechanical Joining



CAR BODY XPERIENCE

April 21 – 22, 2026 | Rochester, MI, USA | online

FOCUS TOPICS



| surface



| exterior



| sustainability



| additive manufacturing



| body in white



| final assembly



| interior



| alternative drive technology



CAR BODY DATA

Can't attend a conference? Car Body Data gives you global, companywide access to our online media library currently consisting of more than 800 papers / reports and video presentations from our Automotive Circle events. New content is continuously being updated within days after each event.

www.carbodydata.automotive-circle.com

MAY

ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING @ BMW GROUP

May 19 – 20, 2026 | Oberschleißheim, Germany



JUNE

AUTOMOTIVE INTERIORS

COCKPIT CLINIC

June 09 – 10, 2026 | Bad Nauheim, Germany | online



CAR BODY PARTS: MATERIALS AND FORMING PROCESSES

June 23 – 24, 2026 | Bad Nauheim, Germany | online



JULY

STRATEGIES IN CAR BODY PAINTING

July 7 – 8, 2026 | Berlin, Germany | online



DETAILED INFORMATION:

Detailed information regarding registration and all up-to-date conference programs at www.automotive-circle.com





OCTOBER



EUROCARBODY

AWARD

28th Global Car Body Benchmarking Conference
October 20 – 22, 2026 | Bad Nauheim, Germany | online



NOVEMBER



BATTERY SYSTEMS

November 03 – 04, 2026 | Bad Nauheim, Germany | online



CAR BODY PAINTING 43RD WORKSHOP

SHARED SOLUTIONS AREA

November 09 – 10, 2026 | Bad Nauheim, Germany | online



DOORS & CLOSURES IN CAR BODY ENGINEERING

TECHNOLOGY CLINIC & AWARD

November 17 – 18, 2026 | Bad Nauheim, Germany | online

DECEMBER



SMART PRODUCTION – DIGITALIZING THE FUTURE OF MANUFACTURING

December 01 – 02, 2026 | Bad Nauheim, Germany | online

SUSTAINABILITY IN PRODUCT AND PRODUCTION ENGINEERING

December 01 – 02, 2026 | Bad Nauheim, Germany | online



TERMS & CONDITIONS

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REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

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CONFERENCE VENUES & HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

All conference venues can be found on our website www.automotive-circle.com. They can vary from conference to conference. We kindly ask you to make your own hotel reservation. Accommodation is available at the conference hotels. Please refer to Automotive Circle.

CONFERENCE FEES

All prices are net and subject to VAT. To reclaim, please contact your local tax office. Please note that hotel accommodation is not included in the conference fees.

CONFERENCE FEE INCLUDES

- Full conference participation, incl. conference materials and list of delegates - Authority for downloading the presentation on the internet
- Networking possibilities - Luncheons and coffee breaks - Participation in workshops, discussions and guided tours when indicated - Participation in the evening functions

DIGITAL PARTICIPATION

Technical Platform

The virtual events of the Automotive Circle are planned and conducted using electronic tools and platforms.

PHOTOS

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The following tools are used:

- Cvent Attendee Website (via browser, compatible with the latest versions of Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Microsoft Edge)
- Vimeo Player

Each participant is responsible for using these tools. If it is not possible to use them, e.g. due to technical company requirements, this does not entitle the participant to cancel the digital participation free of charge.

What can you expect from the digital participation?

- Follow the live stream of all presentations or on demand until 2 weeks after the conference
- Ask your individual questions during the Q&A session to the speakers during the live stream
- Exhibitor forum and the possibility to get in touch with the exhibitors
- Messaging and chat functions to get in touch with other industry peers
- Download of the presentations

CANCELLATIONS

Fees will be refunded in full if notice of cancellation is received up to four weeks before the conference. 50% of the conference fee will be refunded in case notification of cancellation is received later, but not later than two weeks before the conference. Delegates who fail to attend without notifying the organiser will be liable for the whole conference fee. Substitutions of delegates may be made at any time. Cancellations and changes must be notified in writing.

In all cases postmark shall apply.

Any fees to be refunded will be paid after the end of the conference. The organiser reserves the right to change the program content or to cancel the event due to important reasons.

Cancellation fees of third parties that may appear in this context will not be reimbursed. Exhibitors are subject to separate cancellation conditions, which can be found on the respective event website.

DATA PROTECTION

Vincentz Network produces a list of delegates for each event which may include the following information: company name, address (zip code, city, country), name and job function of delegate. This list of delegates will be made available for all conference delegates, speakers, exhibitors and sponsors of the event, who may use the data for promotional purposes. Objection against publication and circulation of this data may be made at any time until 3 weeks prior to the event and has to be made in writing to the organiser. Company's name, city and country might be published on the internet as reference for upcoming Automotive Circle conferences.

PLEASE NOTE

By registering you understand that your participation and attendance at the conference may be videotaped, filmed and/or audio recorded. You agree that the recording may be used for any lawful purposes that Vincentz Network, or its designees, in their sole discretion, may determine. The address data are processed for customer service and information purposes in compliance with the German Federal Data Protection Law.

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