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# NOV 17 – 18

## DOORS & CLOSURES 2026

Multiple functionalities, comfort, safety, and design – that is what doors and closures bring to a vehicle. Taken together, their features and properties very much determine the customer's impression of the look, feel, usability, and, in fact, also the sound of an automobile (at rest, or, from within, also during use). Doors and closures represent the human-machine-interface of any car when not driving. With the additional demands on automotive hang-on parts to efficiently integrate high-performance crash structures and to achieve a maximum possible lightweight design, their development remains one of the most challenging and important areas in a vehicle project.

Since 2006, Automotive Circle's annual international expert conference on Doors and Closures has been at the forefront of monitoring progress and discussing latest developments in this area, addressing questions such as:

- ✔ What is possible and useful in the integration of further functionalities in automotive hang-on parts?
- ✔ How can doors and closures concepts drive future mobility scenarios, adapting to changing customer demands and use cases?
- ✔ What materials choices are economically viable to realise lightweight, sustainable and high-performing solutions?
- ✔ How can new features such as frunks or the charging access best be carried out?
- ✔ What new challenges and what new possibilities are upcoming with next-generation electric vehicles?

On **NOVEMBER 17/18, DOORS AND CLOSURES 2026** again aims at presenting latest progress in the development, functionality and production of automotive hang-on parts, gathering its global community of door and closure expert engineers in Bad Nauheim/Germany.



### **THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT YOUR LATEST IDEAS AND ACHIEVEMENTS TO OUR EXPERT AUDIENCE, REGARDING TOPICS SUCH AS:**

- ✔ innovative material concepts and material application, covering progress in
  - lightweight design
  - scope-3-sustainability concepts, using “green” primary or recycled secondary materials
  - functional material properties
- ✔ NVH improvements, especially for battery electric vehicles
- ✔ smart technologies and functionalities for vehicle access
- ✔ hang-on part related solutions in electric vehicles, e.g. “frunk” integration, novel functionalities, safety aspects, integration of sensors, lighting
- ✔ quality control concepts and technologies
- ✔ visions for door and closure systems in future mobility
- ✔ improved door and closure production concepts

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### **DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS: JUNE 1, 2026**

As an interested speaker, kindly submit an abstract describing your suggested contribution [VIA OUR ONLINE FORM](#). Based on this information, your suggestion will be evaluated in collaboration with the OEM Advisory Board of the conference.

### **FURTHER DATES**

Notification of acceptance: **by end of June 2026**  
Publication of the conference program: **mid-July 2026**  
Submission of the presentation: **October 30, 2026**



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