





#### **SMART SURFACE, A harmony of design and function HMI Solutions**

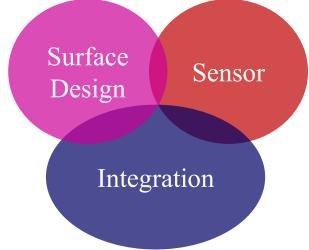
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#### Smart Surfaces

#### HMI Solutions by Functional Integration of Design.

- 1. HMI Trends in Consumer & Automotive
- 2. Surface Design Plastic decoration
- 3. Sensor PolyTC Touch Sensors
- 4. Integration System





#### HMI Trends – The Trend creates the Need





## HMI Trends in Consumer & Automotive

*inspired by CES, IAA, NAIAS, IFA, and by daily life* 



Internationale Automobil-Ausstellung





#### **HMI Trends**

## It is not about what you really need.

It is about how a trend develops as a combination of necessity, demand, inspiration and available technology.

#### The Trend Creates the Need





#### The Need



\*\*Mahindra Roxor



## The Reality



\*\*Hong Kong Taxi 2018



#### The Designer's Dream



\*\*Infinity QX Inspiration



#### **HMI Trends**

Human Machine Interfaces (HMI) are in a rapid change in all industries, with similar basic trends in Consumer and Automotive:

- Interaction by capacitive controls, touch screens and voice
- Surface is Seamless & Clean
- Panels are Large & Curved
- Decoration with integrated Light & Function
- Connectivity and Autonomous functions







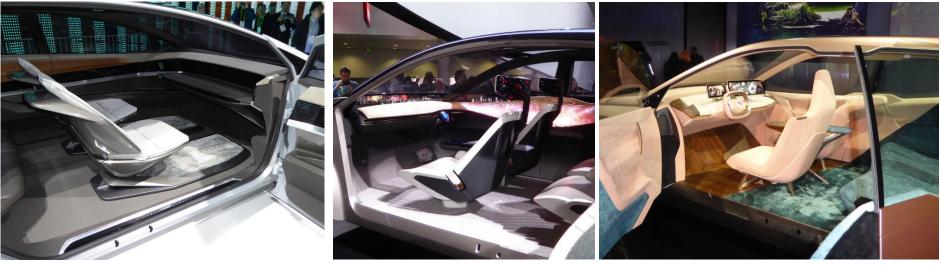


#### **HMI Trends – Consumer**

#### Large, curved, seamless, integrated, backlit, ...



#### Interior becomes Clean and Seamless



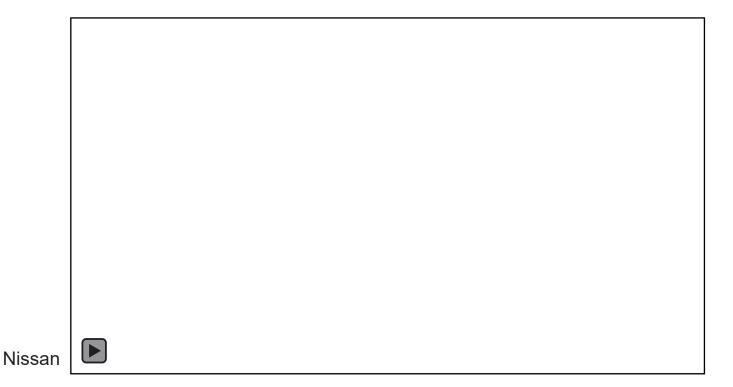
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BMW



#### Interior with integrated "hidden till lit" light effects





#### Capacitive Touchpads are integrated and backlit





Daimler

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# Capacitive buttons and sliders replace mechanical buttons and rotary knobs



BMW

BMW

Porsche

VW



## Capacitive steering wheel controls substitute mechanical controls



Landrover



Ge-T & KURZ

#### Multiple Touchscreens





Daimler

Continental



Audi

#### Large and Curved Touch Screens



Byton



## Gesture Control







Microchip & KURZ



BMW



## Voice Control, Connectivity, Autonomous, Alternative (electro, hybrid, fuel cell...), Ride Sharing



Alexa Hey Google Bosch

Toyota



#### **Control Units**

- IN: Capacitive touch buttons, sliders (but haptic feedback important)
- OUT: Mechanical buttons (only left for safety-relevant functions or design elements)
- ?: Rotary knobs (remain as design element?)

#### **Touchscreens & Displays**

- IN: More, larger, seamless, free shape, curved
- OUT: Small displays, non-touch displays



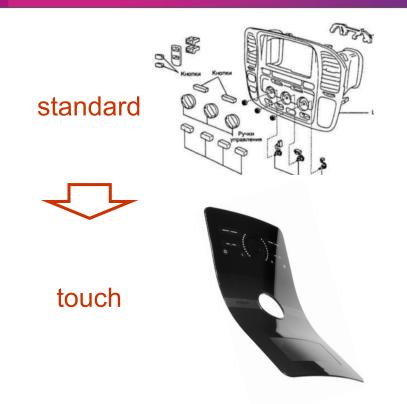
#### Decoration

- IN: Seamless, curved, large, backlight, integrated function
- OUT: Decorated trims and panels without function or light Trims with holes for electronics



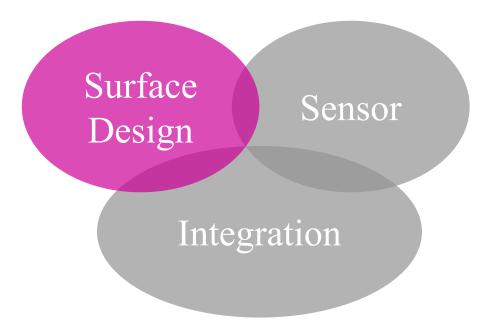
## **Capacitive Touch supports HMI Trends**

- Flat, Curved or 3D Smart Surfaces
- Seamless: No more holes or grooves
- Less or **no more mechanical** parts
- Thin and light weight
- New design & UI options
- Functions with capacitive Sensors:
  - Touch Screens
  - Touch Pads
  - Buttons, Sliders
  - Rotary Wheels
  - Gesture Control





#### Smart Surfaces - Surface Design





#### **Plastic Decoration - Hotstamping**



Product geometry:

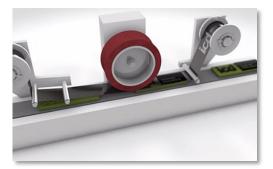
Degree of deformation:

#### **Up-and-down stamping**





#### **Roll-on stamping**





#### **Plastic Decoration – Hot Stamping**



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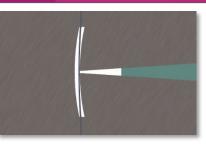
#### Plastic Decoration -IMD

Product geometry:



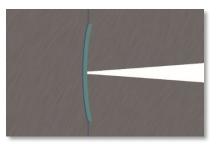


The IMD foil is positioned.

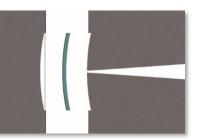


The tool closes and the plastic is injected.





The hot plastic material fills the mold cavity, pressing the decorative foil against the wall. This securely bonds the decorating layer to the plastic material.



The tool opens and the part can be removed.



#### **Kurz Plastic Decoration Automotive**

#### IMD Decoration



#### **IMD Display Applications**



#### Clearcoat

- Anti Reflective properties
- Anti Glare properties
- Anti Fingerprint
- Automotive Grade









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#### Backlighting





#### **Plastic Decoration INSert**

#### Product geometry:





A deep-drawable plastic foil is decorated by hot stamping. The decorated plastic foil is heated and deformed by vacuum or compressed air.

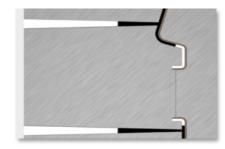


The formed plastic foil is then cut true to contour.

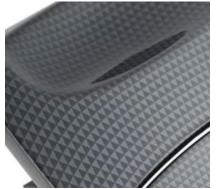


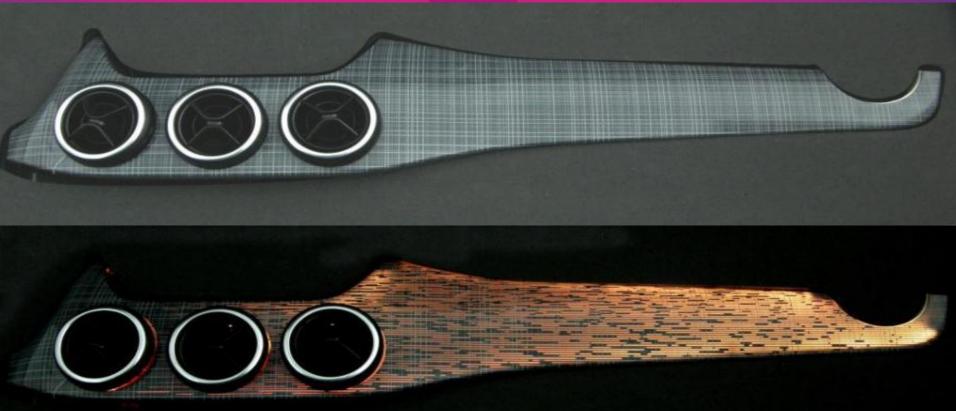


Now the insert that has been produced can be put into the injection mold.



The insert has been inseparably bonded to the back-injection molded plastic material.

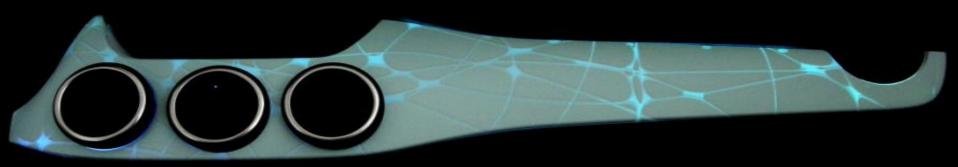












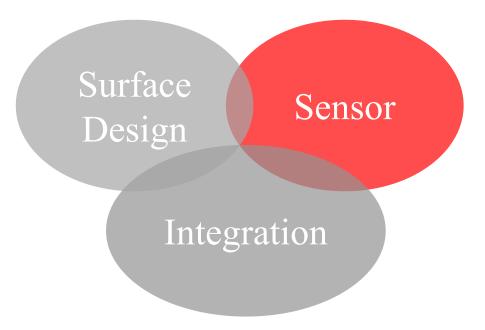








#### **Smart Surfaces - Sensor**





#### **Properties of Established Touch Sensor Technologies**

#### **Touch Screens**

- Nearly all applications today are based on projected capacitive touch systems
- Today, for touch screens like in smart phones, Indium Tin Oxide (ITO) is the established technology

#### Limits: low mechanical flexibility, low conductivity

#### **Buttons, Sliders, Rotary Wheels / Dials**

- More and more electromechanical buttons and wheels/dials are now substituted by touch systems
- □ Today, for *touch buttons, sliders or wheels*, flexible circuit boards are the established technology

Limits: low or no transparency, limited integration possibilities

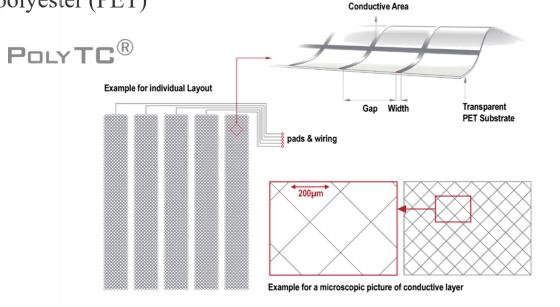








**Transparent Conductive film** with Individual high-resolution layout of micron structured silver (Ag) **Metal Mesh**" patterns on flexible and transparent polyester (PET)



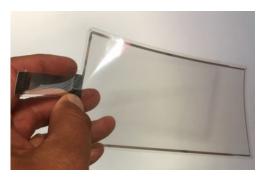




#### **Touch Screen – Platform**

#### **PolyTC® Touch Screen sensor**

- Single layer 7" touch screen sensor
- Curved surface, Plastic cover
- Platform Technology enables high volumes
  - 1 Sensor for >12 different products









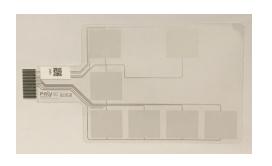




## **Deadfront & Touch**

#### IMD deadfront decoration with touch

- Capacitive transparent button sensor
- Registered Image Black piano IMD deadfront decoration
- Symbols hidden till lit "deadfront"
- Curved surface











## **Automotive Control Panel**

#### **Capacitive Air Condition Control Panel**

- buttons, sliders, wheels with single layer sensor
- decorated with black piano IMD
- backlit buttons, Intuitive use, seamless surface
- ultra thin setup, haptic feedback

IMD foil (1<sup>st</sup> surface)

Sensor Label (2<sup>nd</sup> surface)







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## Multitouch – Pad

### **Case Study: Touchpad**

- single layer Multi-touchsensor
- IMD black piano decoration
- semi-transparent backlit function
- Full integrated solution



Single layer multitouch sensor



IMD decoration

#### Molded Pad







## Large 3D curved Center Stack

### **Case Study: Fully Integrated Touch and Decoration on curved Surfaces**

- Capacitive Control panel sensor
- Capacitive multitouch Touch panel sensor
- Single picture IMD decoration
- Full integrated single molding step process
- 3D curved large Panel











## **Deadfront & Active Haptics**

#### **Steering wheel – multifunctional panel**

- Capacitive, transparent multitouch sensor
- Black piano deadfront decoration
- **3D Panel** with embossed surface
- Active haptic feedback

PolyTC Touch sensor



Steering Wheel Switch with active feedback and hidden till lit optics





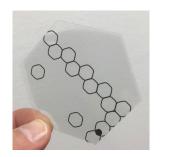
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## **Active Ambient Light Control**

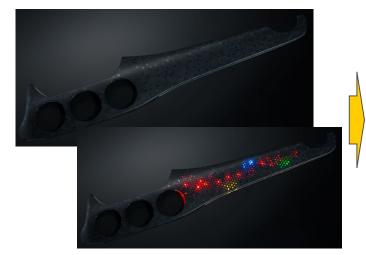
#### Dashboard with day / night effect Touch Control & Light management

- Capacitive transparent touch slider (button & slider)
- PMD decoration with day / night effect
- Integrated active control of backlight





Touch sensor (2nd surface)



PMD decorated parts



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Active backlight control

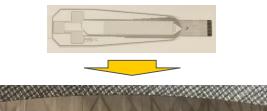


## **Active Ambient Light Control**

#### Doortrim with day / night effect Touch Control & Light management

- Capacitive transparent touch sensor (buttons & slider)
- IMD decoration with day / night effect
- Integrated active control of backlight

Touch sensor (3 buttons, 1 slider)





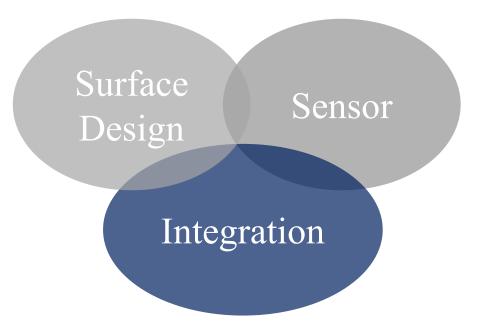




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IMD decorated part

## **Smart Surfaces**





# **Sensor Integration Options**

- Self adhesive label, Pressure Sensitive Adhesive (PSA)
- Lamination with Optical Clear Adhesive (OCA)
- Inmold Labeling (IML)
- Functional Foil Bonding (FFB)







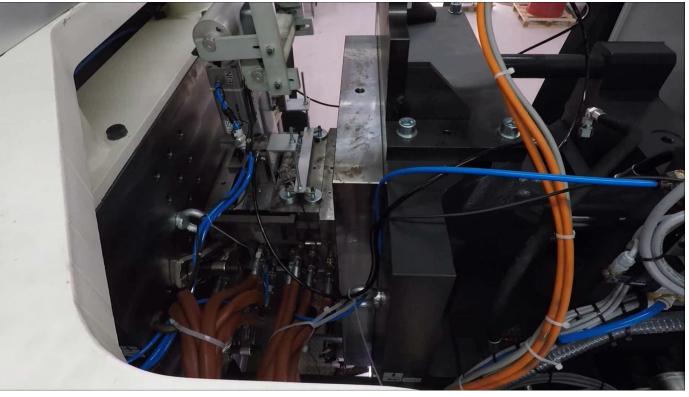


## **Sensor Inmold Labeling (IML) plus IMD Decoration**



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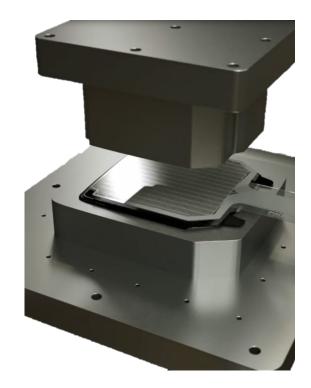




## **FFB – Functional Foil Bonding**

FFB = Bonding of PolyTC<sup>®</sup> Touch Sensors on Plastic Parts

- Developed by KURZ
- Highly automated options possible
- Post Mold Process
- Turnkey solution possible



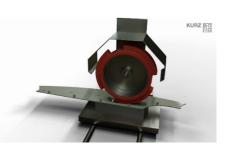


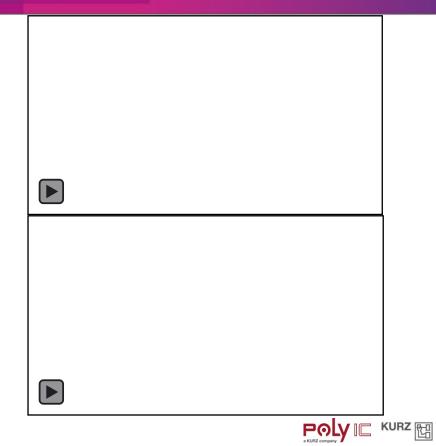
## FFB – Methods: Up and Down & Roll-On

Up and Down









## FFB – Advantages (example)

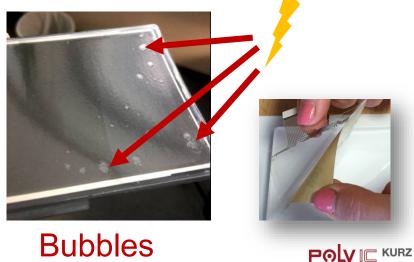
FFB causes no delamination with degassing plastic substrate

• Example after cycling damp heat test: 25-65°C, 93%rH, 204h

Sensor with FFB integration



Sensor laminated with PSA adhesive



No Bubbles

## FFB – Advantages (example)

High Automatization possible- attractive for markets with high labor costs

- Rotary plate machine with four stations
- Up/down bond process
- Camera inspection
- Functional test

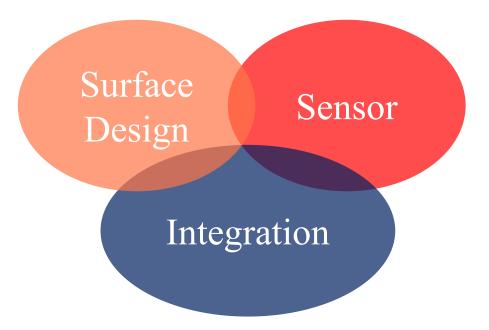








# **Summary and Outlook**





## **Summary HMI – Design – Sensor – Integration**

# Major HMI trends can be fulfilled with **Decoration and Integration Options**

- Seamless capacitive Touchscreens & Control panels
- Curved surfaces & true 3D shapes
- Active control of ambient backlight decoration
- Customized integration of Touch & decoration methods







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