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UVEYE SETS NEW STANDARDS FOR INSPECTING VEHICLES



STAMFORD, Conn. – An Israeli company is introducing new artificial-intelligence technology that promises to dramatically change how auto makers, major fleet operators and new- and used-car dealerships inspect vehicles.

UVeye currently is working with five car makers to develop vehicle-inspection systems on assembly lines and at dealerships around the world. A number of other car companies, automotive suppliers, vehicle fleet operators, car rental agencies and dealership groups also have expressed interest in UVeye's technology.

The company has raised more than \$35 million in investment capital since 2017 to begin the deployment of inspection systems at Volvo, Skoda, Daimler and Toyota Tsusho. Non-disclosure agreements prohibit the company from discussing programs currently underway with a number of other car makers and suppliers.

UVeye's technology relies on proprietary cloud architecture, sensor fusion, machine-learning and "smart" algorithms to automatically check chassis components, bodywork and tires. The process takes seconds to complete.



**CEO Amir Hever presenting
UVeye's AI technology to enable
automatic vehicle inspection**



**Yaron Saghih reviews UVeye's
inspection technology features at
luncheon press conference**

CAR OWNERS SPENDING MORE PERSONAL TIME ON REPAIRS FOR PAINT DAMAGE



DETROIT – Car owners in the U.S. are spending more “do-it-yourself” time and money to improve the appearance of their vehicles, according to a recent study by Chipex, a leading supplier of car-care products.

The Chipex survey indicated that foreign cars actually receive more “paint care” than domestic brands. BMW owners, for example, did more do-it-yourself work to fix paint chips and dings than any other group nationally over the past year.

Ford and Chevrolet owners were the only domestic brand groups to make the top 10 list of enthusiasts who did do-it-yourself repairs over the last 12 months. BMW and Ford came in first and second, followed by Audi, Toyota, Honda, Mercedes, Subaru, Nissan, Chevrolet and VW.



Car owners are doing more of their own paint-chip repairs themselves

Among more than 150,000 paint colors offered by Chipex the most popular for paint repair work in the U.S. were shades of black followed by white, blue, gray and silver. The top 10 color list was rounded out by red, yellow, green, brown and orange.

“Whether it’s to improve resale value before purchasing a new-model car in the fall or just part of a spring-cleaning exercise earlier in the year, more and more car owners are finding out that do-it-yourself paint repairs are a great way to save money,” says Johnny Graham, Chipex founder and owner.

“We developed our Chipex system to provide a high-quality paint-repair option for consumers,” notes Graham. “Our surface-chemistry technology provides car owners with a paint that dries in less than 30 seconds for a repair that can take less than five minutes to complete.”

GKN APPOINTS IGOR SKORNIK TO MAJOR AFTERMARKET POSITION



ROESRATH, Germany – As the result of a management change at driveline specialist GKN Automotive, Igor Skornik has joined its Niche Customer, Motorsport & Aftermarket (NMA) organization’s management team as vice president beginning in September 2019.



Igor Skornik

In his new position, Skornik will report directly to Markus Bannert, COO Driveline for GKN Automotive. He will be based in Roesrath, Germany.

Skornik is not new to the aftermarket. Most recently he served as commercial director Aftermarket at NGK Spark Plug Europe GmbH, where he was responsible for sales and trade marketing in the Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) region.

Nor is he a stranger to GKN Automotive. Skornik started his career at GKN Driveline Slovenia, where he worked for more than nine years in several international positions and business areas with increasing responsibility.

Skornik holds a bachelor’s degree in Economics from the University of Maribor, Slovenia.

HUMIDITY IS A MAJOR “HEALTH” RISK FOR SOME AUTO COMPONENTS



CORONADO, Calif. – Car makers are focusing more and more attention on reducing the risk of fires and explosions that can be caused by water leaking into critical components.

Airbags, EV batteries, autonomous-vehicle sensors and other parts all can be seriously damaged when water-vapor leaks into a safety-critical system. “Ingress” leaks of this type even can lead to fires, explosions and fatal vehicle accidents.

“It’s just as important to keep dust and liquids from getting into an important component such as a battery cell as it is to keep battery electrolytes from leaking out,” said Thomas Parker, North American market sales manager for INFICON, a leading global provider of leak-detection equipment.



Dust and water ingress can damage important vehicle

Water vapor that leaked into vehicle-airbag systems may have been responsible for explosions that resulted in the recall of millions of vehicles, Parker added, and damage to autonomous vehicle sensors caused by ingress leaks could lead to a serious accident as well.

“Leak-rate specifications for ingress testing are critically important and generally stricter than for outflow tests,” Parker pointed out.

ALCANTARA FEATURED IN SHIOTA CHIHARU EXHIBITION AT MORI ART MUSEUM

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TOKYO – “The Soul Trembles,” the largest-ever solo exhibition by Shiota Chiharu with extensive use of Alcantara® material, opened recently at the Mori Art Museum in Tokyo.



"In Silence," from "The Soul Trembles" exhibition

Berlin-based Chiharu is known for art that expresses the intangible: memories, anxiety, dreams, silence and more. Her work consisting of material primarily in red and black strung across the entire space is especially well known.

In Silence, one of the works on display, features an immense spider web that envelops a burnt piano created from Alcantara material. Chiharu said *In Silence*, shown for the first time in Tokyo, reflects her memory of a house that burned down in the middle of the night when she was a child.

She notes that, thanks to Alcantara, one of her most iconic installations has turned into an unexpected and visionary experience.

Chiharu’s first use of Alcantara came in 2018 when she created “Reflection of Space and Time” for Alcantara’s “Nine Journeys Through Time” exhibition at Palazzo Reale in Milan. Produced and presented by Alcantara during Milan Design Week, the collective show included work by Chiharu and nine other international artists featuring Alcantara as a medium.

UVEYE INTRODUCES NEW TIRE QUALITY INSPECTION SYSTEM FOR MAJOR FLEETS



STAMFORD, Conn. — UVeye, an Israeli-based supplier of vehicle-inspection systems based on artificial intelligence technology is introducing a new system to help fleet operators check tire wear and quality.

Named after Artemis, the Greek goddess of the hunt, the new UVeye system is designed to improve overall tire-inspection speed and accuracy using artificial intelligence and machine learning technology to gather safety-related data, including a tire's overall condition as well as items such as tire pressure, scratches and abrasion.

Artemis uses two scanners to monitor tire quality as a vehicle drives by. Within seconds, the system reads and recognizes a tire's brand and technical specifications, as well as crucial safety-related data such as the tire's overall condition and tire pressure. The system, for example, can compare tire pressure to manufacturer specifications and report on any irregularities.



UVeye's Artemis tire scanners

UVeye's CEO Amir Hever noted that tire data and high-resolution images provided by Artemis clearly highlight faults or anomalies within seconds to help fleet operators identify the need to repair or replace a tire.

ENWRIGHT NAMED PARTNER AT LAW FIRM OF LIPPITT O'KEEFE GORNBEIN

LIPPITT O'KEEFE GORNBEIN, PLLC

BIRMINGHAM, Mich. — Steven J. Enwright has been named a partner at Lippitt O'Keefe Gornbein, PLLC, a full-service law firm in Birmingham.



Steven J. Enwright

Enwright has more than 20 years of experience in all aspects of business law, including corporate finance and counseling, mergers and acquisitions, and technology licensing, as well as transactions involving venture capital, business start-ups and contract law.

Enwright's clients include a wide variety of businesses, including companies in the fields of technology and software development, IT, big data and cloud-based services. He also works with automotive suppliers, marketing agencies and businesses in the food and beverage industry, as well as filmmakers, musicians and artists.

"Steve is a tremendous addition to our team of highly experienced attorneys," noted Brian O'Keefe, one of the firm's founding partners. "His background includes work in a wide variety of areas, from general business law and mergers-and-acquisitions to technology law and the marketing industry."

Enwright is a graduate of Wayne State University's Law School where he was a member of the school's Law Review and Moot Court. He also holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a master's degree in business administration from Wayne State University.

ALCANTARA DRESSES BEYERDYNAMIC'S AMIRON WIRELESS COPPER HEADPHONES

ALCANTARA

MILAN – Alcantara, the global luxury lifestyle brand, is providing its Italian-made material to luxury headphone and pro audio sound system provider beyerdynamic for its latest over-ear Amiron wireless copper headphone model.

The headphone's design integrates a decorative solid-copper ring into each earpiece housing, surrounded by comfort-textured Alcantara ear pads in black. An Alcantara headband in anthracite is embossed with the beyerdynamic logo and enriched by a decorative copper-colored fabric piping, with end caps in gray.

In addition to its aesthetic qualities, the Alcantara material maximizes wearing comfort for extended listening periods. Together, the visual and tactile experience of the materials blends into an exceptional sensorial experience for the most sophisticated listener.

Alcantara's first venture with beyerdynamic, its Amiron wireless headphones, was well received and moved briskly in retail audio outlets. Alcantara also provides its material to the consumer-electronics market, being featured on the Microsoft Surface and Surface Pro lines of laptop computers, as well as on a variety of smartphone cases and tablet covers.

The beyerdynamic Amiron wireless copper headphones, which feature a frequency response of 5 – 40,000 Hz, are available through retail outlets in the U.S. and online.



Amiron wireless copper headphone by beyerdynamic

INFICON PARTICIPATES IN SHIFT PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE “EV AGE”



SOUTHFIELD, Mich. – Thomas Parker, North American automotive sales manager for leak detection at INFICON, participated in a recent Shift magazine panel discussion on “Designing for Safety at the Dawn of the EV Age” at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.



Thomas Parker

The program explored how traditional and non-traditional resources are being used to develop EV and autonomous-vehicle technologies to mitigate risk and ensure safety. Electrical, mechanical and chemical solutions for keeping battery and other electric vehicle systems safe have been among the topics discussed.

Parker visits automotive manufacturing and assembly plants in North America on a regular basis to consult with quality-control engineers and technical personnel on leak detection tests for critical systems, including batteries and electric motors. He is an expert on issues related to air bag safety, EV battery testing, fuel and HVAC system integrity and other topics.

Shift is a bimonthly Automotive News publication focused on emerging vehicle technologies and future mobility.

RAMONA SOMMERSTORFER AWARDED INTERNSHIP AT AUTOCOM ASSOCIATES

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich. – Ramona Sommerstorfer has been awarded a six-month internship, at AutoCom Associates. She will assist agency clients with editorial services, event planning and media relations.

Sommerstorfer is currently pursuing her bachelor's degree in business administration with a focus on marketing at the Ostbayerische Technische Hochschule in Regensburg, Germany.

Prior to joining AutoCom, Sommerstorfer held an internship at Berry Recruitment in the UK. She previously had completed an apprenticeship at Wacker Chemie AG where she worked for several years.

Sommerstorfer currently lives in Royal Oak, Michigan.



**Ramona
Sommerstorfer**

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