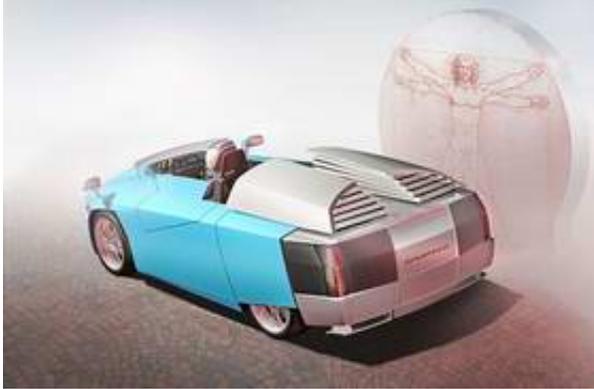


A Car That Senses The Mood You Are In

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A new vehicle concept, world premiere at the Geneva Motor Show at the beginning of March 2005

The automotive sector can look forward to a world premiere on March 1, 2005 when the renowned Swiss car designer and solution specialist Rinspeed and Bayer MaterialScience, one of the largest producers of plastic in the world, will be presenting their ideas and visions for the next generation of cars with the "Senso" concept car.

Lateral thinking, looking at things from a new angle, thinking out of the box and feeding the senses - sight, touch, feel, smell and hearing - these are major elements of the development work that has gone into the "Rinspeed Senso". Its name reflects what it actually does. The "Senso" "senses" the driver and adjusts to him/her. This is especially important as the risk of an accident is significantly reduced if the person behind the

wheel is relaxed and wide awake.

This project also involves a sophisticated system of sensors developed by the Universities of Zurich and Innsbruck. Smart Surface Technology, a new 3D-formable electroluminescent film from Bayer MaterialScience and the Swiss electronics specialist Lumitec, uses biometric data and other information to create an appropriate level of light for the driver, thereby having a positive effect on him/her.

The environmentally friendly "Senso", which runs on CO₂-reducing natural gas, puts the central focus on the driver as an individual and appeals to the emotions thanks to its unusual design. It also features an innovative outer skin coating.

"Senso" is sure to polarize opinions. And that is precisely what it is designed to do.

The following partners are also involved in the "Senso": Aerotechnik AG, Continental AG, CWS/HTS Suisse SA, Esono AG, Foliatec Böhmer GmbH, Herstellungs- und Vertriebsgesellschaft mbH, Gasmobil AG, Microsoft AG, MP Design, Recaro GmbH, Remus Innovations GmbH, KW automotive GmbH, Protoscar SA, X-Mobil GmbH

More information will be available a few days before the start of the trade fair.

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