

World Market Leader for On-Board Crash Test Systems Creates Subsidiary



Kayser-Threde GmbH, Munich. **The 100%-subsidiary company: KT Automotive GmbH, was formally created by Kayser-Threde GmbH. A successful segment in Kayser-Threde GmbH's portfolio for many years, KT Automotive is now an independent company with enhanced visibility, autonomy and flexibility.**

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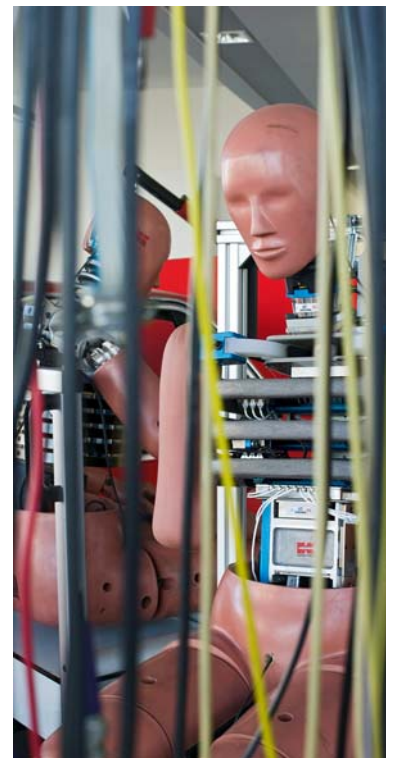
KT Automotive GmbH specializes in the development, manufacture and marketing of data acquisition systems for automotive crash tests. With a world market share of 70 %, the company is the leading provider of the respective hardware, software and services.

“The spin-off is of great importance to us since the new company has been tailored to our customers' needs and demands. We are now in a position to place more emphasis on trend-setting technologies such as in-dummy measurement and the related dummy-service”, says Gerhard Haas, long-term Director of the Automotive Division and now Managing Director of KT Automotive GmbH.

Automotive Crash Tests are being executed all over the world – over 80 individual customers rely on Kayser-Threde's test products and expert solutions. These customers are the developers of cars and automotive safety accessories such as safety belts, airbags and seats.

The simulation of crash tests contributes considerably to shorter development cycles. The actual crash test however cannot be replaced by simulations. Increasing demands on vehicle safety and the rising number of vehicle versions requires constantly new crash-test data acquisition systems.

Over 30 years of experience in crash-test measurement enables KT Automotive to offer a broad product portfolio: on-board systems (MINIDAU®); in-dummy technology (MICRODAU® / nxt); software products and solutions (e.g.



CrashDesigner) as well as the respective accessories and required services.

Global and tailored services and support, including the full operation of test facilities, complete KT Automotive's portfolio. The company also refits traditional dummies equipping them with the latest in-dummy measurement technology. This enables Kayser-Threde's global customer base to successfully complete daily crash-tests without delay.

Successful transfer of technology. In the 1970s, Kayser-Threde was responsible for on-board data acquisition from experiments flown on so-called 'sounding rockets'. It was mandatory to prevent the prevailing extreme environmental conditions, especially during landing by parachute, from impairing the electronics assembly for measurement data acquisition and storage. This principle was successfully transferred to automotive crash tests applications.

World Market Leadership. In 1976 Kayser-Threde sold its first crash test measurement system. Since then a whole family of devices and systems has been developed. Kayser-Threde is well known for working closely together with customers; their requirements and suggestions inspire the continuous evolution and development of new versions. This along with the excellent quality and reliability of their products has made Kayser-Threde and now KT Automotive rise to become a world renowned dependable and successful company.

About Kayser-Threde. Founded in 1967, Kayser-Threde is a leading systems house providing high-technology solutions for the industrial, aerospace and scientific sectors. These include applications and solutions in manned and unmanned space missions, optics, telematics, crash-test data acquisition and process control. Kayser-Threde is well respected for working closely together with its customers from a project's start through to completion, including all aspects from studies, analyses, systems design, special developments, production, testing, implementation, operation and support. Born out of the rigorous requirements demanded in the aerospace business, Kayser-Threde has developed outstanding quality standards reflected in the reliability of its systems, solutions and processes. Kayser-Threde is part of the OHB-Technology group. Further information on Kayser-Threde and its offerings is available at <http://www.kayser-threde.com>



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