

Cost savings on car parts

THE FIRM OF FACTON GMBH, Potsdam/Germany, has developed a calculating software program which should enable manufacturing costs in the automotive industry to be reduced by up to 2% while, at the same time, shortening the 'time to market' by as much as 30%. Designated the 'Facton Automotive Bundle', the program permits future product costs to be simulated, analyzed and optimized both reliably and at an early stage. The software package was formulated in close collaboration with several Facton customers, including Behr and Brose. As the company emphasizes, the program is already being used by various car manufacturers and their suppliers, including Bentley and ZF. Facton is claimed to be the only software, based on a database, with which

production costs can be calculated at an early point in every stage of the product development process.

It enables those elements responsible for pushing up costs to be identified early on and replaced by less costly solutions. Modules such as variant cost calculations, mass data maintenance and the selective apportionment of individual costs to a number of projects also speed up the calculation process, likewise the standardized connection of CAD, ERP and PDM systems. According to Facton, given additional detailed information about production processes in the automotive industry, manufacturing costs can be calculated significantly faster than before.

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