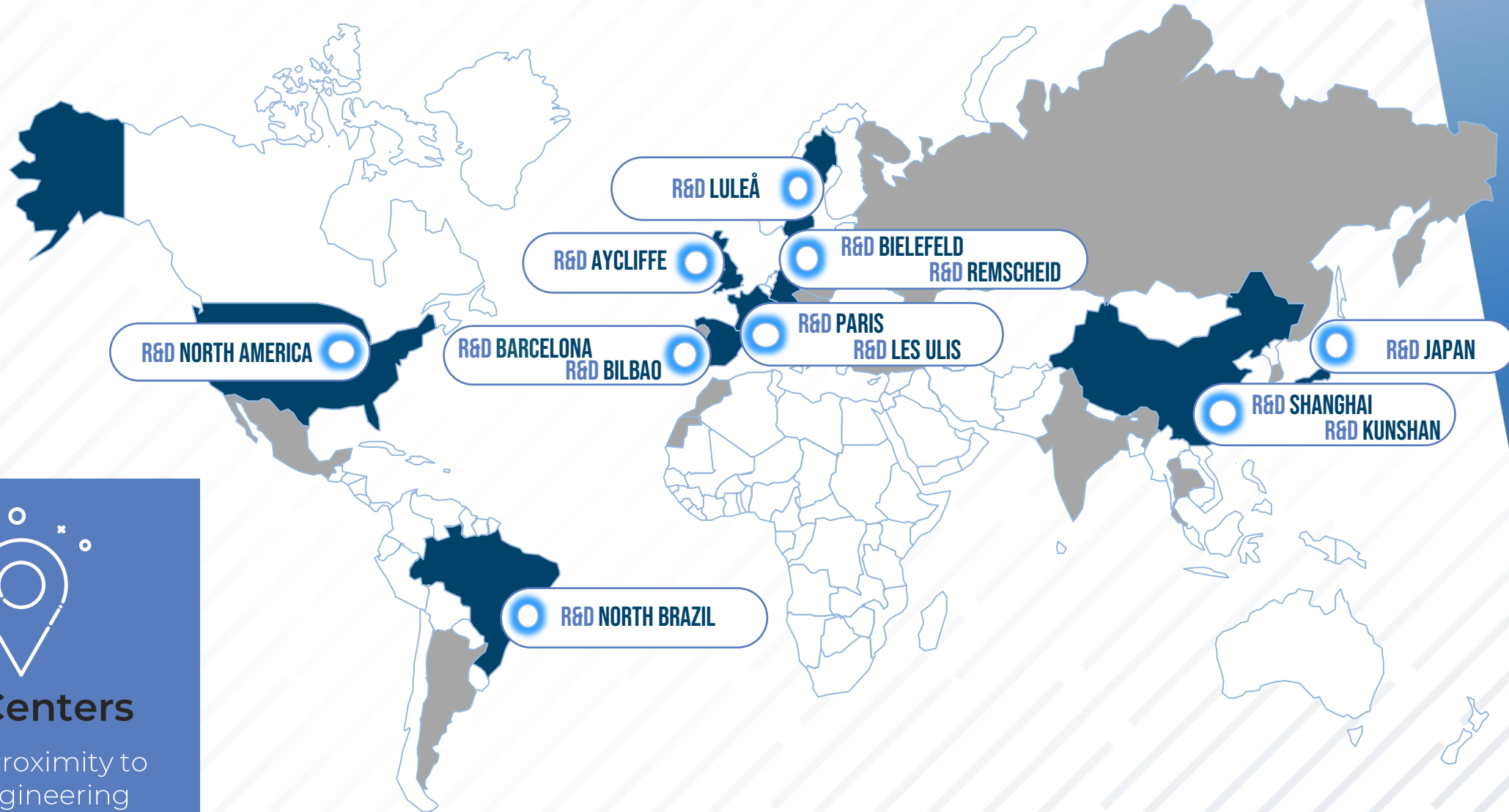



# GREAT DESIGNS IN **STEEL**

## **EV STRUCTURE - LIGHTWEIGHT COMBO MADE OF OLPB DOOR RING & WAVE ROCKER**

Dean Bartolomucci  
Gestamp – Product Engineering Manager

# GLOBAL FOOTPRINT/R&D CENTERS




  
**13**
  
**R&D Centers**
  
 In Close Proximity to
   
 OEMs' Engineering
   
 "Hubs"

# EV PRODUCT FAMILY EXTREME SIZE PARTS

## EXTREME SIZE PRODUCTS

1. ONE PIECE DOOR RING
2. ONE PIECE FLOOR
3. RING FRAME
4. ONE PIECE REAR FRAME
5. ONE PIECE DASHBOARD
6. ROOF RING
7. ROCKER REINFORCEMENT
8. FRONT RAIL SYSTEM



## ADVANTAGES

### GIGA STAMPING

- Integration of functions
- cost / performance / CO2 reduction
- Improved quality vs big assemblies

### ASSEMBLY LINE AT OEM

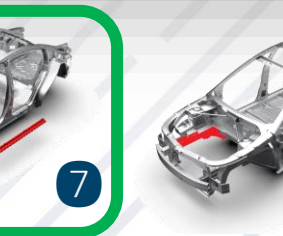
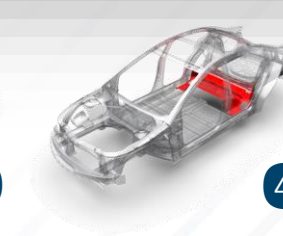
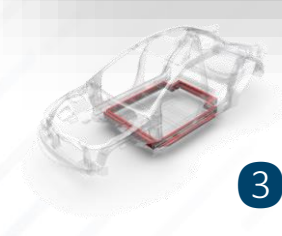
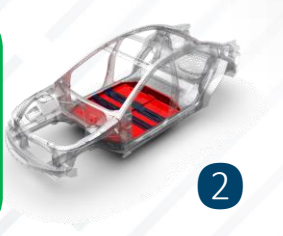
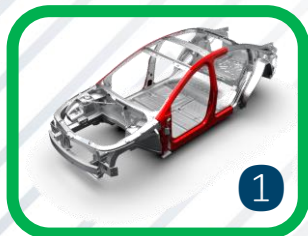
- Reduction of complexity
- Less floor space

### PERFORMANCE

- Optimum Crash & NVH performance.
- PHS hardened with ductile grades.
- **Use of 2Gpa new PH grades.**

### POST TREATMENTS

- **Laser Heat treatments** to improve energy management performance and mechanical assembly options.



# PRODUCTION DOOR RINGS



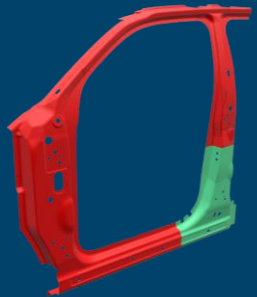
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Dodge RAM



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STEEL

Hot Stamped Steel One-Piece Door Ring in the All-New 2019 Ram 1500  
David Reed, FCA US LLC  
Paul Belanger, Gestamp

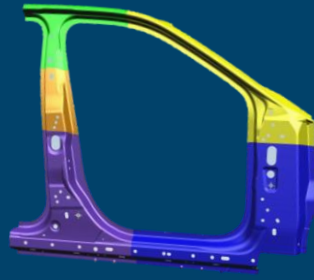
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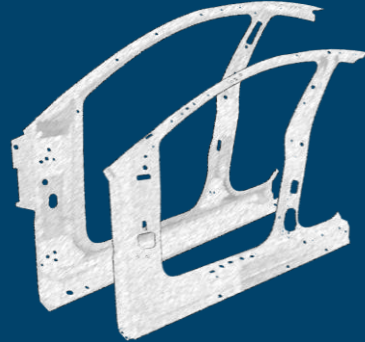
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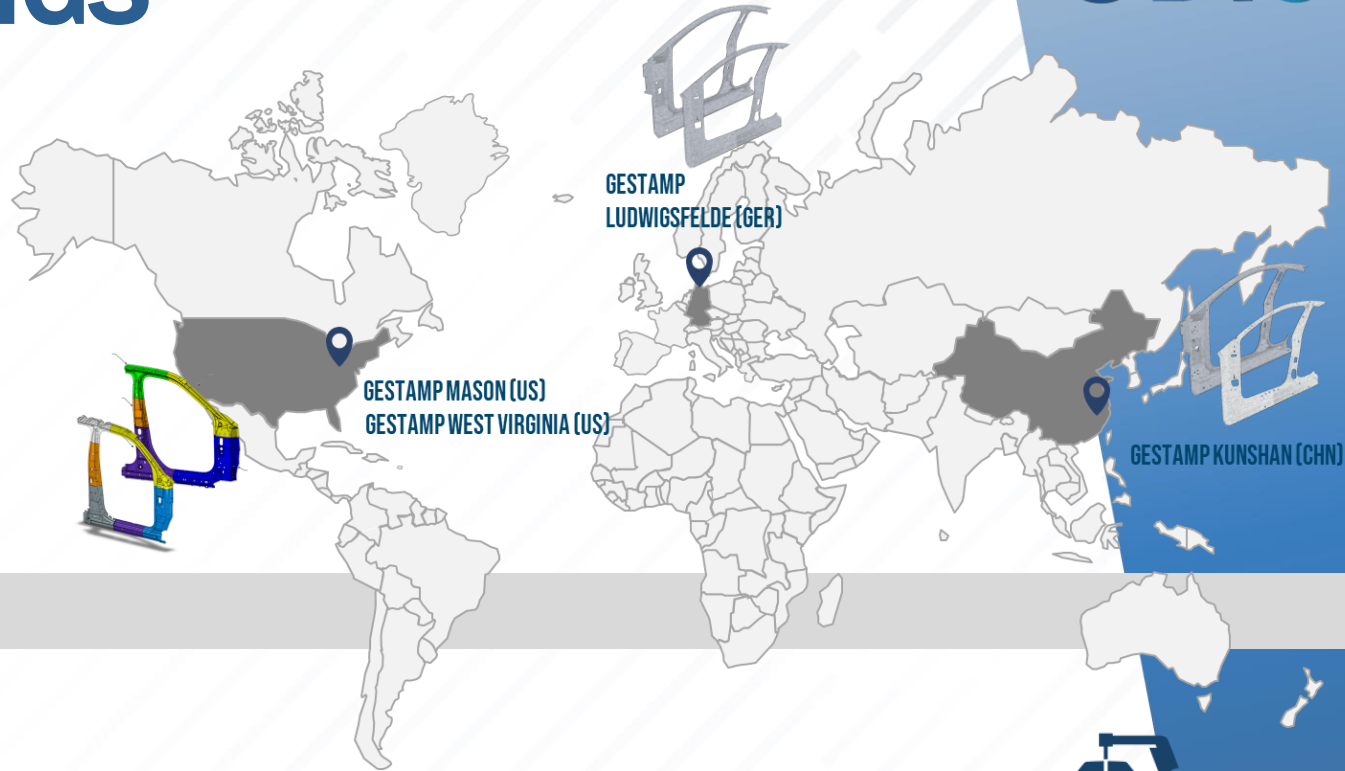
C Segment



2022



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~3.5 Million Door Rings produced

5 New awarded Door Ring projects:

- 1 DR TWB – Japanese OEM
- 1 DR TWB – UK OEM
- 1 DR Overlap Patch – US OEM
- 1 DR Overlap Patch – US OEM
- 1 DR Overlap Patch – German OEM

~3.5 Million/year





# DOOR RING: FROM TWB TO OVERLAP



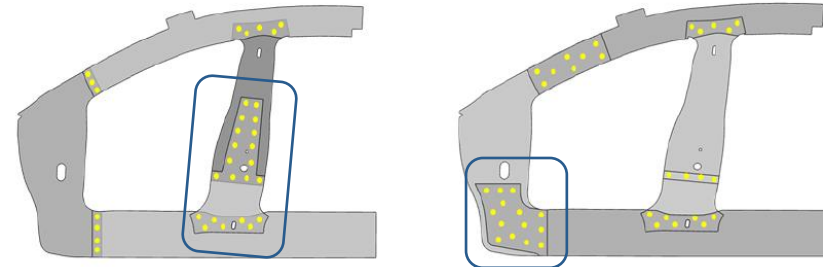
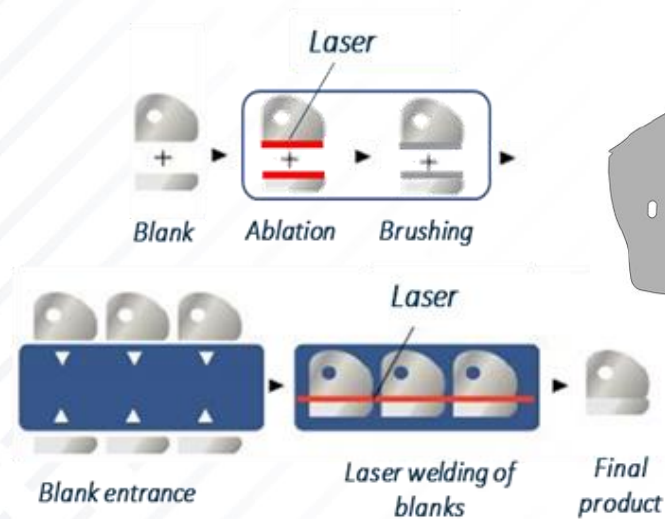
Key idea: Replace TWB process by simple RSW blank welding thanks to overlap the blanks

## TWB SOLUTION

## GESTAMP OVERLAP PATCH SOLUTION

Ablation

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Overlap Joints are developed to structural requirements



Ablation needed  
Laser welding blanks  
Complex welding process

No Ablation Needed  
In-house Spot Welding  
Easy blank welding adjustment

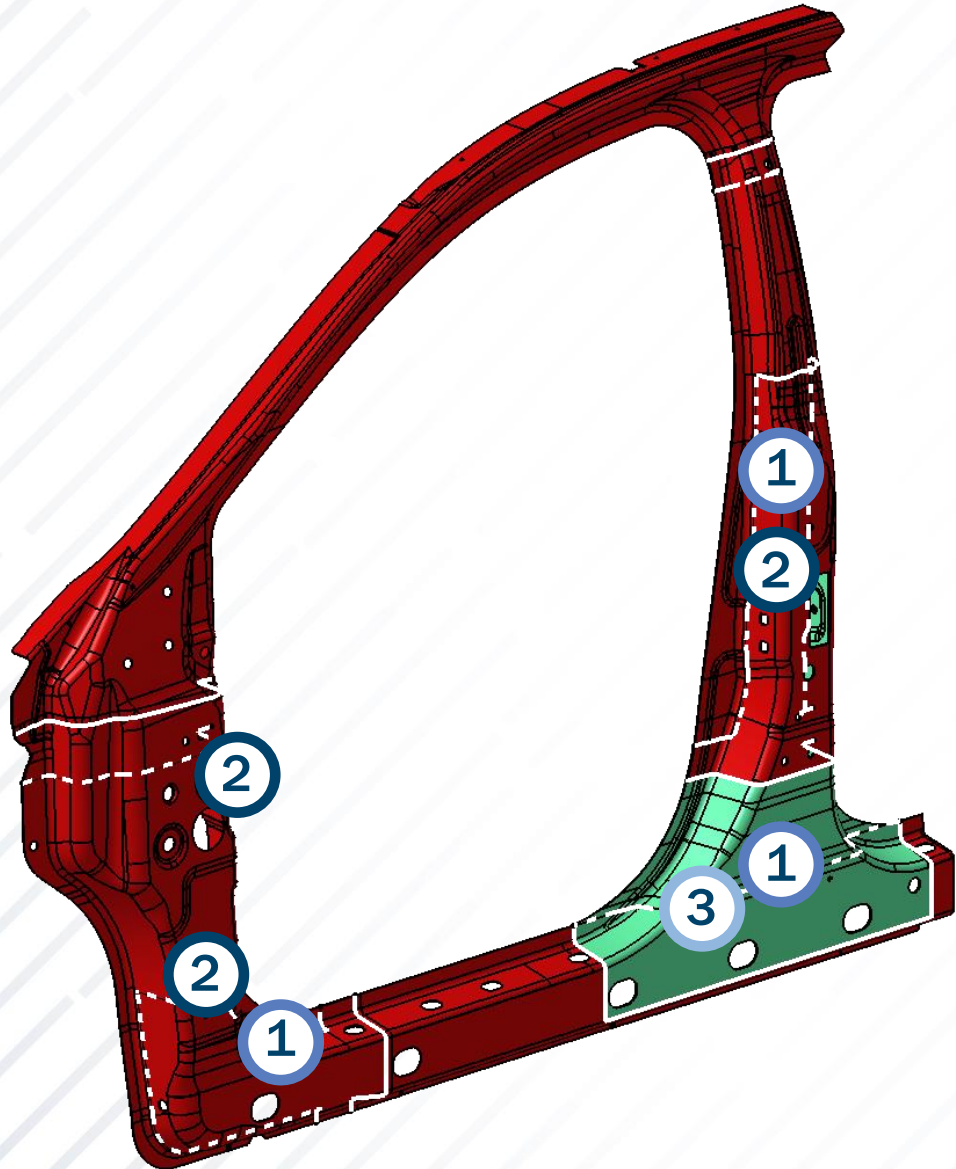
10-15% Part Price reduction vs Multi Piece

Disruptive in design, legacy processes

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# BENEFITS OF OLPB DOOR RING



## PRODUCT PERFORMANCE GOALS

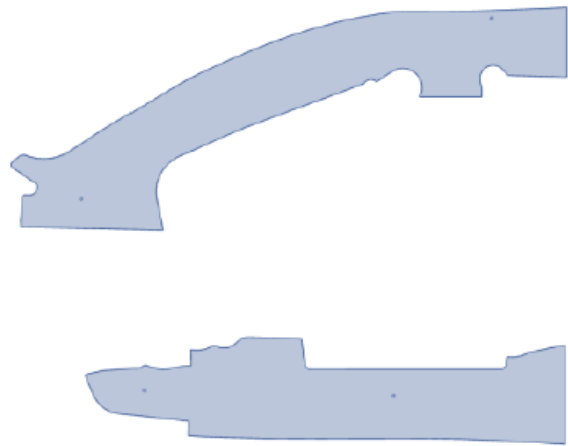
- 1** Overlapping Material Where Required  
Best Crash performance and local / Global Stiffness. Glove Fit, no gaps, structural joints
- 2** Part Integration (with Patches)  
Patch Solution (great weld integrity, no HAZ)  
Integrated Reinforcements (e.g. Hinge Reinf.)
- 3** Right Material In The Right Place  
Ductile Material Use To Prevent Failure Risk
- 4** Savings vs Multi-Piece Design  
Complexity Reduction (~300 less OEM welds)  
Reduction of material (addendum) and Tooling  
Improved dimensional quality  
0 - 10% mass and 10 - 15% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction



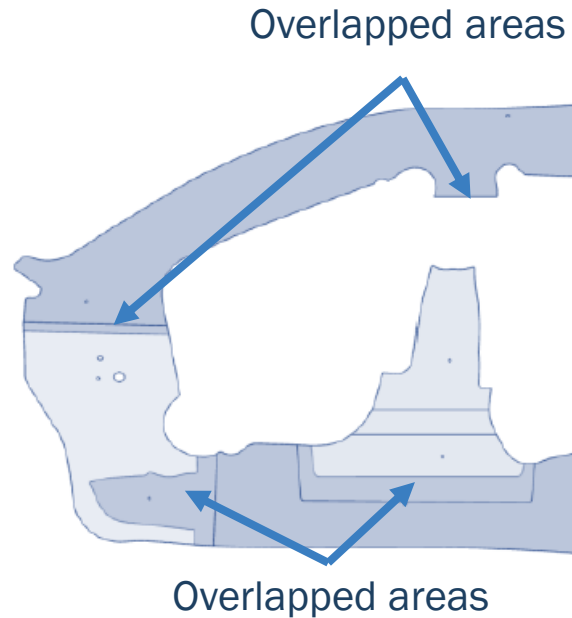
# DOOR RINGS NOW WITH PROPRIETARY OVERLAP TECHNOLOGY

## GIGA STAMPING™<sub>M</sub> – OVERLAP PATCH DOOR RING

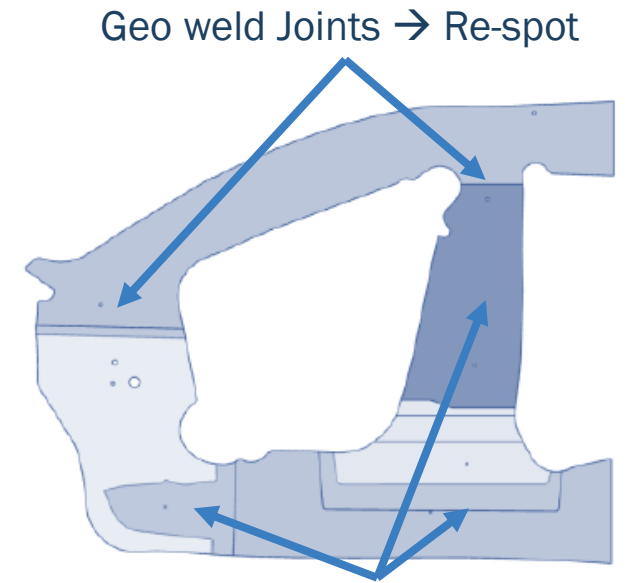
### PATCH OVERLAP BLANKING WELDING PROCESS DESCRIPTION



A Pillar & Rocker blank centering



B & H Pillar centering










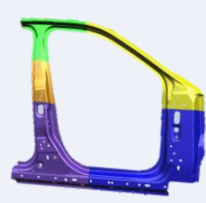






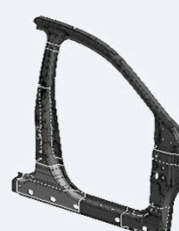


Welding process (RSW)

# DOOR RINGS NOW WITH PROPRIETARY OVERLAP TECHNOLOGY

## GIGA STAMPING™<sub>M</sub> – OVERLAP PATCH DOOR RING



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| RAM  | SEGMENT D SUV   | SEGMENT D SUV   | SEGMENT D   | SEGMENT D   | SEGMENT D   | SEGMENT D   | SEGMENT B   |   |      |
|  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |      |
| SOP  | 2014  | 2020  | 2021  | 2021  | 2023  | 2024  | 2025  | 2025  | 2025 |

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Serial Production in 2025:  
More than 4 M DR per year (according to contracted volumes)



Robustness:  
Assured quality with 6 years experience

# **WAVE ROCKER**

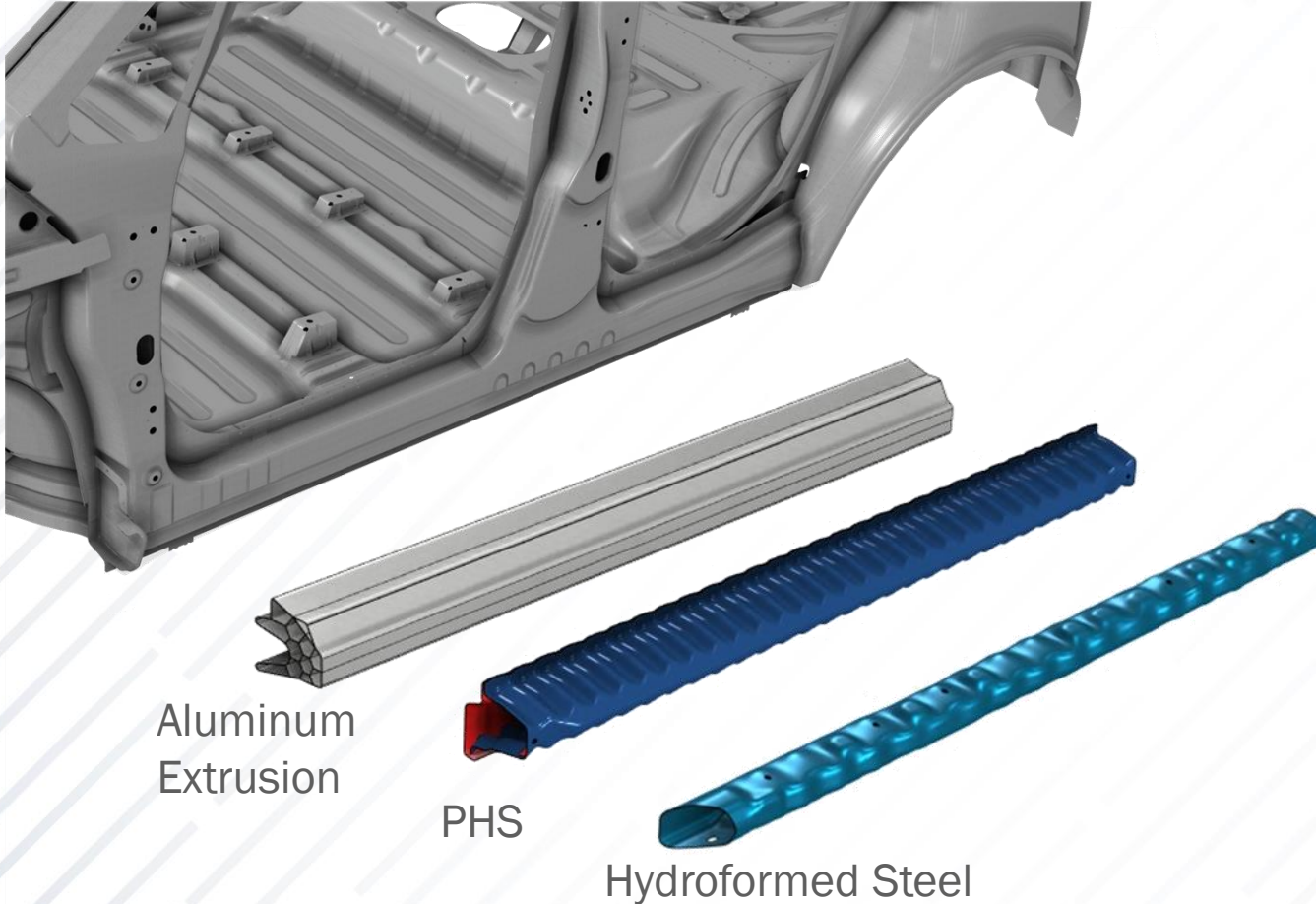


## CHALLENGES

### OEM Requirements

- Battery & occupant protection
- High energy absorption
- Cost & weight optimisation

SPECIFIC PRODUCT FOR EV ARCHITECTURES



SPECIFIC PRODUCT FOR EV ARCHITECTURES

## BENEFITS

### OEM

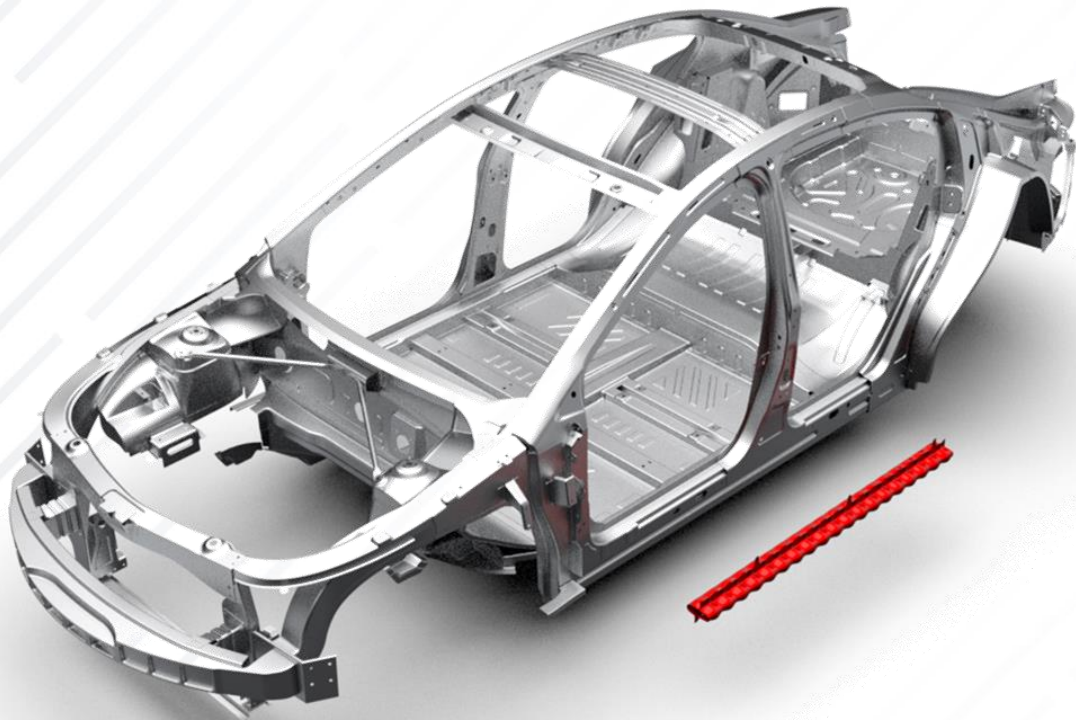
- Architecture and material options
- Need to use specific materials
- Co-development of rocker concepts

### Gestamp

- Family of energy mgt. solutions
- Aluminium and Steel alternatives
- New ductile PHS material grades

# PH ROCKER ELIMINATING THE HIGH COST AL EXTRUSION

## HIGHLY ENGINEERED PRODUCT- ROCKER REINFORCEMENT



### Alternative to Aluminium extrusions:

- Same level of Energy absorption
- Stamped in E-Coat drainage channels
- Mass neutral potential
- Full battery protection in any given pole position

### Savings:

- 20 - 30% Part Price reduction vs aluminum extrusion
- 0%-5% weight reduction vs aluminium
- Avoid adhesives in the assembly
- No KTL/E-Coat required
- 5% CO2 reduction

### OEM Body assembly line simplification:

- No changes in joining strategy – Savings in body shop
- Standard resistance spot-welding
- No KTL drainage issues (channels in parts)

### Industrial facilities available:

- Existing Mfg. facilities (Hydroforming & PHS)

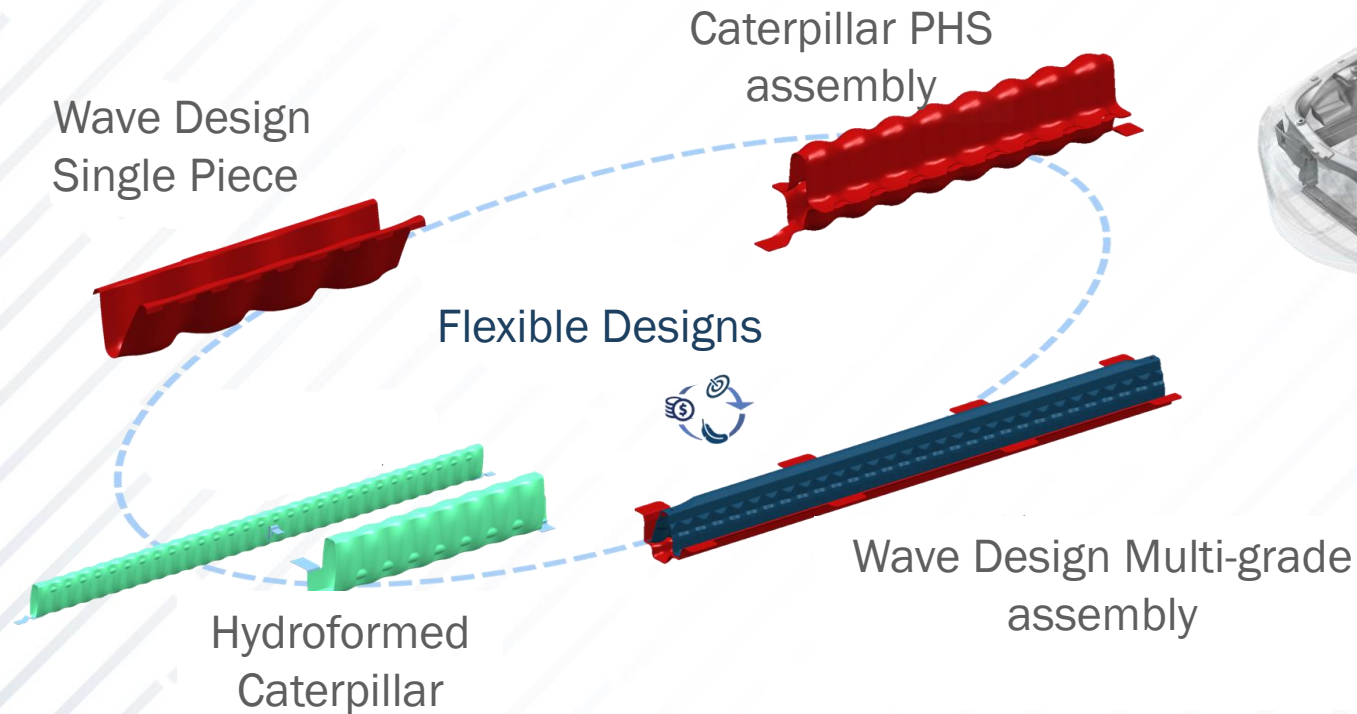
# PROPRIETARY ROCKER STEEL SOLUTIONS FOR ALL TYPE OF BATTERIES

## HIGHLY ENGINEERED PRODUCT- ROCKER REINFORCEMENT

Flexible solution :

Customized design/materials for side crash strategy

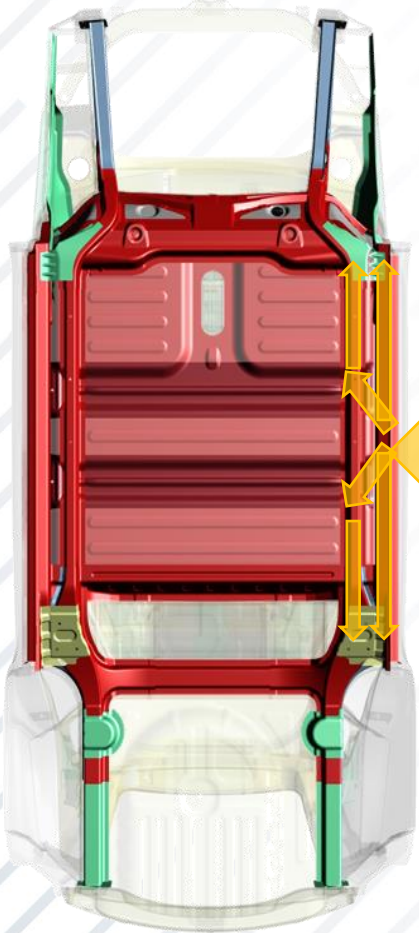
Performance :  
Equal against  
aluminum extrusion



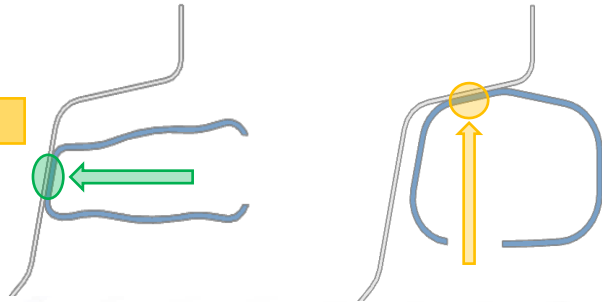
**SOLUTIONS FOR DIFFERENT BATTERY TRAY STRATEGY + PASSENGER PROTECTION**

# EV STRATEGIC PARTS: ROCKER REINFORCEMENT

## FOR NON-STRUCTURAL BATTERY TRAY CONFIGURATION

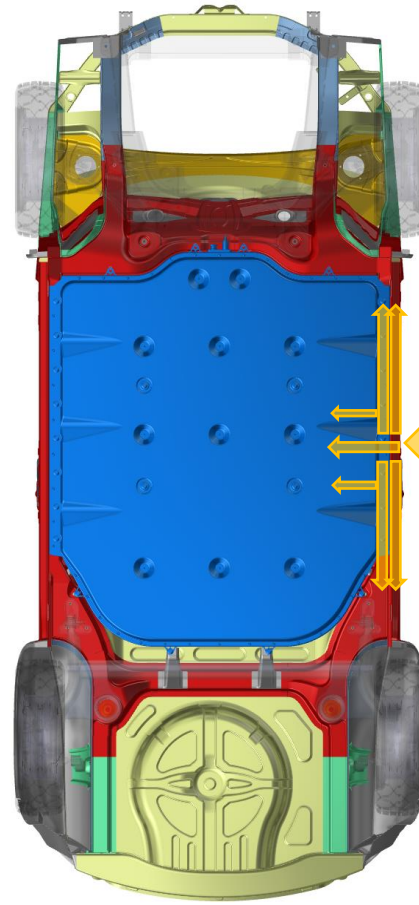


### ❖ HYDROFORMED CONCEPT

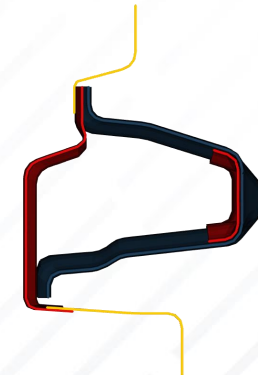


- ❖ Main load path to Seat Crossmembers
- ❖ Narrow sections possible
- ❖ Traditional RSW joining method
- ❖ Alternative to small aluminum rocker reinforcements

## FOR STRUCTURAL BATTERY TRAY CONFIGURATION



### ❖ HOT STAMPED CONCEPT



- ❖ Works with battery frame
- ❖ Same mass as Aluminum extrusion
- ❖ Avoids adhesives and multi-material joining

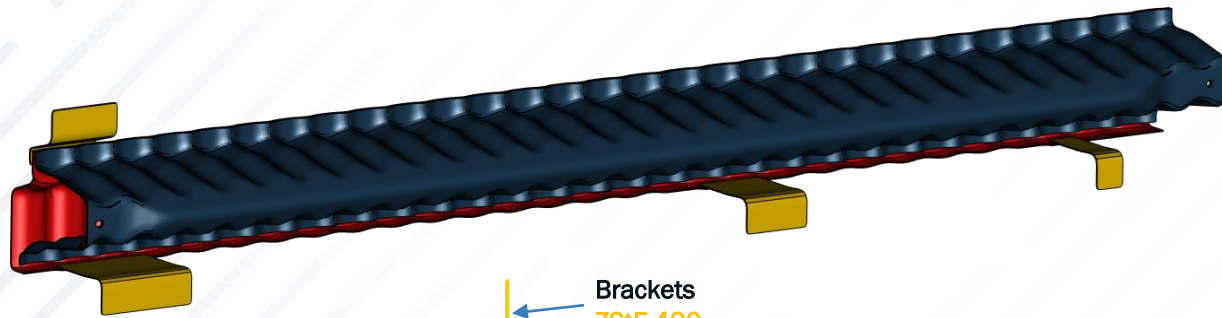


# WAVE ROCKER: ROCKET CONCEPT -STRUCTURAL BATTERY TRAY



Key idea: Replace Aluminum extrusion with PHS Wave design

## GESTAMP ROCKET REINFORCEMENT CONCEPT



Brackets  
ZStE 420  
Thickness 1,5mm

Rear Support  
USIBOR 1500  
Thickness 1,3mm

Rocket patch  
USIBOR 1500  
Thickness 2,5mm

Rocket outer  
DUCTIBOR 1000  
Thickness 2,5 mm

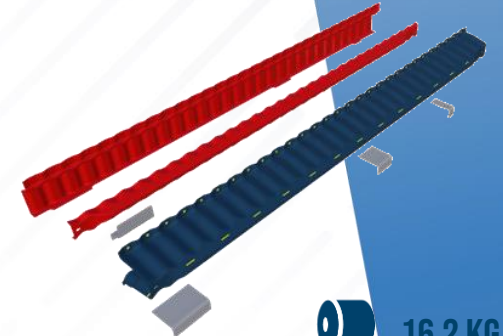
KTL drainage Channels

REF ALUMINIUM EXTRUSION



Al 15,8 KG

100% STEEL PROPOSAL



16,2 KG

- **Same level of energy absorption**  
Material grades – wave design and Rocket shape
- **Equivalent intrusion**  
Battery protection for all pole positions
- **Mass neutral potential**
- **Avoids adhesives in the assembly**
- **Part price reduction potential 20 - 30%**

# EV STRATEGIC PARTS: ROCKER REINFORCEMENT

BATTERY / BIW

## ROCKER WAVE DESIGN FOR EV'S

## CONCEPT VALIDATION

45 Km/h - x 1200mm



ALUMINUM  
REFERENCE

45km/h - X1200

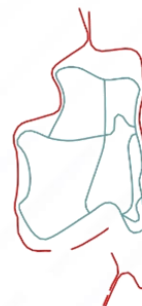
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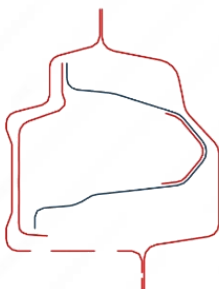
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t = 12ms



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GESTAMP  
PROPOSAL

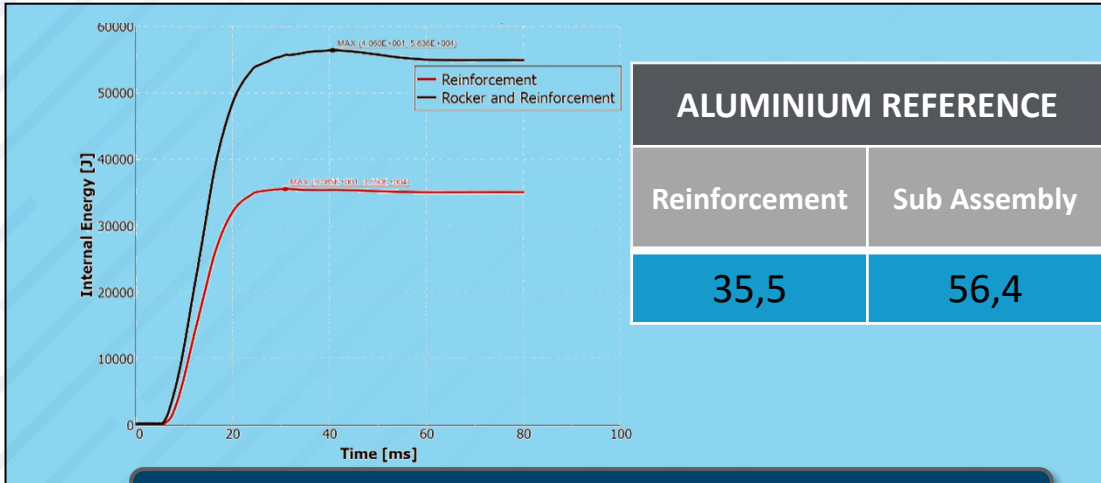
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# EV STRATEGIC PARTS: ROCKER REINFORCEMENT

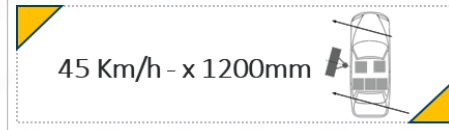
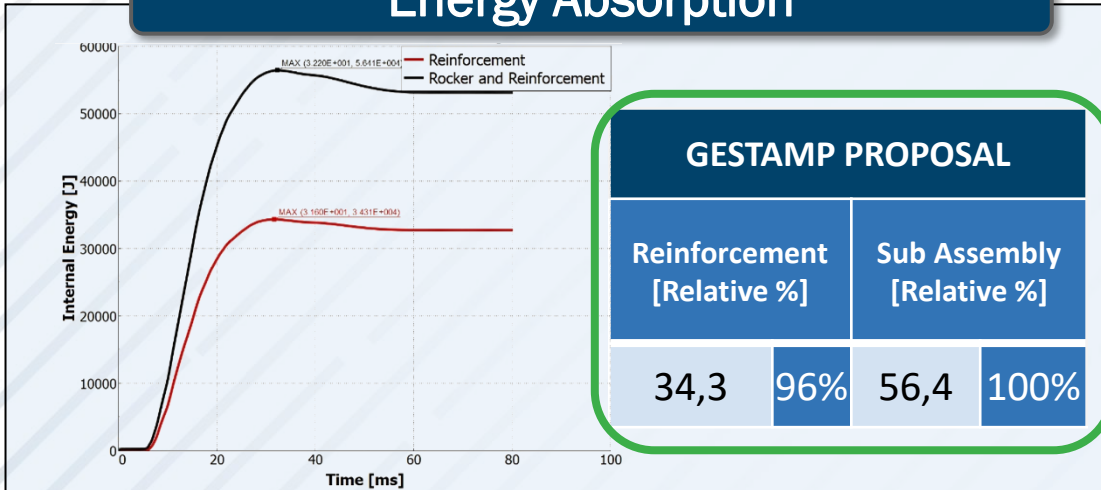
PRESS HARDENING – Steel solution

## ROCKER WAVE DESIGN FOR EV'S

## CONCEPT VALIDATION

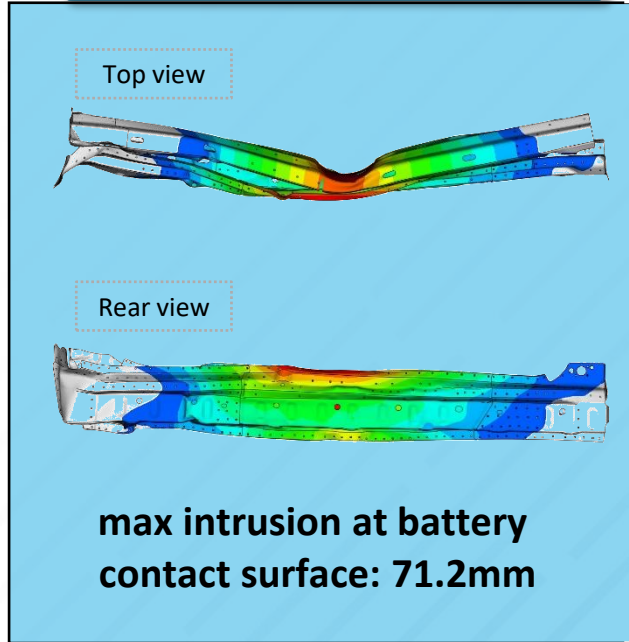


### Energy Absorption

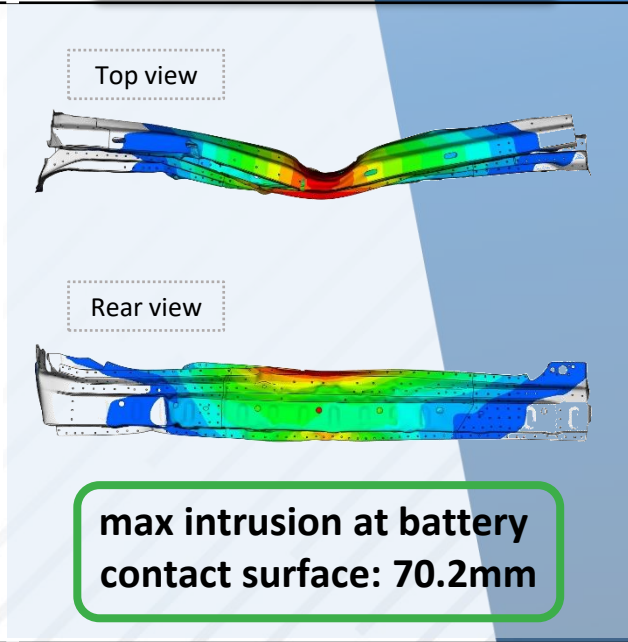


### Rocker Intrusion

#### ALUMINUM REFERENCE



#### GESTAMP PROPOSAL



# WAVE ROCKER: HYDRO CONCEPT

## HYDROFORMING – Steel solution DESIGN

## CONCEPT VALIDATION

### SMART Hydroforming Reinforcement Concept

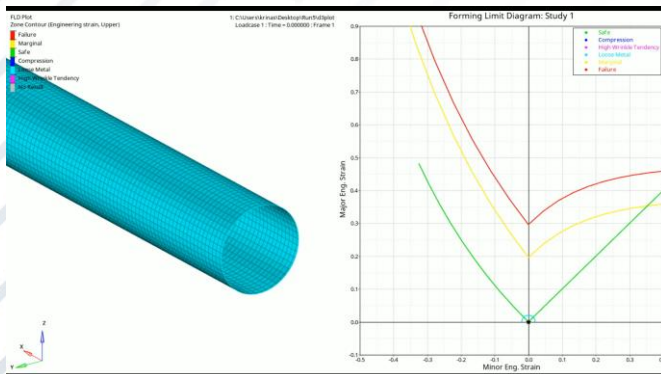


Smart Hydroforming Rocker Reinforcement

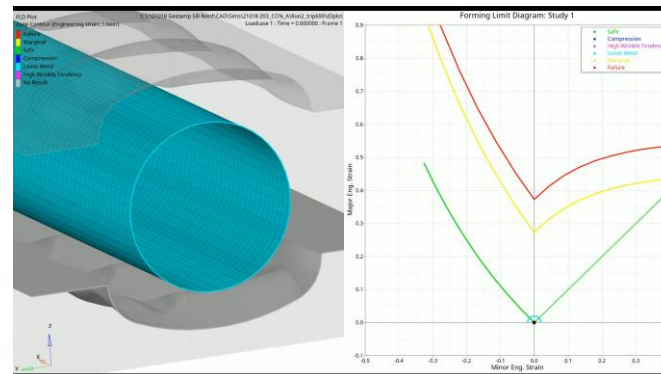
#### MATERIAL OPTIONS:

- TRIP/DP/CP 600/800 grades
- 3<sup>rd</sup> generation steels

Gen 3 980 1.7mm

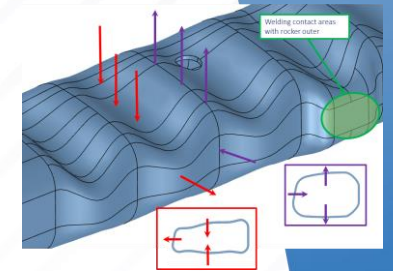


TRIP 690 2.0mm

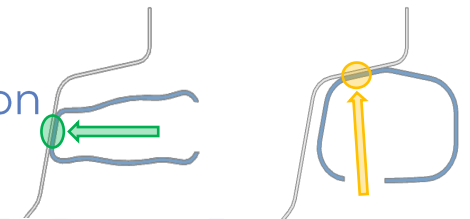


Forming sims courtesy of Vari-Form

Maximize energy absorption and adapt to environment



Flexible spot weld location



Removal of adhesives needed in Aluminum designs



Improved KTL coverage concept with design gaps



# WAVE ROCKER: HYDRO CONCEPT

HYDROFORMING – Steel solution  
PROTOTYPING

TESTING VALIDATION



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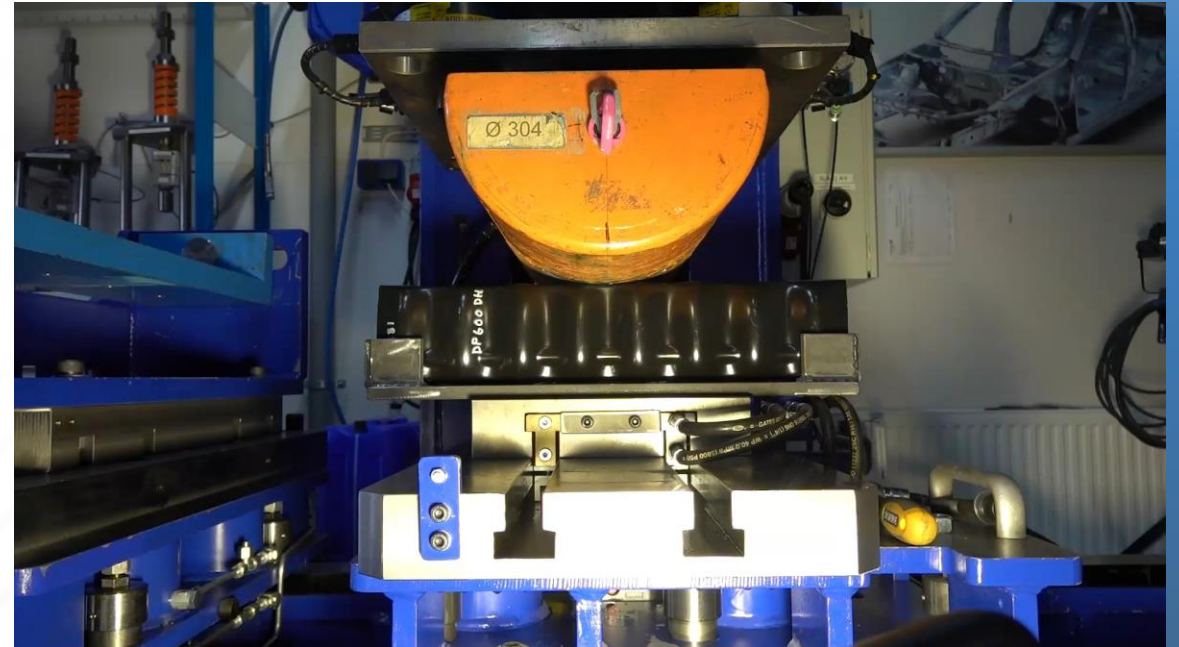
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**Hydro Prototypes** : Full validation on going



STATIC POLE TEST IN PROGRESS



## Summary

### ❑ OLPB Door Rings

- Key Benefits
  - Cost/Weight reduction vs. Multipiece
  - Cost Reduction vs. TWB One-piece
  - Part consolidation: OEM Body Shop space, complexity & dimensional
- Technology risks mitigated – Validation projects complete
  - Lessons learned – Design/Tooling best practices
  - Surrogate panel performance confirms functional objectives achieved
- Launching now

### ❑ Wave Rocker

- Key Benefits
  - Cost
  - Standard RSW joining method
  - Minimal to no change to BIW assembly
  - Existing Mfg. facilities (Hydroforming & PHS)
  - Comparable weight/performance to Aluminum

**THANK YOU!**