

Ficosa and GMV launch an intelligent communication module to improve traffic mobility and safety

Developed jointly by Ficosa's Advanced Communications Business Unit and GMV, won a special mention from the jury in the Barcelona International Motor Show Awards (Premios del Salón Internacional del Automóvil de Barcelona)

Barcelona, 15 June 2007.- The Spanish multinational company of automobile systems and components, Ficosa International, jointly with GMV, have just launched an intelligent communications module for vehicles to improve traffic mobility and safety, winning themselves pole position in the relatively new yet competitive market in automobile communications.

In the up-and-coming years communications in vehicles, between vehicles and between vehicles and infrastructures are going to be key features. Together with electronics and environment-friendliness, such communications will make up the three quickest growing areas in the automobile sector.

To come up with a response to these growing needs of vehicle communications, Ficosa and GMV have developed a miniaturized communications module based on multi-architecture technologies. This module is flexible – it can be adapted to meet new communications standards throughout the vehicle's lifecycle – and also powerful enough to integrate different IT and safety services and applications in a single device.

The services and applications that can be used on this module include the Pan-European in-Vehicle Emergency Call System (eCall), safety and mobility applications based on vehicle-vehicle and vehicle-infrastructure communications, services provided by the vehicle manufacturer (call center, remote vehicle diagnosis, roadside assistance, etc.), fleet management systems, electronic road-toll systems, pay-as-you-drive automobile insurance, vehicle data collection systems to determine the actual state of traffic, location of stolen vehicles, automatic payment systems (parking lots, gas stations, etc.), onboard navigation and entertainment.

As an element of high value for automobile manufacturers, the module developed by the Spanish multinational is small in size and can therefore be easily integrated into any vehicle.

On 12 June the intelligent communications module developed by Ficosa's Advanced Communications Business Unit in collaboration with GMV won a special mention from the jury in the 6th Barcelona International Motor Show Awards.

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