

Gentherm and General Motors Present Microclimate Comfort System Solution to Increasing Driving Range of Electric Vehicles

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Gentherm's ClimateSense TM microclimate solution provides significant energy savings and improved passenger comfort

NORTHVILLE, Mich., October 28, 2019 – Gentherm, the global market leader and developer of innovative thermal management technologies, recently presented along with General Motors the results of the Company's collaboration with General Motors to understand the real-world effectiveness a microclimate comfort system solution provides to increase the driving range of electric vehicles. The results were presented during the SAE Thermal Management Systems Symposium and showed that Gentherm's ClimateSense TM microclimate thermal comfort system significantly increase driving range and energy savings in electric vehicles.

General Motors' objective was to achieve a 30 percent overall reduction in energy that would achieve equal or superior passenger comfort based on 2 occupants per vehicle. Gentherm developed a proof of concept microclimate seat-centric climate control system where the Company designed and integrated a two-zone ClimateSenseTM system into a Chevrolet Bolt EV. The ClimateSenseTM system solution is comprised of advanced thermal delivery methods, integrated electronics, embedded software, and a revolutionary thermophysiology based human centric control algorithm. The collaboration with GM also utilized a novel human-centric comfort measurement methodology to measure passenger comfort and the performance of the microclimate heating and cooling system.

Significant findings include:

- ClimateSenseTM provides 50-69 percent energy savings with two zones active and improves overall customer comfort in -7°C cold weather test
- ClimateSenseTM provides **34 percent energy savings** with two zones active and improves overall comfort in hot weather testing

"The proliferation of ridesharing, electrification and autonomous vehicles has created a need to redesign the interior of a vehicle. Yet, when we look at the interior cabin of today's vehicle, the HVAC and thermal management approach has only seen minor incremental changes over the last 50 years," said Phil Eyler, President and CEO of Gentherm. "Our ClimateSense TM system demonstrates that it can be the solution that meets the industry's electrification goals of increased vehicle range and energy savings, while creating the overall passenger experience that will meet the demands of electric, rideshare and autonomous vehicles."

More information can be found here.

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