Vehicle dynamics performance

DESCRIPTION

Services

- To develop chassis systems and complete vehicle through:

Benchmarking and target setting

Concept generation, optimization and detail design

Prototype development and validation

Active system development, MIL and HIL validation

- To improve internal processes

Definition of branding and product specification

Improve product quality and consistency

Improve working efficiency, reduce development costs

Further knowledge and understanding of system performance

- Providing training support and resident engineers

On/off-site training

On-site resources and support
• RandD leadership and participation

Large part of activities to maintain state of the art

FP7 framework, Internal, national and international

Process

With the years of development experience coming from a wide range of professional backgrounds, Applus IDIADA has refined the development process to one that meets our customers’ needs. In particular it:

• Offers a clear process-lead approach that guarantees we meet deliverables
• A flexible approach that works with all customer profiles and markets
• Under continual improvement to ensure customers benefit from all latest technologies and methods

Resources

• Industry leading simulation capacities
• CAD, CAE development services
• Dedicated objective test teams
• Highly experienced tuning team
• Extensive proving ground and public road
• Wide range of laboratory facilities

Vehicle dynamic simulation

Applus IDIADA chassis development team uses the latest CAE technology for simulating vehicle ride, handling and durability performance. Many in house techniques have been developed that allow integrated functional teams to work together. Typical simulation activities include:

• Chassis design and development
• Tuning support and target establishment
• Active safety and chassis control system development
• Suspension optimisation studies
• Ride comfort and durability analysis
• Powertrain installation and driveline analysis
• Tyre characterisation and development

Vehicle dynamics laboratory

Chassis System Measurements: Suspension Characterization
Kinematics and compliance measurements
- Passenger vehicle
- Motorbikes
- Motor sport vehicles
- Commercial vehicles (high capacity load cells)
- Measurements of suspension hard points
- Axle with very high load capacity kinematics and compliance measurements

Chassis System Measurements: Damper Characterization
- Suspension damping measurements

Global Body Characteristics
- Centre of gravity measurements
- Moments of inertia measurements
- Body torsional and lateral stiffness with KandC rig

Chassis Components Testing
- Steering characteristics with KandC
- Knuckle stiffness characterization
- Spring measurements
- Damper and bushing measurements
- Test bench: flexible laboratory
- Evaluation Methods