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## **Johnson Controls awarded two J.D. Power 2015 automotive seating overall satisfaction awards**

**Burscheid, Germany – September 22, 2015.** *Johnson Controls is being recognized for providing the highest-quality seats in two vehicle segments, Luxury SUV and Mass Market Midsize / Large Car, in the annual J.D. Power 2015 Seat Quality and Satisfaction Study<sup>SM</sup>.*

“The recognition by J.D. Power validates our efforts to build high-quality seating products,” said Beda Bolzenius, vice chairman of Johnson Controls Asia Pacific and president of Automotive Seating. “Our team strives to provide our automaker customers with superior automotive seating products that exceed comfort, safety and sustainability requirements.”

In the Luxury SUV segment, Johnson Controls ranked highest for its seats supplied to the Land Rover Range Rover Evoque. The seats are manufactured at the company’s Halewood, United Kingdom plant.

Johnson Controls also ranked highest in the Mass Market Midsize / Large Car segment for the seats it provides for the Kia Cadenza, which are manufactured at the company’s Asan, Korea plant.

In addition, Johnson Controls was ranked in the top three for four other vehicle seats, including the:

- Mass Market Midsize / Large Car segment for its Toyota Camry seats manufactured in Georgetown, Ky., United States
- Luxury SUV segment for seats in the Porsche Cayenne manufactured in Bratislava, Slovakia and Mercedes-Benz GLA-Class manufactured in Rastatt, Germany
- Mass Market Midsize / Large SUV segment for its Toyota Venza seats manufactured in Georgetown, Ky., United States

The 2015 J.D. Power Seat Quality and Satisfaction Study provides automotive manufacturers and suppliers with quality and satisfaction information related to automotive seating systems. New vehicle owners are asked to rate the quality of

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their vehicle's seats and seat belts based on whether or not they experienced defects / malfunctions or design problems during the first 90 days of ownership.

The 2015 Seat Quality and Satisfaction Study is based on responses from 84,367 purchasers and lessees of new 2015 model-year cars and light trucks. The study was fielded from February through May 2015.

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Johnson Controls is a global diversified technology and industrial leader serving customers in more than 150 countries. Our 170,000 employees create quality products, services and solutions to optimize energy and operational efficiencies of buildings; lead-acid automotive batteries and advanced batteries for hybrid and electric vehicles; and seating components and systems for automobiles. Our commitment to sustainability dates back to our roots in 1885, with the invention of the first electric room thermostat. Through our growth strategies and by increasing market share we are committed to delivering value to shareholders and making our customers successful.

## **About Johnson Controls Automotive Experience**

Johnson Controls Automotive Experience is a global leader in automotive seating components and systems. The company supports all major automakers in the differentiation of their vehicles through its products, technologies and advanced manufacturing capabilities. With more than 200 locations worldwide, Johnson Controls is where its customers need it to be. Consumers have enjoyed the comfort and style of Johnson Controls products, from single components to complete seat systems. With its global capability the company supplies more than 50 million cars per year. Johnson Controls pursues a spin-off of its Automotive Experience business. Following the separation, which is expected to close in the third quarter of 2016, the Automotive

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Experience business will operate as an independent, publicly traded company. Bruce McDonald will serve as the chairman and CEO of the new company. Beda Bolzenius will serve as president and COO.