

Seat covers and padding for the “rolling living room”

## **Johnson Controls contributes to maximum seating comfort in “Truck of the Year” Volvo XC90**

**Burscheid – February 3, 2016.** *After the home and office, the car is the place where we spend much of our time. As the global leader in automotive seating, Johnson Controls is a trailblazer when it comes to comfort and individualization in the design of car interiors. A successful example of this can be found in the Volvo XC90, recently named “Truck of the Year” at the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS). The vehicle features seat covers and paddings supplied by Johnson Controls, which contribute to the award-winning comfort and interior design of this “rolling living room,” as this SUV has been called.*

“We congratulate our Swedish customer Volvo for its ‘Truck of the Year’ award in North America, given to the XC90 in January at NAIAS in Detroit,” says Tony Malila, vice president & general manager Customer Group Volvo at Johnson Controls Automotive Seating. “We’re particularly pleased as a supplier that the jury of automotive journalists highlighted not only the design, safety features and handling of this SUV, but also its outstanding comfort, to which we contributed through the seat padding and coverings. As the world’s leading manufacturer of automotive seating components and systems, we were able to draw upon our in-house resources and vertically integrated capabilities allowing us to provide optimal support to the customer.”

The target set by Volvo was very high, representing a challenge for Johnson Controls to showcase its expertise in terms of individualization. The demand of the Swedish premium car manufacturer was that these seats, made with top-quality materials, should offer excellent comfort to all its customers. The focus is not only on the driver and front passenger but the seats of the second and third rows are also geared toward maximum comfort. Optional seats featuring integrated child booster cushions are also available for the second row.

The SUV must also provide the utmost support and comfortable seating on demanding terrain too, which is why even the extended leg-supporting surface is

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furnished with side bolsters. Additional massage functions and electric lumbar support maximize the seating comfort.

“For car manufacturers as well as their suppliers, individualization is a growth market that offers great potential for differentiation,” said Andreas Maashoff, director industrial design and craftsmanship at Johnson Controls Automotive Seating. “We recognized this early on and offered our customers an extensive portfolio in terms of styling trends, colors, forms and materials.” Here, seat padding and coverings are important elements, in addition to the company’s expertise in seat structures, which all enable it to design the “consummate seating experience.”

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