

Rinspeed's "Snap" Concept Vehicle Features New Gentex Technologies

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- **Gentex provides technology for the latest autonomous concept vehicle from Swiss car design powerhouse, Rinspeed**
- **Snap features Gentex's biometrics, home automation and dimmable glass technologies, underscoring their importance to future mobility systems**
- **Snap to debut next month at CES 2018 in Las Vegas and then feature at the Geneva International Motor Show in March**

ZEELAND, Mich., Dec. 14, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Gentex Corporation (NASDAQ:GNTX), a leading supplier of connected-car and digital vision features for the global automotive industry, recently provided key technologies for the latest concept vehicle from automotive think tank and car design powerhouse Rinspeed, which for nearly 40 years has churned out designs intended to inspire the transportation industry and promote future mobility systems.

Rinspeed's latest, called Snap, would allow users to summon a vehicle-sized "skateboard" that would dock with personalized passenger "pods" and autonomously drive users to work, shopping, camping, or anywhere they wanted to go.

Rinspeed Snap

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Rinspeed's Snap concept vehicle consists of two parts: an autonomously driven chassis, or "skateboard," that docks with various customizable passenger safety cells, or "pods." Separating the vehicle from its components allows the autonomous skateboard to operate 24/7, serving multiple customers throughout the day. The chassis are replaced as mechanical components wear out and IT components reach obsolescence.

The more durable and versatile passenger pods would live on and be personalized for commuting, working, deliveries, and more. They would be useful even when stationary, serving as mobile offices, campers, or secondary living spaces.

The Snap concept is designed to help reduce traffic congestion, enhance overall vehicle lifecycles, and provide a more environmentally friendly mobility model.

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With the passenger identified, the biometric system would allow the vehicle to operate and enable personalization by automatically adjusting seat position, HVAC controls, music favorites, GPS locations, and other cabin amenities, according to user-determined presets. The biometric system could also sanction safe, secure access to a host of cloud-based, connected-vehicle services. For instance, an authenticated iris scan could grant the passenger access to work files and virtual meetings, and secure banking transactions, and provide added security for in-vehicle trip-related purchases like tolls, vehicle charging and parking.

Rinspeed's latest concept vehicle, Snap, would allow users to summon a vehicle-sized "skateboard" that would dock with personalized passenger "pods" and autonomously drive users to work, shopping, camping, or anywhere they wanted to go. Gentex's HomeLink technology, which uses RF and wireless cloud-based activity to operate gates, garage doors, security systems, thermostats, home lighting and more, could also be controlled by the biometric system. Once authorized, passengers would be able to control all their home automation devices from within the Snap vehicle through HomeLink. The biometric system would provide security and convenience for multiple passengers by activating the unique home automation presets of the vehicle's various authorized users.

Today's vehicles are increasingly being outfitted with sensors and cameras for various ADAS features. Autonomous vehicles like Snap will be equipped with cameras, radar, LIDAR and a host of other safety-related sensor systems. It can be a challenge to integrate these into a vehicle in a manner that optimizes performance while maintaining a clean design aesthetic. Gentex dimmable glass panels, or sensor shrouds, darken on-demand or automatically according to sensor inputs. On Snap, they work to optimize the operation of forward-facing cameras, optical systems, communication components, and the autonomous sensor farm.

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Snap will debut at the upcoming CES 2018 in Las Vegas, providing a place for all who thrive on the business of consumer technology. Owned and produced by the Consumer Electronics Association, CES is the premier proving ground for innovators and breakthrough technologies for over 50 years. This year's show runs January 9-13, 2018 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Official Rinspeed partner list and media materials: <https://www.rinspeed.eu/en/>

Rinspeed concept car history: <https://www.rinspeed.eu/en/Concept-Cars>

See Snap in action: <https://youtu.be/7MBMCgpsiw>

Gentex Vehicle-to-Home Automation on Rinspeed Snap

Photos accompanying this announcement demonstrate HomeLink technology, which

uses RF and wireless cloud-based activity to operate gates, garage

doors, security systems, thermostats, home lighting and more, also features on the

Rinspeed Snap. Biometrically authenticated passengers would be able to

control all their home automation devices from within the Snap vehicle.

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