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x-road curve

The multi-function test stand

NEW, REVOLUTIONARY, UNIQUE

Autonomous driving will fundamentally change road traffic. The test stands for the revolution in the end of line area are already available.

To achieve a considerable increase in efficiency during production, future vehicles will move autonomously and will be tested without any operator input needed.

In addition to the static calibration, dynamic function tests as for example the driving behaviour in typical traffic situations are to be performed in the future.

With the innovative multi-function test stand x-road curve, autonomous vehicles will be tested dynamically.

The x-road curve offers unprecedented possibilities with the testing of semi-autonomous or autonomous driving vehicles and sets trendsetting impulses.

CUSTOMER BENEFITS



Testing of semi-autonomous/autonomous driving vehicles

Future-oriented functional test with steering angle

Testing of vehicles in the end-of-line as well as in the R & D area

Vehicle testing without operator

Retrofitting of existing test stands with the functionality "steering"

Driverless roll test

Testing of evasive maneuvers

Technical data

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PRODUCT

On conventional roll test stands, vehicles can only drive straight ahead. In order to avoid a sidedrift of the vehicle and to not create the risk of it being ejected from the test stand, the driver has to constantly ensure that the vehicle remains in the centre of the test stand. Thanks to the revolutionary test stand concept of x-road curve, it is possible to keep the vehicle in the centre of the test stand fully automatically - thus enabling a driverless vehicle testing - and to automatically carry out steering function tests. In order to enable this to be carried out, the front axle of a conventional roll test stand has been modified in such a way that the rotatable front wheel

support units (double rollers) can move according to the steering angle of the vehicle's front wheels. The movement and position of the rollers is detected and adapted via a contactless measurement system using a highly dynamic control system. Therefore, the moving vehicle stays in the centre of the function test stand, independent of the steering wheel position, and various function tests of semi-autonomous and autonomous driving vehicles can be performed.

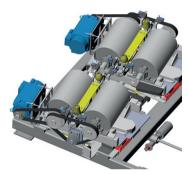
Finally, the scope of the x-road curve is completed through integration of a simulation environment for integrated vehicle test via typical driving situations.



Layout x-road curve

A UNIQUE TEST STAND CONCEPT

- Two separate roller units, each rotating around the vertical axis, to support the vehicle wheels of the front axle
- Two roller units to support the vehicle wheels of the rear axle
- Four vector-controlled drives for motor-driven and generator-based operation
- Contactless measurment system to detect the angle position of the vehicle wheels as well as the vehicle position
- The automation software x-line for system control, motor management and interface handling



Ratatable roller unit in detail

UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITIES

Roll, brake, ABS testing

- General dynamic function testing
- Testing of brake systems
- Testing of sensor

Driverless testing

Driverless testing of vehicles on roll and brake test stands without risking the vehicle being ejected out of the test stand



 Controlling of driving direction and vehicle position via the steering function of the test stand

Testing vehicles that drive semi-autonomous/ autonomous with a simulation environment



- Function testing with steering angle
- Comparison of required and actual driving direction

TECHNICAL DATA X-ROAD CURVE	
Testing speed	130 km/h with steering possibility
Testing speed	170 km/h without steering possibility
Max. steering angle	+/- 10° at the front axle
Typical traction force	3700 N / 6000 N dependent on the drive technology