Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The Society of Automotive Engineers
And
ZVEI - Zentralverband Elektrotechnik- und Elektronikindustrie e.V.

The Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc., (SAE) and the ZVEI - German Electrical and 
Electronic Manufacturers’ Association agree to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding 
(hereinafter known as MOU) to better serve the needs of their members and customer 
constituencies. This MOU will serve as the basis for a long-term mutually beneficial equitable 
relationship between SAE and ZVEI.

SAE and ZVEI agree upon the following:

1. To achieve increased level for reliability of automotive electronic systems with reduced 
   warranty cost, both organizations agree to initiate new procedure for Qualification of 
electronic components in automotive applications called Robustness Validation and 
harmonize current SAE and ZVEI development efforts.

2. The development work will be conducted by an SAE Automotive Electronic Reliability 
Committee and the ZVEI Working Group ‘Robustness Validation’ on a mutual basis.

3. Administration of the committees will be provided by both SAE and ZVEI staff on an 
equal basis comparably without mutual financial interests. Each Organization will cover 
its own costs.

4. A Standard developed and completed by SAE Automotive Electronic Reliability 
Committee and ZVEI will be published by SAE under a J number designation. The 
publications will have a double Logo and the preamble should describe the joint work 
between SAE and ZVEI.

5. The commonly developed standard is subject to a common copyright of both parties

6. Each party may grant licenses to a third party in order to reach a broader acceptance of 
the standard without need of express permission by the other party but informing them in 
advance.

7. ZVEI may distribute the jointly developed standard at no cost, to those ZVEI members 
who actively participated in developing the standard and sell the standard to the non-
contributing ZVEI members and those ZVEI is recruiting at same price as SAE sell it to 
their members/non members.

All matters of intellectual property rights, attribution, initiation of joint projects, process, etc., 
must be negotiated and agreed to by the responsible SAE/ZVEI staff in advance.
If either SAE or ZVEI wishes to terminate this MOU, or any parts thereof, it shall give the designated staff person(s) at least six months prior written notice and termination shall be without prejudice or penalty.

Amendments to this MOU shall be made by mutual agreement at any time. SAE and ZVEI shall give the designated staff person(s) at least thirty (30) days prior written notice of intent to amend any part of the MOU.

ACCEPTED BY:

For ZVEI

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Mr. Gotthard Graß
Executive Director

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Dr. -Ing. Horst Gerlach
Managing Director

- 1. Aug. 2005
Date

For SAE International

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9 Sept. 2005
Date