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Valeo Raytheon Blind Spot Detection System selected as “2007 Automotive News PACE Award” finalist

Paris, France, October 26, 2006 - Valeo Raytheon Systems today announced that its Blind Spot Detection system has been selected as a finalist for the 2007 Automotive News PACE Awards in the Product Innovation category. The system is expected to contribute to reducing collisions with unseen vehicles during lane change maneuvers. Vehicles equipped with this system will be available in North America and Europe during 2007.

“We are honored to have our blind spot technology recognized by the prestigious PACE Awards,” said Thierry Morin Valeo Chairman & Chief Executive Officer. “in a near future, most vehicles will be equipped with new driving assistance systems such as this one making driving safer.”

Valeo Raytheon Systems draws on the short-range radar and automotive expertise of Valeo and the in-depth knowledge of radar systems from Raytheon. The outcome of this joint effort is a radar-based Blind Spot Detection system comprised of one sensor on each side of the vehicle, both continuously screening the lateral area alongside and to the rear of the vehicle.

By using multiple narrow beams of radar to recognize objects in the blind spot, the system allows for unprecedented accuracy in determining the position and distance of the object as well as its relative speed and direction of travel. Blind spot detection sensor technology works in all weather conditions and is invisible. Sensors are located on each side of the vehicle, behind the rear plastic bumper.

This nomination follows two successive years of PACE Awards won by Valeo: in 2005 for the Lane Departure Warning System and in 2006 for the StARS micro-hybrid system.

Valeo is an independent industrial Group fully focused on the design, production and sale of components, integrated systems and modules for cars and trucks. Valeo ranks among the world's top automotive suppliers and employs 73,800 people in 133 plants, 71 R&D centers and 9 distribution centers in 29 countries.

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