# WILLIAMS ADVANCED ENGINEERING

### **PLATFORM APPROACH TO LIGHTWEIGHTING & ELECTRIFICATION**

Welsh Automotive Forum - Autolink Event

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### WILLIAMS ADVANCED ENGINEERING PROFILE

#### **ABOUT US**

- Williams founded in 1977
- Public Limited Company
- 1000 Williams Group Employees (325 at Williams Advanced Engineering)
- 114 F1 race victories and 16 World Championships
- Williams Advanced Engineering formed in 2010
- World class design, manufacturing and testing facilities

#### CORE COMPETENCIES

- Aerodynamics and Thermodynamics
- Lightweighting
- Electrification
- Vehicle Integration
- Precision manufacturing and assembly
- Design and development
- Data capture and analysis
- Testing and simulation

#### FACILITIES

- Two wind tunnels (50% 100% scale)
- Low-volume composite manufacturing
- · Latest suite of CAD / CAM / CAE tools
- Prototype build and test
- Precision machine shop
- Comprehensive rig testing
- On-site vehicle simulators
- Battery build and test
- CMM quality assurance
- Multiple build areas with extensive sub assembly facilities

#### **WAE AWARDS**

- MIA Business of the Year 2012
- Oxford Brookes Innovation Award 2013
- British Renewable Energy Pioneer 2014
- Race Tech Most Innovative New Motorsport Product Award 2015
- Royal Automobile Club Simms Medal 2015
- The IET Horizontal Innovation Award 2016
- British Engineering Excellence Award for Consultancy of the Year 2016
- MIA Business Excellence Award for Technology and Innovation 2017
- ISO 9001:2015 awarded July 2017
- Queen's Award April 2018

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### HISTORY OF WILLIAMS ELECTRIFICATION



Williams Advanced Engineering has a demonstrable track record of delivering high-performance propulsion systems for ambitious engineering programmes.

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### + WHY THE NEED? CUSTOMER LEVEL ATTRIBUTE REQUIREMENTS

- Increased demand for Electric Vehicles operating in a balanced set of requirements, comparable or better than traditional ICE vehicles.
- Challenges of balancing what matters to the end user:
  - Performance
  - Range
  - Cost
- Current lack of in-depth understanding of electric vehicle technology, leads to inability to maximise performance.
- System Integration approach required to maximise the performance







# WILLIAMS ROADMAP

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#### **NEXT GENERATION LIGHTWEIGHTING**

Now	Near-Future	Next
<ul> <li>Existing &amp; Williams Technologies:</li> <li>Integrated EV Platform (FW-EVX).</li> <li>223<sup>™</sup> and RACETRAK<sup>™</sup> composite technologies.</li> <li>Structural compression overmoulding.</li> <li>Battery design and integration.</li> </ul>	<section-header></section-header>	<ul> <li>Next-Gen Platform:</li> <li>Application of 223™ and RACETRAK™ combined with SMC compression over-moulding to create FW-EVX<sup>2</sup> platform.</li> <li>Integrated flexible performance platform designed for higher volume production compared to FW-EVX.</li> <li>Development of simulation tools to support optimisation of new technologies.</li> </ul>





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### EVX KEY FEATURES

Composite / hybrid chassis Innovative cell / module enclosure Structural integration of module case Battery cooling system via sills Energy absorbing sill Integration of battery cooling Wireless module control to BMS link Composite wishbones

#### **POWERTRAIN**

Twin motor rear drive (Yasa P400, through Xtrac P1227) enabling torque vectoring Single motor front drive (Yasa P400, through Xtrac Differential) Power availability up to a maximum of 480kW On board AC charging

### LIGHTWEIGHT EV PLATFORM

#### PLATFORM WEIGHT

TOTAL	955kg
Wheels	80kg
Chassis / Suspension	180kg
Cooling System	70kg
Modules / Busbars	100kg
Power Electronics / Charging	35kg
Mechanical Powertrain	150kg
Cells	340kg

#### WHEELBASE & MODULARITY

Nominal wheelbase 2800mm

Wheelbase designed to be modular with battery module width being 136mm

#### **VEHICLE & RANGE**

Flexible vehicle architecture platform Vehicle mass. 1750kg Vehicle Cda 0.27 Standard energy: 80kWh Calculated NEDC range: 343 miles

#### BATTERY & MODULES

Structural exoskeleton with lightweight frames 10 pouch cells per module 38 modules. Standard wheelbase Arranged in rows of 3 across the vehicle 2.1 kWh per module 800V system







### + BATTERY ENCLOSURE

#### WAE 223 FULCRUM TECHNOLOGY

#### 2D TO 3D BY ENGINEERED COMPOSITE FULCRUM TECHNOLOGY

- Creation of a 3D structure from a singe 2D composite preform
- 'Open' architecture pioneers novel manufacturing operation
- Technology being applied to body structures and battery cases
- Low marginal cost, high production rate: circa 400kg.hr-1 fibre deposition
- Low press tooling cost
- Simultaneous in-process bonding of primary and secondary structures
- Multi-material compatible
- Patent pending





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### + CONTROL SYSTEMS

#### WILLIAMS VEHICLE CONTROL MODULE GEN 2

#### ENGINEERED FOR LOW VOLUME AUTOMOTIVE APPLICATIONS

#### A custom Vehicle Control Module

developed with motorsport in mind. A combination of the dual ARM Cortex-A9 and the programmable FPGA, ensure it can be configured for process intensive tasks. With a maximum of 6 CAN bus, it ideally suited for use in the control of EV powertrain and vehicle systems.



#### Processor Core

Xilinx Zynq 70	20 System on Chip
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- Dual ARM Cortex-A9
- FPGA 85k Cells
- 128Mb (16MB) Flash Memory
- 16GB Logging Memory

#### 4Gb DDR3 SDRAM

#### Inputs

- 37 x Analogue i/p (0-5v, 1kHz)
- 4 x Analogue i/p (0-5v, 400kHz)
- 8 x Analogue i/p (0-5v,0-12v or 1k/5v pull-up, 1kHz)
- 8 x NTC1000 Temperature Inputs
- 8 x Digital Inputs (12v)
- 1 x 12V Digital Wake-Up Pin
- 8 x Digital Inputs (3.3v)

#### Outputs

- 2 x 5v Sensor Supplies
- 4 x Half Bridge Outputs (12v, 5A)
- 3 x High Side Drive Outputs (12v#1, 3A)
- 8 x High Side Drive Solenoid Outputs i/p (12v, 2.5A)
- 6 x Low Side Drive (3A)
- 5 x High Side Drive Outputs (3.3v)

#### Communications

- 4 x CAN 2.0B
- 1 x 100Mb Ethernet
- 1 x RS232
  - 4 x LIN (Future Expansion)
  - 2 x CAN 2.0B (Future Expansion)



### +**OPTIMISED THERMAL SOLUTIONS**

#### SIMULATION RESULTS





Modelled airflow through vehicle shows positive thermal results with minimal aerodynamic drag impact - Highly dependent on overall vehicle design

- Pressure drop is lower for the central duct layout.
- Due to battery packaging requirements, external duct approach chosen



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### +**CRASH ROBUSTNESS**

#### **FRONT & SIDEPOLE CRASH RESULTS**

FRONTAL IMPACT (FFB) - 56 KPH

- Crush cans are 3.6 mm thick.
- Energy absorbed is 59 % of total impact.



#### SIDE POLE IMPACT - 32 KPH

- The sill structure collapses in a progressive manner.
- The battery structure remains undamaged.

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### + BODY INTERFACING

#### **TORSIONAL STIFFNESS**





- stiffness, even without body
- Battery is a key structural component
- Opportunities to balance cost, mass and performance





### + THE FUTURE DIRECTION FW-EVX2

#### PLATFORM SCALABILITY

Multiple Options for Scalability:

- New performance platform that can be scaled across multiple vehicles.
  - Extended Wheel Base
  - 4-Seater
  - SUV
- Flexible manufacturing process for customer package requirements such as H-point and seating configurations.



#### INNOVATIVE MANUFACTURING

Short fibre compression over moulding

- Structural reinforcement of outer shell.
- Housing for modules.

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- Includes over moulded inserts for mounting points.
- Utilising recycled chopped fibres



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#### COST COMPETITIVENESS

Objective for FW-EVX<sup>2</sup> to be leader for piece cost and competitive for weight compared to benchmark technologies in the performance space.



### + CONCLUSIONS

#### SYSTEM INTEGRATION KEY TO DELIVERING CUSTOMER LEVEL ATTRIBUTES

- Increased demand for Electric Vehicles operating in a balanced set of requirements, comparable or better than traditional ICE vehicles.
- Challenges of balancing what matters to the end user:
  - Performance, Range & Cost
- Williams Advanced Engineering approach is to maximise system integration to deliver the overall vehicle attribute characteristics
- Lightweighting, Aero / Thermal solutions key to maximising Energy Management in an Electrified Vehicle
- Future opportunities exist for further exploitation in:
  - Platform Scalability
  - Innovative Manufacturing
  - Cost Competitiveness in Performance domain



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