
elog@istics Award 2008

Vehicle Distribution System

SyncroTESS convinced jury of AKJ

Aachen based software house INFORM received renowned award for software solutions in the automotive industry. The vehicle distribution system SyncroTESS for the operation and optimisation of finished vehicle logistics receives the elog@istics award. The AKJ jury voted the solution implemented for Volkswagen de México as the most innovative solution of the year.

„We are very happy to have received this renowned award from the AKJ here in Saarbrücken. It shows the quality and degree of innovation our solutions provide for the automotive industry.“ says Udo Niessen, Vice President of INFORM. Together with Björn Beckmann, Manager of Logistics Planning of Volkswagen de México and responsible for the system implementation they received the award from the AKJ, a German based association of logistics experts of the automotive industry. The elog@istics award is given yearly to concepts and solutions in the field of automotive logistics which have already proven in operation.

The vehicle distribution system SyncroTESS was implemented last year for Volkswagen de México in order to control and optimise the delivery of all finished vehicles in Mexico. This includes all export and import cars together with the distribution for the domestic Mexican markets. „The goal to implement this vehicle distribution system was to modernise our IT system and simultaneously use the benefits from the innovative optimisation strategies to receive a business case for the whole system.“ says Björn Beckmann.



Mr. Beckmann, VW de México (3rd from right) and Udo Nießen, Vice President Logistics Systems, INFORM GmbH (3rd from left)

The solution will handle 440.000 cars per year of the groups brands including Audi, Bentley, SEAT, Volkswagen and Porsches. SyncroTESS can be configured to meet all the processes requirements. These processes include wrapping, bypack, PDI, damage reporting, washing and many more. The SyncroTESS's realtime optimiser decides about the next space to store the car and assigns and controls the drivers and other resources of the yard.

The system includes operative components for all possible means of transport in use (Mexico trucks, rail and vessels). Besides the support of the processes, SyncroTESS provides optimisation of the truck utilisation, delivery routing to dealers and for the synchronisation of transports between different hubs.

Background Information

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