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# Spring-back Control in Automotive Door Inner Panel Stamping

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### Find innovative ways to meet requirements of Safety & fuel economy

Material used on the Volkswagen Passat



■ Deep-draw steel <140MPa

HSS 180-240MPa

AHSS 260-300MPa

UHSS 300-420MPa

Mould hardened>1000MPa



## Background

Complex structure with irregular holes and narrow strip



Springback value

Front door inner panel

 $(\sigma_f)_0$ ——Yield stress *E* ——Modulus

> Control springback and other forming defects(cracking, wrinkling)



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# **Inverse Approach (IA)**



Only consider the initial blank configuration and final workpiece configuration. Omit the intermediate steps. Time saving and high efficiency

	I Calculate the stamping force
To predict	<b>Stress &amp; strain distribution</b> on the finial workpiece(FLD)
	Thickness reduction diagram
	Initial shape of the blank



#### Estimate Initial Blank configuration

Mapping the workpiece nodes and meshes to the plane along the tool path





•  $\sigma$  ,  $\varepsilon$  and thickness distribution of the final configuration





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#### **Two steps forming process**



The second forming step



## Parametric design of addendum surface



Typical addendum surface (cross-section) Modified addendum surface





Two draw beads distribute at the threshold region



#### The second step forming result





### The second step forming result



#### Spring-back of the 6 key points at the threshold, sidewall A & side wall B

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Sidewall A	2.536	3.678	4.850	4.691	4.909	5.479
Sidewall B	1.268	2.245	4.223	6.375	7.834	8.548
Threshold	4.748	5.993	6.003	9.878	10.03	12.48

### Exceed the limit of product tolerance



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**Optimize drawbead**——side wall

### Drawbead height $h \rightarrow h/2$



Material stacks at the edge of the panel and indentation of drawbead flows to the panel



### **Optimize addendum Surface**



Convex draw bar(Bump) treated as a drawbead Counter draw bar treated as a radius of the drawbead

draw depth can be reduced significantly Balance the material flow Increase the contact area of blank and the tools More material stretched sufficiently



### **Comparison of Springback value**





### **Optimize**—window frame





### **Result of optimized forming scheme**



Side wall A

Side wall B

#### acceptable product



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- 1. The convex addendum surface can decrease the spring-back of the sidewall region
- 2. The outer open draw bead decrease the spring back of the threshold region
- 3. Added stiffening rib on addendum surface of the window frame can enhance the resistance of spring-back



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