Volvo Selects NVIDIA DRIVE for Production Cars

New AI-Based NVIDIA DRIVE AGX Xavier System Enables Level 2+ Assisted Driving, Market Introduction Early 2020s

GTC Europe—Volvo Cars and NVIDIA today announced that the Swedish automaker has selected the NVIDIA DRIVE AGX Xavier™ computer for its next generation of vehicles, with production starting early 2020s.

DRIVE AGX Xavier is a highly integrated AI car computer that enables Volvo to streamline development of self-driving capabilities while reducing total cost of development and support. The initial production release will deliver Level 2+ assisted driving features, going beyond traditional advanced driver assistance systems.

The companies are working together to develop automated driving capabilities, uniquely integrating 360-degree surround perception and a driver monitoring system. The NVIDIA-based computing platform will enable Volvo to implement new connectivity services, energy management technology, in-car personalization options, and autonomous drive technology.

“Autopilot done right will bring a jump in safety and driving comfort. Your car will drive you and constantly watch out for you. Making this possible will require sensor architecture, AI software, computing and safety technology like nothing the world has ever made,” said Jensen Huang, founder and CEO of NVIDIA, who announced the news at his GTC Europe keynote. “As a world leader in safety technology and innovation, Volvo understands there is a direct connection between safety, comfort and the computing capability inside the vehicle.”

“A successful launch of autonomous drive will require an enormous amount of computing power, as well as constant advances in artificial intelligence,” said Håkan Samuelsson, president and chief executive of Volvo Cars. “Our agreement with NVIDIA is an important piece of that puzzle and helps us to safely introduce fully autonomous Volvo cars to our customers.”

NVIDIA DRIVE AGX incorporates the NVIDIA Xavier system-on-a-chip, the world's first processor built for autonomous driving. Architected for safety, the Xavier SoC incorporates six different types of processors for redundant and diverse algorithms.

Today’s news follows Volvo and NVIDIA’s announcement in June 2017 that they are developing a Level 4 highly automated driving system -- also using the scalable NVIDIA DRIVE platform -- in collaboration with Veoneer and Zenuity.

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