

# U.S. Based HEV and PHEV Transaxle Program **HF35**



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### Overview



# **Timeline**

Start: October 1, 2009

Finish: September 30, 2012

# **Risks and Barriers**

Functional Financial Marketing Purchasing

# **Budget**

**Total Project Funding** 

DOE: \$62.5M

Ford: \$62.5M

Funding received in FY10 = \$8.6M

Funding received in FY11 = \$5.9M

# <u>Partners</u>

No official partners identified in grant

# Relevance – Program Objective



### **Program Objective:**

Accelerate the launch and commercialization of hybrid and plug-in hybrid (HEV/PHEVs) electric vehicles by localizing the design and production of a world-class HEV/PHEV transaxle system.

### **Product Engineering Enablers:**

- Leverage Ford's global platforms to further reduce transaxle and hybrid vehicle costs
- Leverage engineering efficiencies of a known hybrid transaxle architecture
- Reduce the HF35 transaxle cost by 20% and eliminate constrained supply of this critical electric drive vehicle component

### Manufacturing Engineering and Production Enablers:

Produce the HF35 transaxle in an existing state-of-the-art SE Michigan Ford transmission facility to minimize facility cost, lower project risk, and accelerate product launch



# Relevance – HEV and PHEV Applications



### **Hybrid Electric Vehicle (HEV)**

- Combines an internal combustion engine with an electric motor and battery
- Electric power is used for vehicle launch and lower-speed operation
- Internal combustion engine takes over for higher demand operation and charges the battery

### Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV)

- Combines HEV technology with a high-voltage storage battery like that used in a Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV)
- Ford's PHEV is a blended PHEV optimally first using the battery charge and then operating in regular hybrid mode
- Offers consumers the best possible fuel economy, smallest battery and most affordable solution.



### Relevance – Fuel Economy Leadership



"Ford is the second-largest producer of full HEV's in the world"

HEV volume has doubled with the introduction of 2010 Fusion and 2011 MKZ

Additional All-New HEV, PHEV and BEV vehicles coming in 2011 and 2012

**ESCAPE / MARINER HEV** 

**FUSION / MILAN HEV** 

Most Fuel Efficient SUV on the Planet

Most Fuel Efficient Mid Size Sedan in North America

**CITY MPG** 



**HIGHWAY MPG** 

31



**CITY MPG** 



**HIGHWAY MPG** 

36

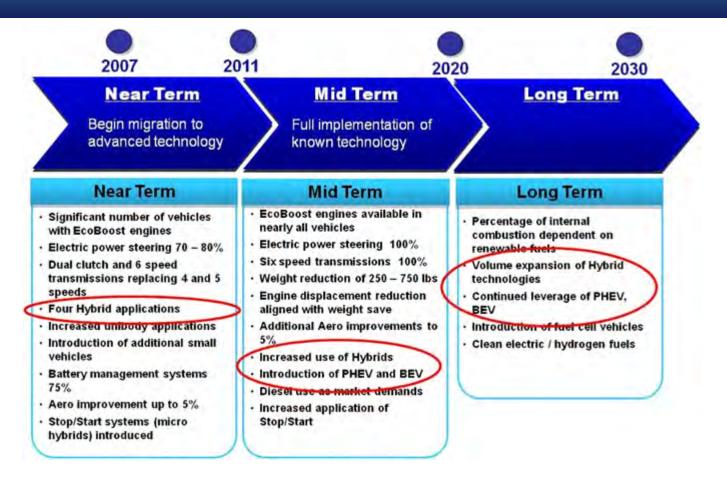


The HF35 is a key contributor to Ford's Fuel Economy Leadership going forward



### Relevance – Electrification Strategy



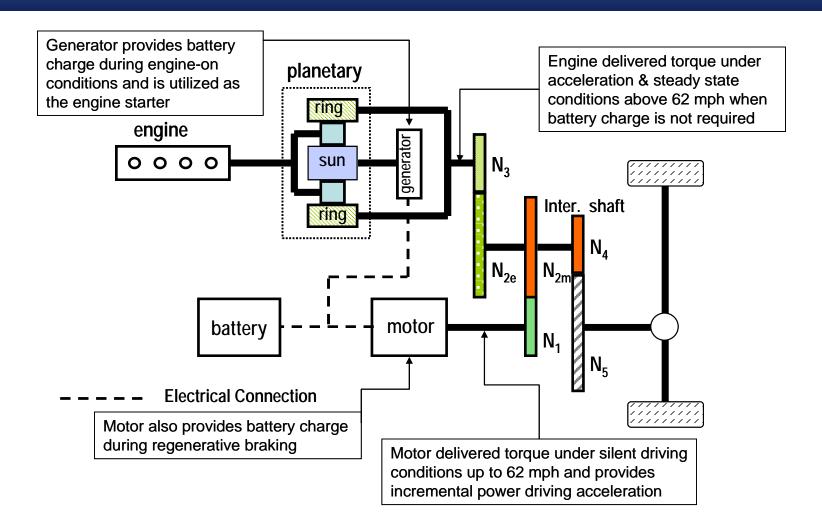


As part of our overall transformation, Ford Motor Company is committed to bringing hybrid and plug-in hybrid vehicles to market quickly and affordably. The HF35 transaxle program is a major catalyst in support of this strategy.



# Approach – Powersplit Architecture





The HF35 Strategy takes advantage of a known, robust transaxle design

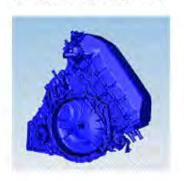


### Approach – Architecture Evolution



	2004 – 2011 Gen I	2008 – 2012 Gen II	2012+ HF35
Engine	2.3 L / 2.5 L Atkinson	2.5 L Atkinson	2.0 L Atkinson
Transmission	AW PowerSplit Trans	AW PowerSplit Trans	HF35 Transmission
	AW Controls	AW Controls	Ford Controls & Calibration
	Integrated Power Electronics	Integrated Power Electronics with Variable Voltage Control	Remote Power Electronics with Variable Voltage Control
Battery	• 250 Cell NiMH	• 208 Cell NiMH	• Li lon

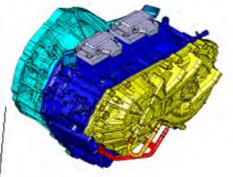
#### Gen I & Gen II



#### **HF35**



Separate power electronics from trans hardware & motors

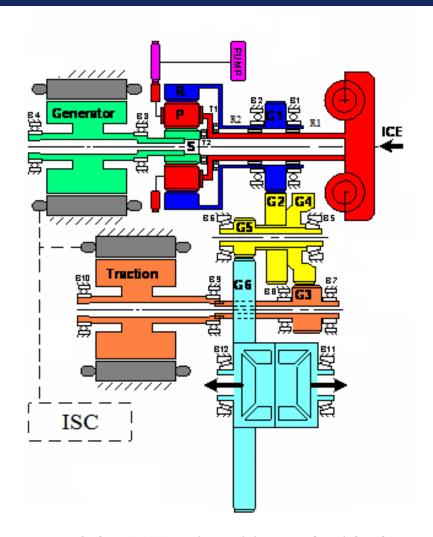


The HF35 is Ford's third generation Powersplit transaxle, and the 1st internally manufactured – taking advantage of evolutionary design of a robust product



### Approach – HF35 Architecture





### HF35 Major Components

- Motor/Generator Set
- Planetary Gearset
- Transfer Gears
- Final Drive Differential
- Shafts
- Bearings
- Pump/Filter
- Flywheel/Damper Assy

### Components not shown

- Park System
- Electrical wiring/sensors
- Case and Bell Housing

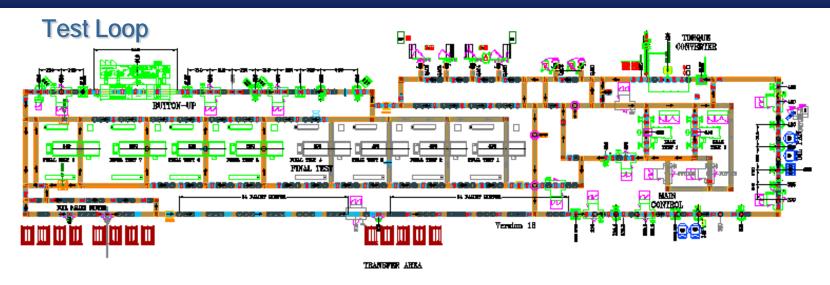
134 New Parts43 Carryover parts

The cost of the HF35 is mitigated with the utilization of components common with other Ford transaxle products.

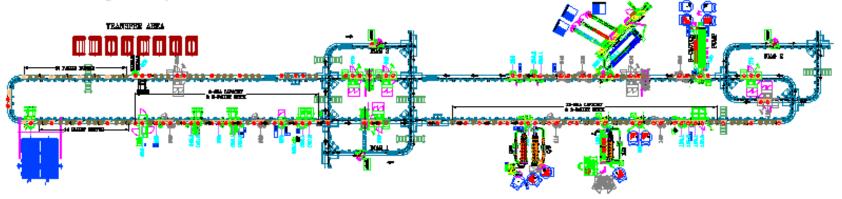


# Approach – Flexible Assembly





### **Assembly Loop**

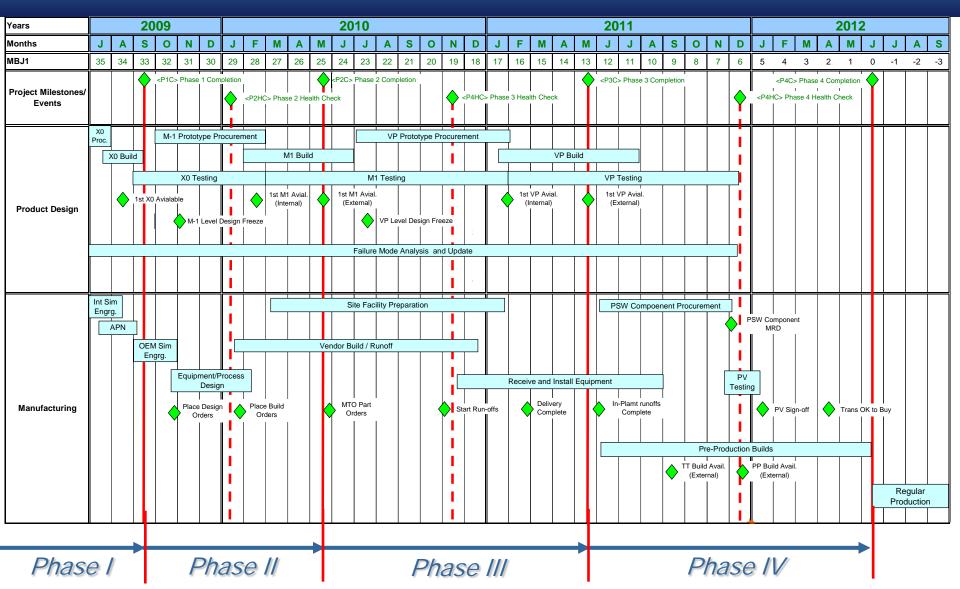


Ford's 1<sup>st</sup> flexible transaxle assembly process for gas and hybrid models enables nimble response to customer demand fluctuations



## Approach – Phased Project Plan







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# Milestones Completed in Phase I (Period ending September 2009):

- ✓ < Unit PTC> Program Target Compatibility GPDS Milestone –
  September 2009 (Go / No Go Decision Point)
- ✓ Long Lead Funding Approved September 2009
- ✓ Component Sourcing Agreements Signed September 2009
- ✓ First Phase I (X0) Transaxle Available September 2009



The objective of Phase I is to finalize the initial design and deliver the first functional prototype transaxle for testing.



# Approach - Phased Project Plan



# Milestones Occurring in Phase II (Period ending May 2010):

- ✓ Phase II (M1) Level Design Freeze October 2009
- ✓ Production Equipment Design Orders Initiated October 2009
- ✓ < Unit PA> Program Approval GPDS Milestone February 2010 (Go
  / No Go Decision Point)
- ✓ Component Commercial Pricing Agreements Signed February 2010
- ✓ First Phase II (M1) Transaxle Available (Internal) February 2010
- ✓ Production Equipment Build Orders Initiated February 2010
- ✓ First Phase II (M1) Transaxle Available (External shipped to build site) May 2010



The objective of Phase II is to refine the Phase I design and address any failure modes found during Phase I testing.



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# Milestones Occurring in Phase III (Period ending May 2011):

- ✓ Machine Tryout Parts Ordered June 2010
- ✓ Phase III (VP) Level Design Freeze July 2010
- ✓ Production Equipment Run-off's Initiated November 2010
- ✓ <FDJ> Final Data Judgment GPDS Milestone December 2010 (Go / No Go Decision Point)
- ✓ First Phase III (VP) Transaxle Available (Internal) January 2011
- First Phase III (VP) Transaxle Available (External) May 2011

✓ = Completed

The objective of Phase III is finalize design refinements and build confirmation prototypes



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# Milestones Occurring in Phase IV (Period ending June 2012):

- Production Equipment Delivery Completed July 2011
- Production Equipment In-Plant Runoffs Completed September 2011
- 1st Production HF35 Build at Transaxle Assembly Plant October 2011
- <FEC> Final Engineering Confirmation GPDS Milestone December 2011 (Go / No Go Decision Point)
- HF35 Production Validation (PV) Testing Sign-off January 2012
- 1st Production HF35 Build at Vehicle Assembly Plant January 2012
- Transaxle OK-to-Buy April 2012
- <MP1> Mass Production 1 GPDS Milestone June 2012



The objective of Phase IV is to deliver production level transaxles to the vehicle assembly plant and complete product launch





### HF35 Testing on Production Intent Test Equipment

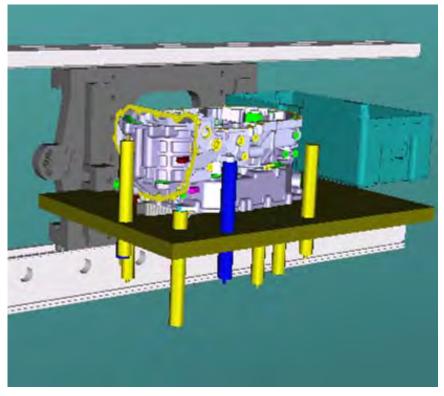






### Flexible Assembly System – Conveyor Selection and Pallet Design





The conveyor system selected provides access to (3) sides of the product during assembly as well as future flexibility for changeover and / or expansion

The pallet design is flexible for both gas and hybrid versions of Ford's FWD transaxles





### Rotor Magnetization with Production Intent Part Fixturing



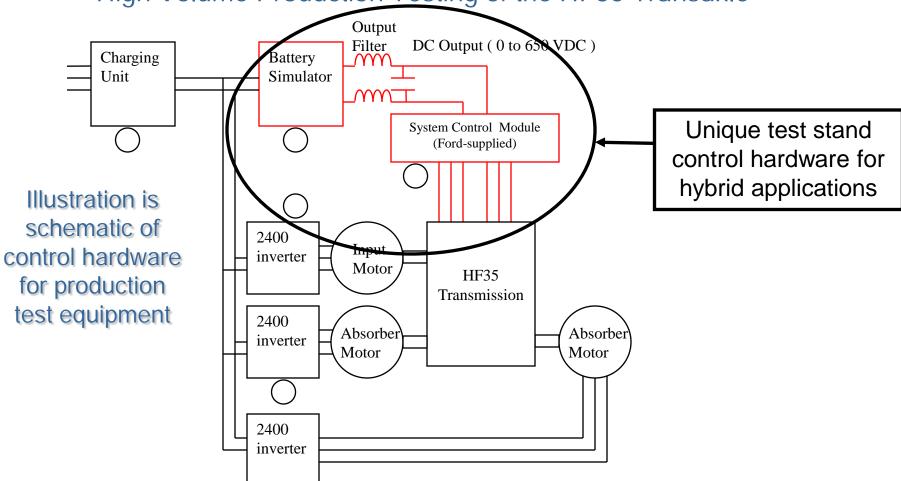


The Traction and Generator Rotors are carryover design, magnetized internally at Ford for the 1<sup>st</sup> time during the assembly process. All of Phase III prototypes are now magnetized with the production intent process using production fixturing.





High Volume Production Testing of the HF35 Transaxle



The production design allows flexible testing of gas and hybrid transaxles. This strategy was successfully simulated for early Phase II prototype testing.



# Future Work - Phase III and IV of Project



# Major Milestones

### December 2011

- <FEC> Final Engineering Confirmation GPDS Milestone
  - Complete Phase III Prototype Builds and Testing
  - HF35 Assembly System in production with transaxle for gasoline vehicle applications
  - Begin HF35 pre-production builds on production assembly line at production intent facility

### June 2012

- <MP1> Mass Production 1 GPDS Milestone
  - Complete HF35 pre-production builds
  - Complete production validation
  - Achieve "OK to Build" for HF35 transaxle



### Collaborations / Partnerships



No partners were officially identified for the DOE grant awarded to Ford

The ultimate success of the project will be a reflection of new and existing relationships that are furthered as a result of this project. These include but are not limited to:

#### **Production Component Suppliers**

Toshiba, Weber Automotive, Auma-Bocar, Systrand, Yazaki NA, ...

#### Machine Tool Suppliers

Kuka AT, Magnetic Instrumentation, Cinetic, WMA Inc., ...

#### **Community**

- United Auto Workers
- State of Michigan
- City of Sterling Heights, Michigan



# Summary



- The HF35 project facilitates the launch and commercialization of hybrid electric vehicles via U.S. design and production of a world-class HEV/PHEV transaxle system
- Our approach leverages robust design evolution, common components, and a flexible assembly system at a world class Ford manufacturing facility.
- We have accomplished or exceeded all objectives for Phase I and Phase II of the project
  - Lessons learned through prototype testing and simultaneous engineering are being applied to the design for Phase III
- We are nearing the end of Phase III of the project, and are on target to accomplish all objectives for this Phase
  - Phase III "final prototypes" are in build phase and will be utilized for vehicle functional verification and calibration, as well as manufacturing process verification.
- We are well positioned for the scope of work to be completed in the next year
- We remain confident in the execution and ultimate success of the HF35 project