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Methode Is ...

Three World Class Solution Groups



Automotive

- Integrated center stack modules
- Electronic and electromechanical devices
- Customized sensors



Interconnect

- Field-effect technology and user-interface panels
- Copper and fiber optic interconnect solutions
- Conductive polymer and thick film inks
- Safety radio remote controls

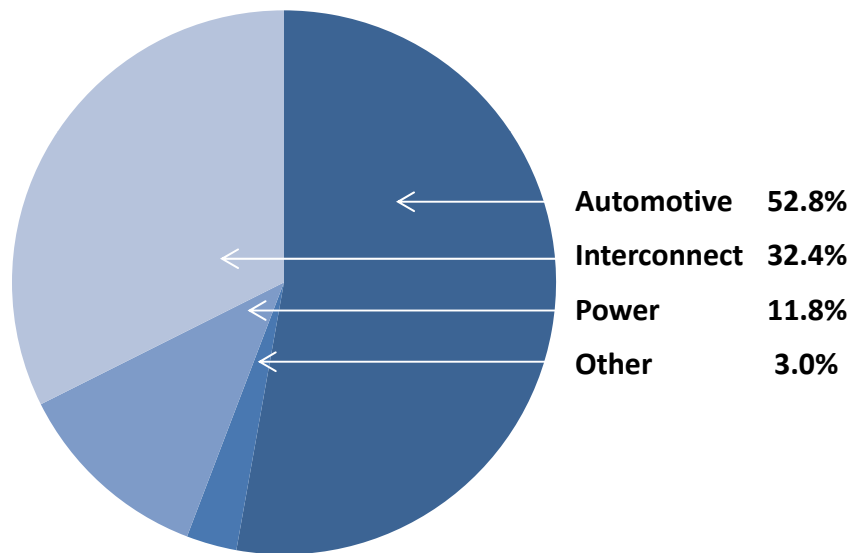


Power Products

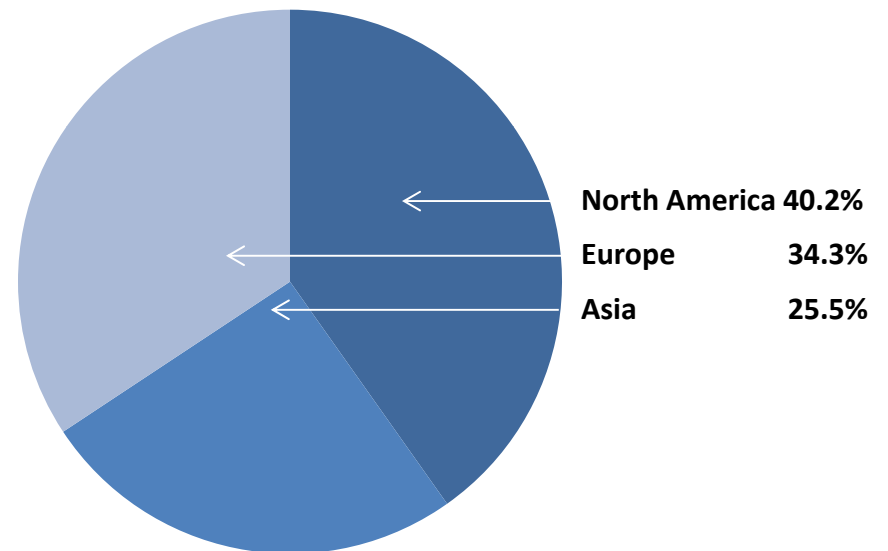
- High current-carrying bus devices
- Eetrex – Power electronics for chargers, inverters and battery management systems for electric vehicles and stationary storage systems
- Flexible cabling systems
- Thermal management and high current interconnects

Diverse Business With Global Operations

**Fiscal 2011 Sales
By Reporting Segment**



**Fiscal 2011 Sales
By Manufacturing Location**



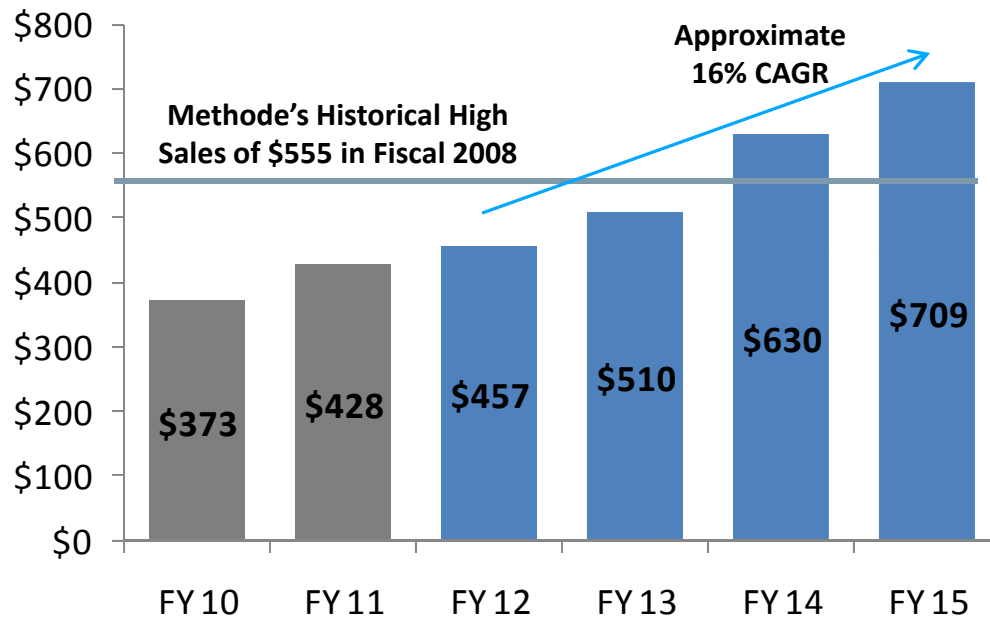
Investment Appeals

- > Differentiate our customers' products to drive higher margins
- > Through recent restructuring, repositioned global manufacturing footprint to lower cost countries
- > Capitalizing on fundamental changes in large, growth markets (+\$14 billion in total available markets)
- > Global engineering and manufacturing capabilities with 200+ engineers in 14 design centers worldwide and 3 primary manufacturing campuses
- > "World Class" automotive pedigree ensures strong design, engineering and manufacturing capabilities
- > Projected revenue stream of booked business represents approximately 16% compound annual growth (FY 2012-2015)
- > Strong balance sheet; annual dividend of 28¢ per share
- > Financial flexibility to pursue strategic acquisitions

A photograph of a modern, light-colored industrial building with the 'METHODE' logo on its facade. An American flag flies on a tall pole in front of the building. Lush green trees are visible to the right, and a paved walkway leads towards the building. A dark blue, 3D-style rectangular box is overlaid on the lower half of the image, containing white text.

Method Is Poised For Improved Performance

Rebuilding Methode's Revenue Stream



- > Sales projections as of November 2011
- > Projections are approximate and may vary 15% to 20% based on economic conditions, customer demands, and other factors
- > Based on current J.D. Powers and Associates automotive volume data and other sources
- > Projections for FY 12 and FY 13 represent the midpoint of guidance range

**All numbers millions of dollars*

Rebuilding Methode's Revenue Stream

> Major Fiscal 2013 Anticipated Revenues

- Approximately \$15m from the second award of the MyFord Touch center console (part of \$40m annualized award)
- Approximately \$9m from the GM integrated center stack (part of approximate \$100m annualized award)
- Approximately \$14m from Nissan-Renault busbars for electric vehicles
- Approximately \$15m from recent acquisition of decorative molder

> Major Fiscal 2014 Anticipated Revenues

- Approximately \$100m from the GM integrated center stack
- Additional \$4m from Nissan-Renault busbars for electric vehicles
- Approximately \$8m from Volkswagen ergonomic switches
- Approximately \$8m from premium vehicle ergonomic switches (Jaguar, McLaren)

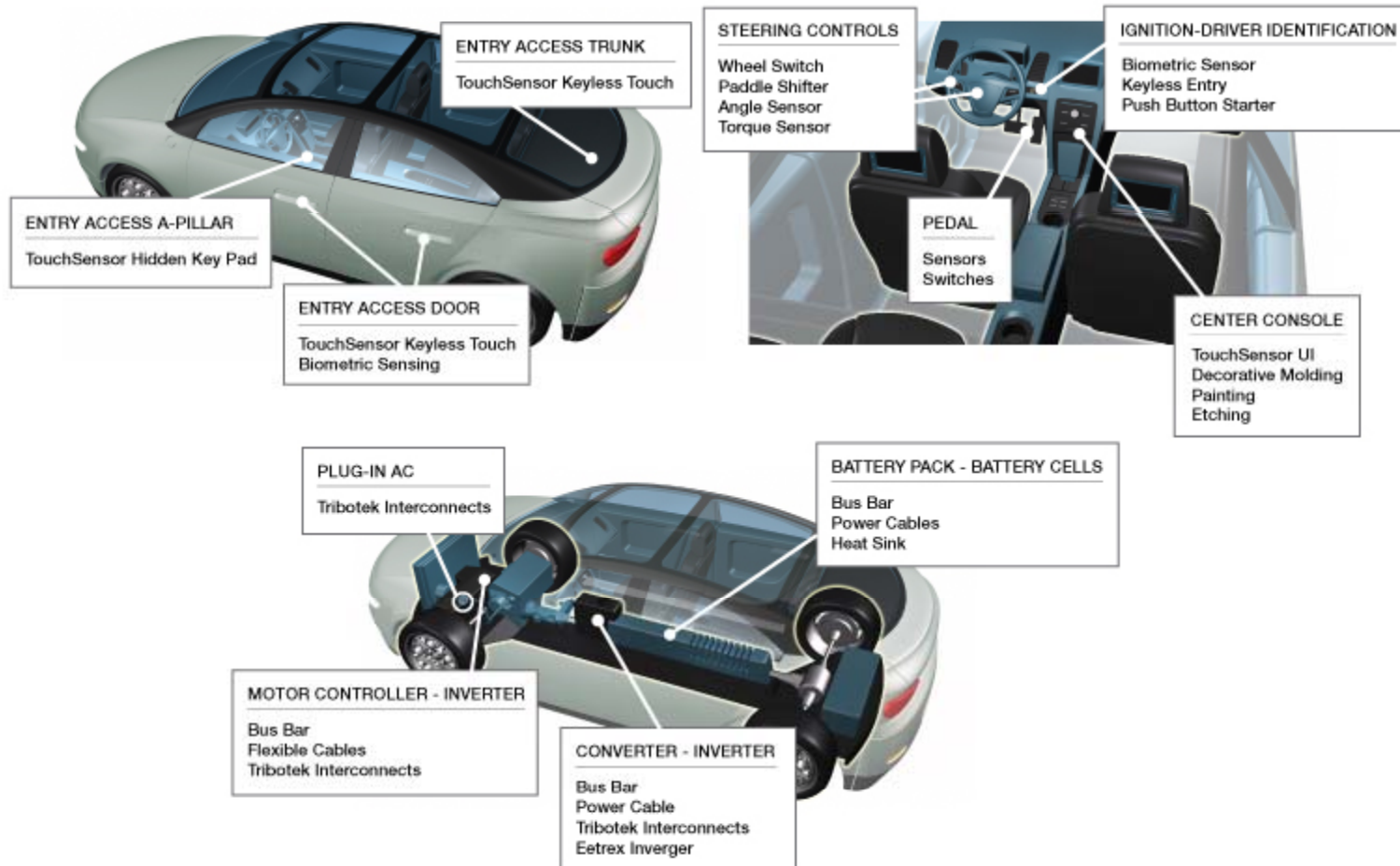
Long-Term Objectives/Strategy

- > Use Methode's technology toolbox to design and engineer custom products that will drive margin expansion
- > Drive sustainable, profitable growth by continuing to provide customers with solutions that create a competitive advantage in their market
- > Invest in Methode's future by maintaining infrastructure necessary to book and launch new programs to drive organic growth
- > Generate new platforms for growth while improving profitability
- > Seek opportunistic acquisitions, investments, partnerships and/or license arrangements



Automotive

Critical Solutions to the Automotive Industry



Advanced Technology Brings Innovation to Automotive

- > Field Effect
- > Touchscreen (Harsh/Severe environment)
- > Integrated Back-Lighting
- > Eddy Current
- > Hall Effect
- > Magneto-elastic
- > Multi-spectral Imaging**
- > Conductive printable inks
- > Thick film inks
- > Haptics**

****Strategic partner**



Field Effect Technology Enables Innovation and Differentiation

> Expanded TouchSensor's field-effect technology from white goods to automotive

> Innovated automotive switches

- *From* simple commodities *to* custom engineered modular solutions
- *From* strictly competing on price *to* winning business based on ability to differentiate customer's product

> Improved Reliability

- Backed by over 200 million field-effect touch points in use
- No moving parts to damage or wear

> Differentiation

- System solutions approach produces unique, brand-differentiating User Interface designs with common cross-platform architecture, reducing development time and manufacturing costs



TouchSensor Differentiates Center Stacks

- > Touch sensitive technology allows driver to engage and operate center console and climate controls with the touch of a finger instead of traditional buttons and switches
- > Featuring patented solid-state, field-effect technology
- > Uniquely illuminated volume and fan controls
- > Ergonomically designed surface
- > Methode provides entire center console assembly, which includes solid state touch points, (excluding touchscreen)

MyFord Touch™/MyLincoln Touch™



Use the touch-sensitive Audio and Climate controls instead of the touch screen, if desired:

- Touch the words or icons to activate
- Slide a finger along the top of the light bar for volume and fan speed

GM Center Stack Award

- > “Next generation” Integrated Center Stack program for entire GM lightweight truck platform
- > Center stacks to be featured on certain vehicles starting in model year 2013
- > Expected to have a five-year program life
- > Production will begin during Methode’s fiscal year 2013 fourth quarter
- > Expected to represent over \$100m in revenue per year starting at the end of Fiscal 2013



Acquisition And Vertical Integration Provides Cost Savings

- > September 2011 acquisition of Monterrey, Mexico, injection molding and painting business
- > Vertically integrate intricate paint process for automotive center consoles for Ford and GM programs
 - Enhance quality
 - Mitigate supply risk
 - Improve gross margins
- > State-of-the-art facility with
 - 52 injection mold machines
 - 3 decorative paint lines
 - 230 experienced employees
- > Acquisition will be \$1.3 - \$2.0m dilutive to earnings during 12 months following acquisition
- > Added sales of \$15m during remainder of Fiscal 2012

Process Technology Enables Transmission Solution

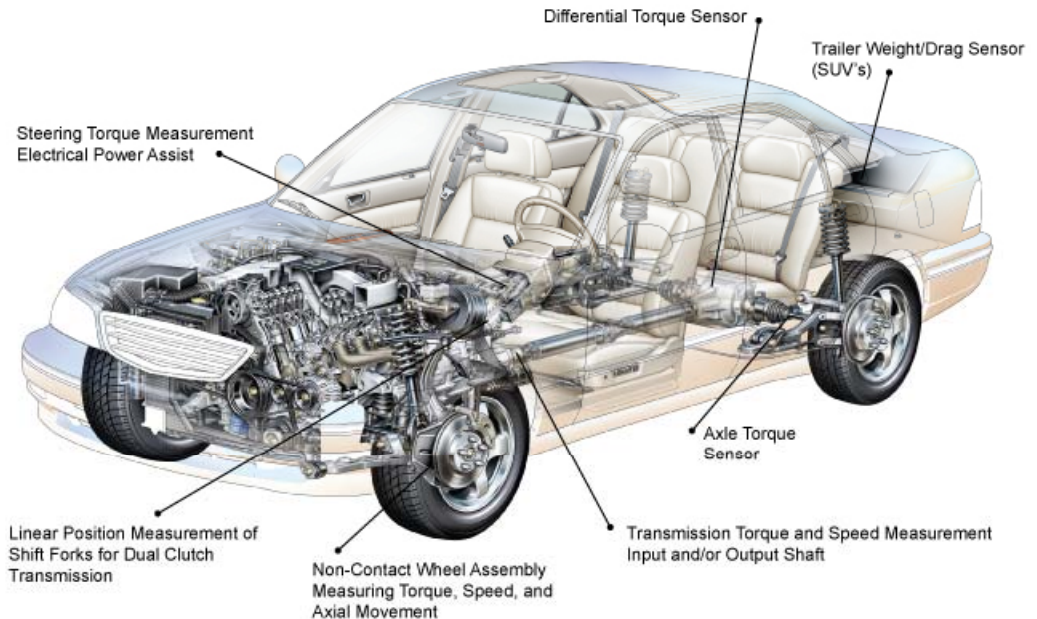
> Automotive Lead Frame

- Integrated power and signal distribution backbone for a transmission controller
- Highly complex insert molded assembly that reduces electrical connections required with traditional design
- Improves system reliability and reduces cost
- Three awards total \$40m in average annual revenue at full launch



Groundbreaking Technology

- > Patented magneto-elastic technology
- > Utilizes magnetic properties of the material to measure various process parameters
- > Potential uses include active measurement of
 - Torque
 - Speed
 - Linear position
 - Load
 - Force



- > Rugged, reliable, and designed to operate under harsh environmental conditions

Magneto-Elastic Automotive Awards

- > Provide top tier automotive OEM with custom sensor for measurement of clutch plate position in fuel-efficient, dual clutch, six-speed transmission
 - Measures linear position with resolution nearly ten times current, commercially viable technology
 - Sensor designed to withstand harsh environment of transmission
 - Operates at temperatures in excess of 180 degrees Celsius (356 degrees Fahrenheit)
 - Represents first major deployment of magneto-elastic technology in automotive
 - Culmination of over five years of development efforts
- > Program Total (North American OEM Award + Chinese JV Award) :
Approximately \$1.5m in revenue in Fiscal 2014, ramping to \$20m in Fiscal 2016

Magneto-Elastic Automotive Opportunities

> Ford press release on advanced technologies

- Technology used on new fuel-efficient powertrains, featuring 8-speed automatic transmission
- Methode's torque sensor will allow significant advancement in powertrain controls, improves shift quality and reliability, enable faster selection of proper gear
- <http://corporate.ford.com/news-center/press-releases-detail/pr-ford-adds-new-fuelsaving-10liter-34736>

> *PopularMechanics.com* article

- “In this era of dual-clutch transmissions, this 8-speed...packs a technology wallop, with one particularly impressive feature: ***the real-time engine-torque sensor.***”
- “...it could deliver better performance and fuel economy for Ford's small cars of the future.”
- Refers to torque sensor as “the holy grail of transmission control.”
- [The Clever New Transmission That Could Improve Performance in Ford's Small Cars - Popular Mechanics](#)

Torque-Sensing Awards

> Bosch eBike

- Traditional pedal bikes with electric motor that provides pedal assist
- Magneto-elastic sensor determines how hard the rider is pedaling, and instantly adjusts the amount of support the motor needs to deliver
- Approximately \$2m in revenue in Fiscal 2012
- Award demonstrates viability of technology outside of automotive



This innovative high-tech drive doesn't relieve you of the job of pedaling, but it does give you a leg up.

Depending on the support level selected, the electronics adapt flexibly to what the cyclist is doing and instantly adjust the amount of support the motor has to deliver.



Interconnect

Interconnect Encompasses User Interface Technology

> Expanded presence in User-Interface (UI) market through acquisitions of

- TouchSensor in March 2007 – 15 patents and solid platform into new markets
- Hetric in October 2008 - application specific radio remote controls, path to market to industrial customers

> Technology toolbox

- Field Effect
- Magneto-elastic
- Multi-spectral Imaging**
- Conductive printable inks
- Thick film inks
- Eddy Current
- Hall Effect

> User Interface Solutions

- Interface panels
- Remote controls
- Touchscreens
- GUI (Graphic User Interface) Software
- Rotary Haptic controls
- Field effect touch cell, keypad
- Biometric Identification

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TouchSensor's Field Effect Technology Enabling Differentiation

- > TouchSensor technology used on 70% of North American kitchen appliances with solid-state touch interfaces
- > User interface solutions for medical, industrial and vending applications will make devices easier to use and more reliable



KitchenAid built-in side-by-side refrigerator



Life Fitness Treadmill



Whirlpool Washer and Dryer



Whirlpool KitchenAid Ice/Water Dispenser



Jenn-Air Wall oven



Kenmore dishwasher user-interface

Hetronic's World Class Safety Solutions

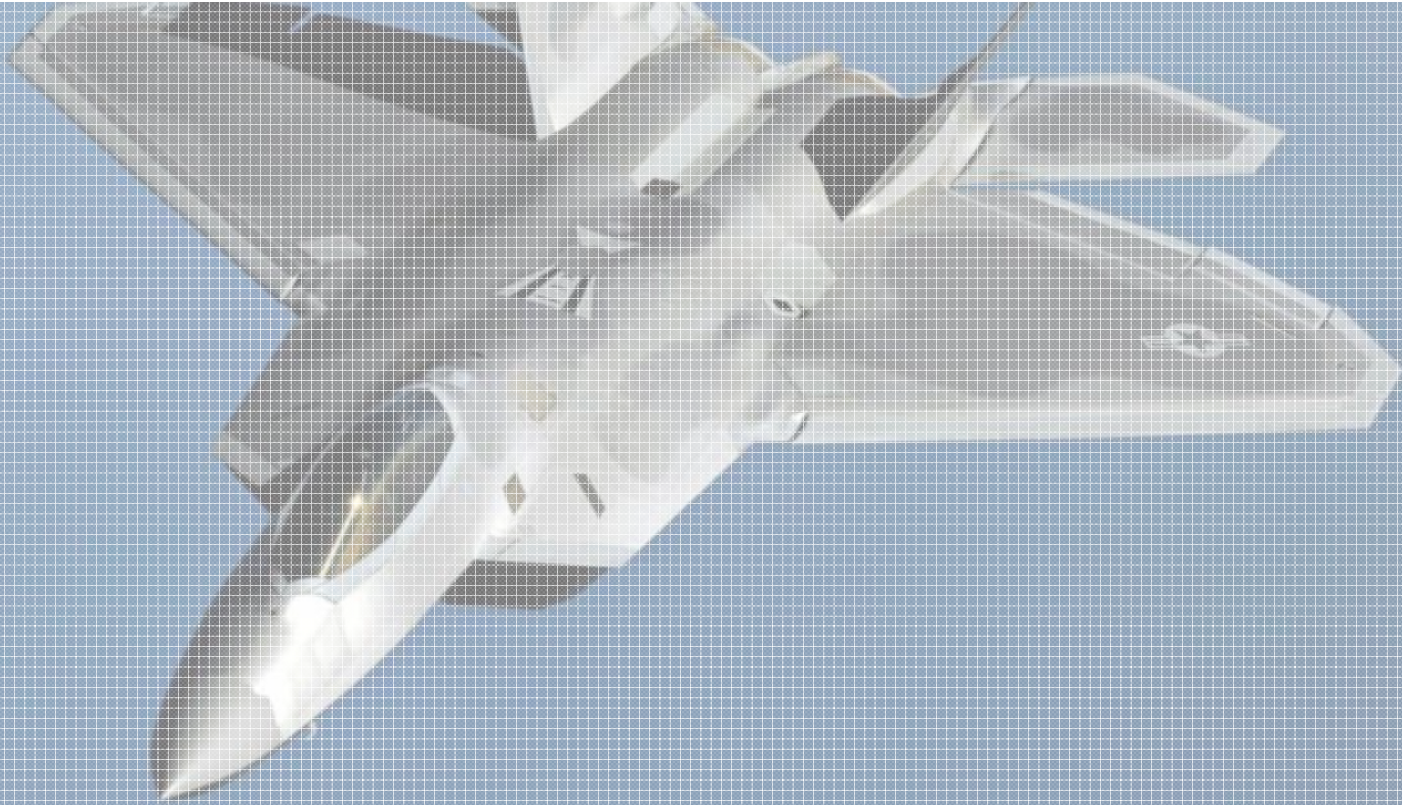
- > Hetronic safety radio remote controls are used on five continents controlling multi-million dollar equipment
- > Touch and biometric technologies are enabling safer and more efficient operations

Hetronic Locomotive Radio Remote Control



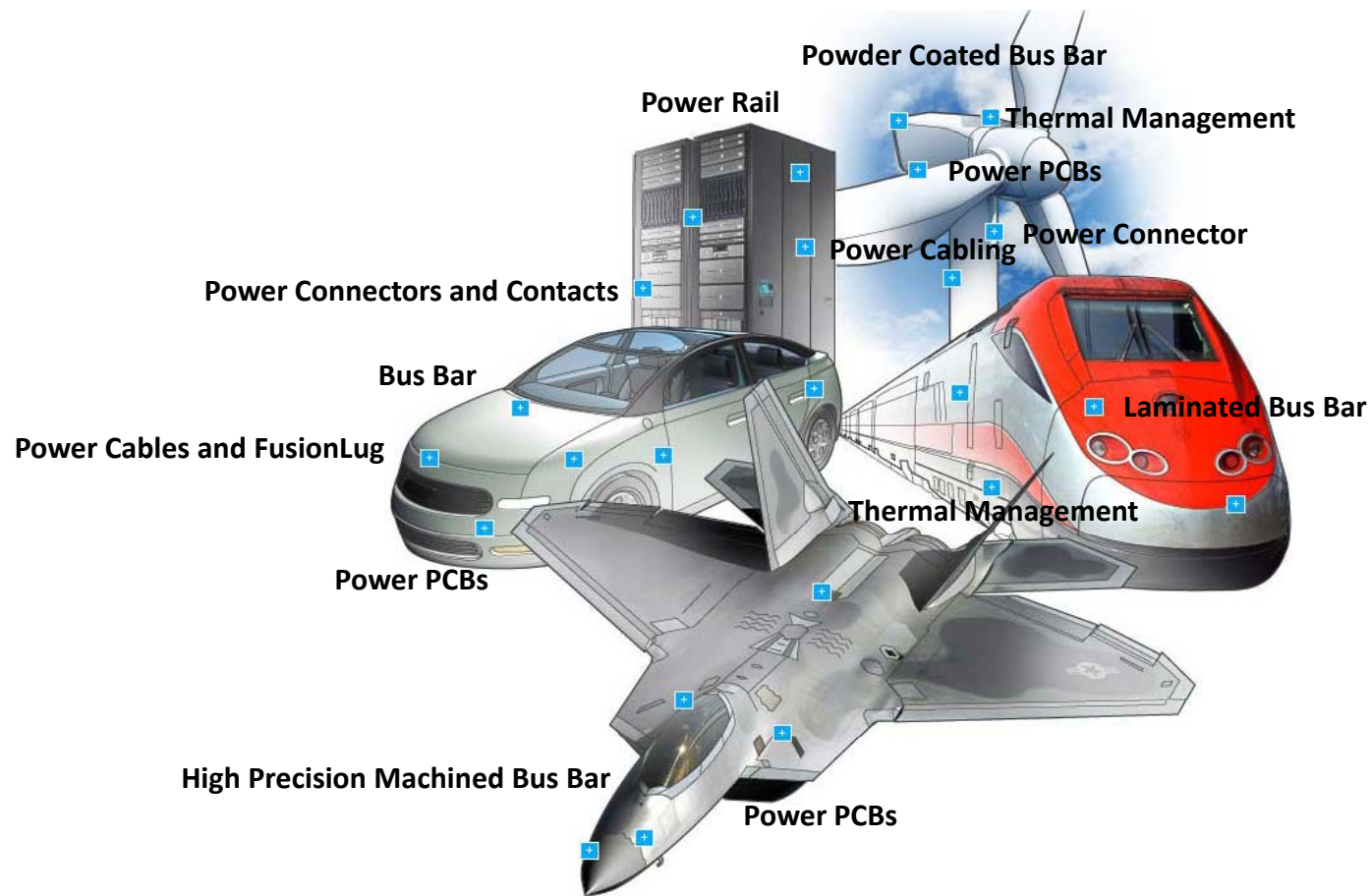
Hetronic Radio Remote Control For Miller Wireless Welding Controls





Power Solutions

Methode's Power Solutions



Power Solutions Possibilities

> Technology Toolbox

- Heat Sinks
- Tribotek™ Connectors
- Heavy Copper PCBs**
- Laminated Busbars
- Powerflex™ cable
- FusionLug™
- Sonicrimp™
- Ring Capacitors**

****Strategic partner**

> Design and manufacture innovative products for military, aerospace, industrial and automotive markets

> Collaborate with customers to develop robust systems that meet stringent electrical and thermal performance, weight and cost needs

> Fortune 100 customer base

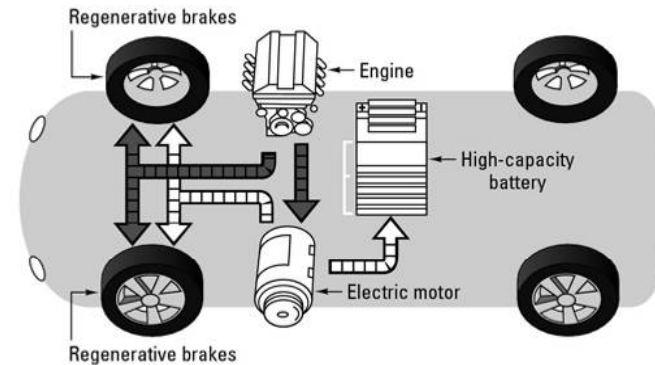
> Expanding global footprint



Growth in Hybrids Creates Opportunities For Power Solutions

> Transportation Segment

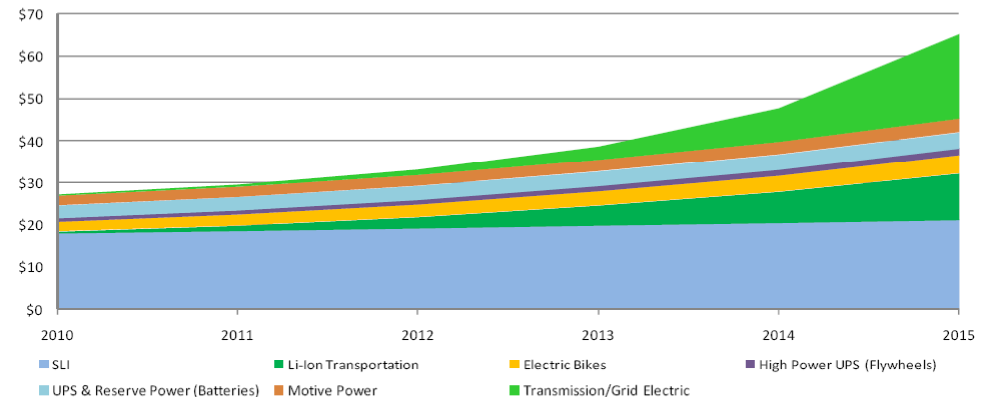
- Electric and Hybrid vehicles require power distribution components
- Powerflex™, FusionLug® and bus bars are designed into electric vehicle battery and charging systems



> Investment in **EETrex**

- Developer of chargers, inverters, and battery management systems stationary storage
- Methode has 90% ownership interest

ENERGY STORAGE MARKET OUTLOOK (\$ B)



Source: Piper Jaffray Research.



Financial Performance

Recent Financial History

	<i>Reported Fiscal Period</i>				
	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>
Total Revenue*	\$448.4	\$551.1	\$425.6	\$373.1	\$428.2
Gross Margin	20.1%	22.6%	17.0%	21.4%	20.8%
EPS (GAAP)	\$0.72	\$1.07	\$(3.05)	\$0.37	\$0.27
EPS (Non-GAAP)⁺	\$0.77	\$0.82	\$0.17	\$0.48	\$0.16
Dividend Paid	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.26	\$0.28	\$0.28

> Fiscal 2011 vs. Fiscal 2010

- In one year, rebuilt Methode's revenue from seven-year low in Fiscal 2010
 - 13% sales growth over Fiscal 2010
 - Adjusting for loss of business line and planned lower legacy automotive products sales of \$32.2m, sales increased 24%
- Gross margins and net income negatively impacted by
 - Vendor production and delivery issues of \$2.3m
 - Higher designing, developing and engineering costs of \$1.2m to support products expected to launch in Fiscal 2013
 - Loss of higher margin business line

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* Millions

+ Earnings have been adjusted to eliminate restructuring and impairment charges and other one-time charges and credits

Recent Financial History

	<i>Reported Fiscal Period</i>		<i>Fiscal Year Guidance</i>
	<i>2011</i>	<i>9M 2012</i>	<i>2012</i>
Total Revenue*	\$428.2	\$338.7	\$450 - \$465
Gross Margin	20.8%	17.7%	
EPS (GAAP)	\$0.27	\$0.07	\$0.13 - \$0.21
EPS (Non-GAAP)⁺	\$0.16	N/A	

> Fiscal 2012 vs. Fiscal 2011

- Expect to increase sales 5% to 8%
 - New product introductions and higher market penetration in North American and Asian automotive business
 - Offset by declines in Interconnect due to continued softness in appliance market and sale of Optical business (Fiscal Q4 2011)
- Development and launch costs and vendor charges
 - Lowered nine-month net income \$6m or \$0.16 per share
 - Lowered nine-month gross margins 1.8 percentage points
 - Vertical integration on track to alleviate vendor charges in Fiscal 2013
 - GM development costs will be absorbed as product launches and revenue realized beginning in Fiscal 2013 Q4 (total anticipated revenue well in excess of \$0.5 billion over life of program)
- Significantly higher effective tax rate

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**Millions of dollars*

+ Earnings have been adjusted to eliminate restructuring and impairment charges and other one-time charges and credits

Fiscal 2012 and 2013 Guidance

	<i>Fiscal Year Guidance</i>	
	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>
Total Revenue*	\$450 - \$465	\$495 - \$525
EPS (GAAP)	\$0.13 - \$0.21	\$0.52 - \$0.67

> Fiscal 2012

- Q4 expected to be strongest quarter
- Vendor production and delivery issues of \$1.6m
- Design, development, launch costs for automotive programs of \$3.8m
- Development costs for on-board integrated power unit of \$2.4m
- Sales from acquisition of former Nypro business of \$15m (dilutive)
- Significantly higher effective tax rate

> Fiscal 2013

- Vertical integration of paint and laser etch capabilities completed
- Design, development, launch costs for automotive programs of \$3.9m
- Development costs for on-board integrated power unit of \$2.8m
- Sales from acquisition of former Nypro business dilutive through second quarter
- Significantly lower effective tax rate

Rebuilding Methode's Margins

Gross Margin

	<i>Restructuring</i>		<i>Post - Restructuring</i>			
	Fiscal 2009	Fiscal 2010	Post- Restructuring Target	Fiscal 2011	Fiscal 2012 9 Months	Fiscal 2014 Target
Auto	16.5%	18.3%	High teens to low 20%	17.6%	14.2%	Low to mid 20%
Interconnect	24.0%	28.7%	High 20%	30.3%	27.4%	Low to mid 30%
Power	12.9%	26.0%	Mid to high 20%	21.0%*	17.7%**	High 20%

* Includes Eetrex development costs of \$0.5 million

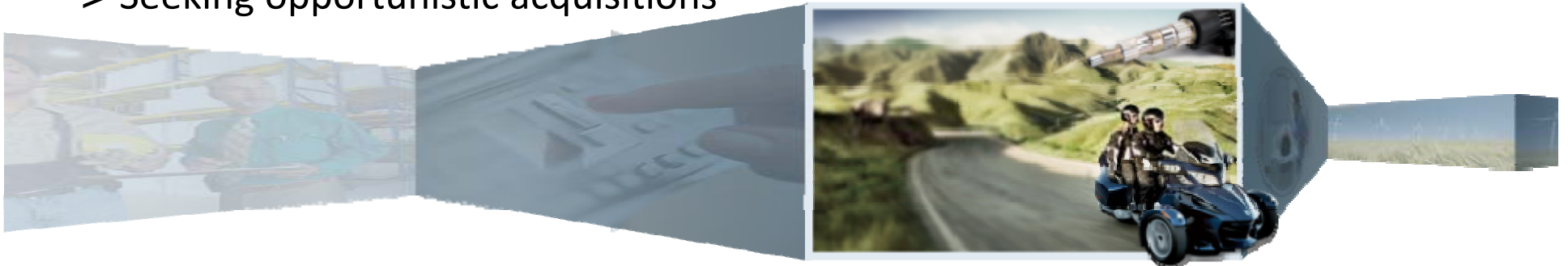
** Includes Eetrex development costs of \$1.8 million



Conclusion

Methode Is Positioned For Growth

- > Projected revenue stream of booked business represents approximately 16% compound annual growth (FY 2012-2015)
- > Expanding business with current customers
- > Global restructuring actions have lowered MEI's revenue break-even point
- > Proprietary engineered solutions reduce risk and volatility
- > Global manufacturing footprint differentiates and aligns us with global customers
- > Conservative balance sheet and positive cash flow
- > Seeking opportunistic acquisitions



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