MCU with JFOPS4 for Electric Power Steering



We have began mass production of an MCU^{*1} for electric power steering that provides safety and comfortable maneuverability by using a redundant design that allows assistance to continue even in the event of a failure.

*1 MCU: Motor Control Unit

Development Objectives

- To ensure a high degree of safety with the potential to support autonomous driving by adopting the JFOPS4*2
- To improve steering feel by adopting a newly developed steering control
 - *2 JFOPS4: JTEKT Fail-OPerational System
 - JTEKT's proprietary safety concept

Features

①JFOPS4

Use of the JFOPS4 enables assistance to be continued using the remaining functional circuits, even in the unlikely event of a steering MCU failure.

Its hardware consists of two circuits for redundancy, including the motor drive circuit, torque sensor, motor position sensor, micro controller, power supply circuit, and CAN.

⁽²⁾Adoption of new-generation steering control, JWill^{*3}

Through meticulous tuning, it is now possible to provide a wide range of customers with the steering feel they desire.

*3 JWill: New-generation EPS control that improves steering feel by incorporating torque feedback

JFOPS	Concept	SLOA * 4 ASIL * 5	Main targets	Assistance performance after a failure
4	Assistance continues without decreased functionality, even after a hardware failure	ASIL-D	Autonomous driving	50% to 100%
3	 Assistance continues after most single point hardware failures High-level limp home 100% Assistance stops only after a limited number of single point hardware failures 	ASIL-B or ASIL-C	Advanced Driving- Assistance System Large passenger vehicle	50% or more
2	 Assistance continues with decreased functionality after most single point hardware failures Limp home 100% Assistance stops after some single point hardware failures 	ASIL-B	Medium passenger vehicle ~ Large passenger vehicle	20% or more
1	 Assistance stops after most single point hardware failures Assistance continues with decreased functionality after some single point hardware failures 	ASIL-B	Small passenger vehicle ~ Medium passenger vehicle	20% or less
0	· Assistance stops after a hardware failure	QM (Quality Management)	Small passenger vehicle	SLOA

* 4 SLOA: Sudden Loss of Assist

SLOA indicates a failure mode in which electric power steering assistance stops suddenly.

* 5 ASIL: Automotive Safety Integrity Level

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ASIL is a risk classification system defined by ISO 26262 standard.



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