

LiDARs Leading the Autonomous Driving

AutoL Business Overview

- AutoL is a company specializing in high-resolution lidars for autonomous driving
 - ✓ Launched as an in-house startup by Hyundai Motor Company in 2019
 - ✓ The mission is to break the problems of size and cost of lidar, which are currently an obstacle to the popularization of autonomous driving.

Company/CI	AutoL Co.,Ltd.	🗰 AutoL		
CEO	Yongsung Lee	and a		
Founding Date	2021. 4.30			
Employees #	12 people			
Capital	\$200,000			
Major shareholders	Founders	72.2%		
	Hyundai Motor Group	12.8%		
	Schmidt Co.,Ltd.	10.0%		
	Itops Automotive	5.0%		

General Information

Main business and place of business

LiDAR development and sales				
Lidars for Autonomous	Object recognition			
vehicles and	algorithm (planned) and			
Logistics/Delivery Robots	application SW			

Workplace		Location		
Rep.of	Head	Pangyo 2nd Techno Valley,		
Korea	office	Seongnam-si, Gyeonggi-do		





Market Status and Problems

■ Problem 1 : Big size

- ✓ Self-driving cars of global companies are mounting multiple large lidars on their roofs, greatly damaging the appearance of the vehicles.
- \checkmark Volume increases while using multiple light sources and light sensing modules.



[HDL-64: \$\$\phi223 x 283mm]



[VLP-32: \$\$103 x 87mm]



[HDL-32: \$\$ x 144mm]

✓ Cause : Multiple light sources and multiple sensors are used for high resolution.





[Internal Tx/Rx module] of HDL-32

- 1 light sensor corresponds to 1 light
 - source : Use of 32 Tx/Rx modules
 - \rightarrow increase in volume
- When assembling, optical alignment
- of all channels is required
- \rightarrow Increase in manufacturing cost





Market Status and Problems

Problem 2 : Expensive price

- \checkmark The lidar with 16 channels or more is priced in the range of \$2,500 to \$75,000.
- \checkmark Lidars under \$1,000 are low-resolution and short range products.

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모델	Scala2	HDL-64	HDL-32	VLP-16	RS-32B	OS-1	Lux (xx)
채널수	16	64	32	16	32	64	4-8
크기(mm)	107 x 94 x 65	223 x 283	85 x 144	103 x 72	114 x 108	80 x 74	85 x 128 x 93
가격(\$)	\$2,500	\$75,000	\$29,900	\$8,000	\$16,800	\$12,000	\$10,000~ 20,000



[Yole Report 2019]





Market Status and Problems

■ Problem 3 : Lack of durability

- \checkmark Insufficient durability to the car environment exposed to extreme cold and heat.
- \checkmark Lack of durability against road vibrations occurring during driving.





Insufficient temp. resistance of slip ring

- The operating temp. of the slip ring is -10 to 60 $^\circ\!\!C \to$
- Not suitable for automobile specifications (-30 to 105 $^\circ$ C)



Vulnerable to vibration/shock

 Natural freq. of lidar parts is within the vehicle vibration freq. range → damage occurs







Solution

- Compact, low-cost lidar with automotive environmental durability
 - \checkmark 32-channel lidar with one Tx/Rx by applying high-sensitivity technology (Patent).
 - \checkmark Satisfies the performance and durability requirements of autonomous vehicles.
 - Single $Tx/Rx \rightarrow$ Small size and low cost by simple structure and optical alignment



• Satisfying Hyundai Motor's ES : Environmental durability evaluation

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Product Developments

- \checkmark B sample is provided in March of '22 and the target of localization of automobiles in '24
- \checkmark Since Feb. '22, a headlamp with built-in lidar is being developed with a lamp company



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Detection Performance

- \checkmark The outdoor detection performance of the G32 A0 sample was superior to V's Utra-Puck.
- ✓ Detection performance remains uniform across the entire horizontal field of view.



[Detection range test of G32 A0 sample]



[Detection range with horizontal field of view]



[Detection range : G32(left), Ultra-Puck(right)]





Detection Performance

- ✓ Vehicle-mounted driving evaluation of the G32 A1 sample
- \checkmark Front 180 $^{\circ}$ detection is possible by installing two lidars (Exhibited at the 2021 DIFA)











Environmental Durability Test

- $\checkmark~$ Hyundai Motor Company's ES tests are in progress.
- ✓ All items are OK except for high temperature and drop test \rightarrow Improve for the B0 sample



[Over voltage test]



[Vibration test]



[Water proof test]



[Temperature cycle test]



[Salt spray test]



[Drop test]





Participated in CES 2022

- ✓ Exhibited at Eureka Park Zone ('22.01.05 ~ 07)
- \checkmark Demonstrated moving target detection with M32 A1 sample, attracting a lot of attention







Collaboration with Hyundai Motor/Kia

- ✓ Hyundai Motor/Kia develops world-class self-driving cars in a timely manner.
- \checkmark AutoL develops and supplies lidar meeting the requirements of Hyundai Motor/Kia.



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Milestone

- Mar. 2022 : Securing ES and providing samples (B0) to primary parts makers
- Sep. 2022 :Evaluation of primary parts makers and reflection of requirements
- Oct. 2022 : Proposal for localization development (design/purchase)
- Dec. 2022 : Car models selection and start of mass production development
- Dec. 2024 : Development and mass production application









• A high-resolution LiDAR suitable for forward detection of autonomous vehicles with a range of 300m or more.



- A high-resolution mid-range LiDAR suitable for lateral detection of autonomous vehicles with small size.
- ➢ G32 / M32 Specifications
- No. of channel : 32
- Detection range : 300m / 150m @10% reflectivity
- Distance resolution / accuracy : 4mm / Up to 30mm
- Field of view / resolution : 135° H x 16° V / 0.1° H x 0.5° V
- Frame rate : 25fps
- Size (L x H x W) : 133 x 65 x 99mm / 90 x 70 x 60mm





Thank you

