

## Media release

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### GF is supporting the Swissloop project of the ETH Zurich

**The Swissloop team of ETH Zurich is building a transportation pod for the Hyperloop project put forward by Elon Musk. GF Automotive, a division of GF, is supporting the team as main sponsor and developer of lightweight chassis parts.**

Tesla and SpaceX founder Elon Musk's Hyperloop concept is aimed at creating a new transportation system capable of transporting passengers and freight in pods at speeds of up to 1200 km/h. SpaceX has launched a global competition for universities intended to drive forward the development of the technology. The Swissloop Team of the ETH Zurich is also taking part.

As main sponsor, GF Automotive supports the team in developing and manufacturing a lightweight aluminum component of the pod's chassis. In August of 2017, an expert jury assembled by SpaceX, will decide who will gain admission to the testing circuit in California. More information on the project is available at [www.gfau.com](http://www.gfau.com).

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