

Eric Kalis, B.S.M.E., CFEI, CVFI Senior Engineering Consultant

Professional Specialization

Eric Kalis has more than 35 years-experience in the automotive industry designing chassis and powertrain components along with extensive vehicle development in vehicle dynamics, powertrain, and noise, vibration, and harshness (NVH). While in the automotive industry, he has provided analysis of systems including chassis systems, vehicle engineering (durability, corrosion, payload and trailer tow capacities) and powertrain systems (diesel engines, gas engines, drivelines). He has also investigated multiple vehicle and structure fires.

Education

Michigan Technological University, B.S.M.E., Mechanical Engineering Central Michigan University, M.S.A., International Management

Professional Experience

Design Research Engineering, Senior Engineering Consultant, December 2022-present

Ford Motor Company
Design Analysis Engineer
Automotive Safety Office, 2008-November 2022
Product Development, 2006-2008
Vehicle Dynamics Supervisor, Truck–Vehicle Engineering, 2001-2006
Vehicle Engineering Supervisor, Truck–Vehicle Engineering, 2000-2001
Vehicle Development Engineer, Truck–Vehicle Engineering, Transit, 1998-2000
Vehicle Integration Engineer, Truck–Vehicle Engineering, Transit, 1998-1998
Powertrain Development Engineer, Powertrain Development, 1993-1996
Valeo Clutches and Transmissions

Account Manager, 1992-1993 Applications Engineer, 1990-1992

Rockwell Automotive

Design Engineer – Suspension Systems, 1989-1990

Motorwheel

Manufacturing Engineer, Ypsilanti Brake Plant, 1987-1989 Design Engineer, Commercial highway wheels, 1986-1987

Certifications

Accident Reconstruction, Northwestern University Center for Automotive Safety Individual Automobile Appraiser Certification, Bureau of Certified Auto Appraisers Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (#26107-14781), National Association of Fire Investigators Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator (#26107-14781V), National Association of Fire Investigators

Professional Affiliations

Member - Society of Automotive Engineers Member - National Association of Fire Investigators