

Development of a (Touchpad) Remote Control Allowing Intuitive Operation While Looking at the Display

August 5, 2014 - TOKAI RIKA CO., LTD. (Head Office: Oguchi-cho, Niwa-gun, Aichi, Japan. Yuzo Ushiyama, President) has developed a remote control that allows intuitive operation of accessories such as the GPS, audio, or the air conditioner to be from the touchpad at hand while looking at the display.

The product offers the following noteworthy features:

- (1) Vibratory feedback to the finger on the touchpad to confirm the pressing of an on-screen button.
- (2) Buttons are selected by *tracing*, while *flicking**1 and *pinching**2 allow scrolling through lists, as well as zooming in and out of maps and dragging them around the screen.
- (3) Selecting an option feels the same no matter where the pad is pressed.
- (4) Nighttime stereoscopic light-up provides a sense of depth.
- (5) Higher degree of installation freedom due to its compact size.

This is the first Japanese touchpad in-vehicle remote control to offer the above lineup of features.

The Toyota Motor Corporation Lexus NX, which went on sale on July 29, is the first vehicle to adopt this product.

*1 Sliding or swiping quickly with the fingers

*2 Spreading two fingers apart or moving them closer together

