“Development of the Schick Hydro – an example of the new product development cycle”
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Summary:
Design and development of new products can have a lasting influence on the success of a company. The
development of a new personal care product, the Hydro razor system, is used to illustrate this process.
Influences of corporate culture, design methodology, testing and validation, and business impact will be
discussed.

Biography:
Gordon G. Krauss was a staff scientist at Schick – Wilkinson Sword in Milford, Connecticut from 2001
to 2009 where he invented and developed the lubricating strip on the Hydro and contributed to the design
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