
ASI CERTIFICATION PERFORMANCE STANDARD



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MERCEDES-BENZ GROUP AG

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CERTIFICATION SCOPE

Mercedes-Benz Cars Press Shops Europe for
Aluminium Parts at the Kuppenheim, Sindelfingen,
Bremen and Hamburg plants in Germany and the
Kecskemét plant in Hungary.

SUMMARY AUDIT REPORT

PERFORMANCE STANDARD

OVERVIEW

MEMBER NAME	Mercedes-Benz Group AG
ENTITY NAME	Mercedes-Benz Group AG
CERTIFICATION SCOPE	Mercedes-Benz Cars Press Shops Europe for Aluminium Parts at the Kuppenheim, Sindelfingen, Bremen and Hamburg plants in Germany and the Kecskemét plant in Hungary.
SUPPLY CHAIN ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Material Conversion (Industrial Users)
ASI STANDARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Performance Standard V2
AUDIT TYPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Initial Certification Audit
AUDIT FIRM	GUTcert (AFNOR Group)
AUDIT DATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8 – 12 November 2021
AUDIT REPORT SUBMISSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">21 January 2022
AUDIT SCOPE	<p>The audit scope includes Mercedes-Benz Cars Press Shops Europe for Aluminium Parts at the Kuppenheim, Sindelfingen, Bremen and Hamburg plants in Germany and the Kecskemét plant in Hungary.</p>

The Supply Chain Activities included in the audit scope:

- Material Conversion (Industrial User)

All Criteria from Principle 4 Material Stewardship in the ASI Performance Standard were included in the audit scope.

At the time of the audit access to all the sites was not possible, due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions. The audit at Sindelfingen and Kuppenheim plants was undertaken on-site, whilst the Hamburg, Bremen and Kecskemét plants were audited remotely, in accordance with ASI Interim Policy regarding Audits, Audit-Related Travel and Coronavirus (v4), and included a remote review of relevant documentation.

AUDIT OUTCOME	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certification
AUDIT METHODOLOGY DECLARATION	<p>The Auditors confirm that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The information provided by the Entity is true and accurate to the best knowledge of the Auditor(s) preparing this report.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The findings are based on verified Objective Evidence relevant to the time period for the Audit, traceable and unambiguous.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Audit Scope and audit methodology are sufficient to establish confidence that the findings are indicative of the performance of the Entity's defined Certification Scope.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Auditor(s) have acted in a manner deemed ethical, truthful, accurate professional, independent and objective.
CERTIFICATION PERIOD	31 May 2022 – 30 May 2025
NEXT AUDIT TYPE	Surveillance Audit
NEXT AUDIT DUE DATE	30 November 2023
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

CRITERION	RATING	COMMENT
PRINCIPLE 1 BUSINESS INTEGRITY		
1.1 Legal Compliance	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
1.2 Anti-Corruption	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
1.3 Code of Conduct	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
PRINCIPLE 2 POLICY & MANAGEMENT		
2.1a Environmental, Social, and Governance Policy (implement and maintain)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
2.1b Environmental, Social, and Governance Policy (senior management)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
2.1c Environmental, Social, and Governance Policy (communication)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
2.2 Leadership	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
2.3a Environmental and Social Management Systems (environmental)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
2.3b Environmental and Social Management Systems (social)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
2.4 Responsible Sourcing	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
2.5 Impact Assessments	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
2.6 Emergency Response Plan	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
2.7 Mergers and Acquisitions	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
2.8 Closure, Decommissioning and Divestment	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.

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PRINCIPLE 3 TRANSPARENCY		
3.1 Sustainability Reporting	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
3.2 Non-compliance and liabilities	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
3.3a Payments to governments (legal and contractual)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
3.3b Payments to governments (disclosure - bauxite mining)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
3.4 Stakeholder complaints, grievances and requests for information	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
PRINCIPLE 4 MATERIAL STEWARDSHIP		
4.1a Environmental Life Cycle Assessment (life cycle impacts)	Conformance	Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) of the major product lines have been undertaken, as confirmed by document review and interviews with representatives of the Entity. The Life Cycle Assessment of Mercedes-Benz cars are publicly accessible through the Entity's website in German and English: https://group.mercedes-benz.com/nachhaltigkeit/umweltzertifikate https://group.mercedes-benz.com/sustainability/environmental-certificates The LCAs are based on ISO 14040 and ISO 14044, and are critically reviewed by an independent verifier.
4.1b Environmental Life Cycle Assessment (cradle to gate)	Conformance	Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) for the Entity's passenger cars have been undertaken. The LCAs are publicly available on the Entity's website, in German and English, which cover Scopes 1-3, a cradle-to-grave approach: https://group.mercedes-benz.com/nachhaltigkeit/umweltzertifikate https://group.mercedes-benz.com/sustainability/environmental-certificates
4.1c Environmental Life Cycle Assessment (public communication)	Conformance	Life Cycle Assessments (LCA) for the Entity's passenger cars have been undertaken. The LCAs are publicly available on the Entity's website, in German and English, which cover the underlying assumptions including system boundaries: https://group.mercedes-benz.com/nachhaltigkeit/umweltzertifikate

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		https://group.mercedes-benz.com/sustainability/environmental-certificates
4.2 Product design	Conformance	<p>The Entity has based its product design on recognized environmental standards, particularly taking into account ISO 14001, ISO TR 14062 and ISO 14006. Following the Entity's sustainability strategy, the Entity works to decouple resource consumption from sales growth.</p> <p>Internal standards require the use of recycled materials and the Entity works to "close the loop" to reduce the demand of primary raw material by separating alloys.</p>
4.3a Aluminium Process Scrap (targets)	Conformance	<p>As Aluminium is an important cost factor and as part of its sustainability engagement, the Entity continually works to minimize the scrap generated during production and collects 100% of Aluminium Process Scrap for recycling.</p>
4.3b Aluminium Process Scrap (alloy separation)	Conformance	<p>Document review, site tours and interviews confirmed that the Entity works to improve the recycling of Aluminium by aiming to separate different alloys or to avoid the use of different alloys by the uni-alloy approach. Feasibility studies have been undertaken and implementation of projects is ongoing. A project to improve the sorted collection of Aluminium in the Kuppenheim, Sindelfingen and Bremen plants won the Daimler group Environmental Leadership Award 2020.</p>
4.4a Collection and recycling of products at end-of-life (strategy)	Minor Non-Conformance	<p>Within the European Union and in certain other countries, there are clear legal requirements for the recycling of End-of-Life Vehicles (ELV). The Entity follows and meets these requirements. However, the Entity did not demonstrate that it has a specific collection and recycling strategy, including specific timelines, activities and targets, for geographic regions outside the scope of existing ELV regulations.</p>
4.4b Collection and recycling of products at end-of-life (engagement)	Minor Non-Conformance	<p>In major markets, such as China, EU, South Korea and the USA, the recycling of ELV is regulated by law and it is up to the authorities to implement these regulations. The Entity takes these requirements into account already during the product development phase. The Entity provides dismantling information to ELV recyclers. The Entity has also established and operates its own recycling system to take back certain material from maintenance and repair shops.</p>

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		However, the Entity's engagement in regions with low enforcement of vehicle recycling regulations or an absence of proper collection and recycling systems is limited and should be intensified to support accurate measurement and efforts to increase recycling rates in its respective markets.
PRINCIPLE 5 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS		
5.1 Disclosure of GHG emissions and energy use	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
5.2 GHG emissions reductions	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
5.3a Aluminium Smelting (management system)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
5.3b Aluminium Smelting (up to and including 2020)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
5.3c Aluminium Smelting (after 2020)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
PRINCIPLE 6 EMISSIONS, EFFLUENTS AND WASTE		
6.1 Emissions to Air	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
6.2 Discharges to Water	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
6.3a Assessment and Management of Spills and Leakage (assessment)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
6.3b Assessment and Management of Spills and Leakage (management)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
6.4a Reporting of Spills (immediate disclosure)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
6.4b Reporting of Spills (regular reporting)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
6.5a Waste management and reporting (strategy)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
6.5b Waste management and reporting (disclosure)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.

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6.6a Bauxite Residue (storage construction)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
6.6b Bauxite Residue (integrity checks and controls)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
6.6c Bauxite Residue (water discharge)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
6.6d Bauxite Residue (marine and aquatic environments)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
6.6e Bauxite Residue (start of the art technologies)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
6.6f Bauxite Residue (remediation)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
6.7a Spent Pot Lining (SPL) (storage and management)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
6.7b Spent Pot Lining (SPL) (recovery and recycling)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
6.7c Spent Pot Lining (SPL) (Untreated SPL)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
6.7d Spent Pot Lining (SPL) (review of alternatives)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
6.7e Spent Pot Lining (SPL) (marine and aquatic environments)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
6.8a Dross (recovery)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
6.8b Dross (recycling)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
6.8c Dross (review of alternatives)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
PRINCIPLE 7 WATER STEWARDSHIP		
7.1a Water assessment (mapping)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
7.1b Water assessment (risk assessment)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
7.2a Water management (management plans)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.

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7.2b Water management (monitoring)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
7.3 Disclosure of water usage and risks	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
PRINCIPLE 8 BIODIVERSITY		
8.1 Biodiversity assessment	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
8.2a Biodiversity management (biodiversity action plans)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
8.2b Biodiversity management (consultation and mitigation hierarchy)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
8.2c Biodiversity management (reporting)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
8.3 Alien Species	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
8.4a Commitment to "No Go" in World Heritage properties (exploration and new mines)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
8.4b Commitment to "No Go" in World Heritage properties (existing operations)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
8.5a Mine rehabilitation (best available techniques)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
8.5b Mine rehabilitation (financial provisions)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
PRINCIPLE 9 HUMAN RIGHTS		
9.1a Human Rights Due Diligence (policy)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
9.1b Human Rights Due Diligence (process)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
9.1c Human Rights Due Diligence (remediation)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
9.2 Women's Rights	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.

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9.3 Indigenous Peoples	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
9.4 Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
9.5 Cultural and sacred heritage	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
9.6a Resettlements (avoid or minimise)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
9.6b Resettlements (where unavoidable)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
9.7a Local Communities (rights and interests)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
9.7b Local Communities (impacts)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
9.7c Local Communities (livelihoods)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
9.8 Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
9.9 Security practice	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
PRINCIPLE 10 LABOUR RIGHTS		
10.1a Freedom of Association and Right to Collective Bargaining (freedom of association)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
10.1b Freedom of Association and Right to Collective Bargaining (collective bargaining)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
10.1c Freedom of Association and Right to Collective Bargaining (alternative means)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
10.2a Child Labour (minimum age)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
10.2b Child Labour (hazardous)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
10.2c Child Labour (worst forms)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.

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10.3a Forced Labour (human trafficking)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
10.3b Forced Labour (deposits, fees, advances)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
10.3c Forced Labour (migrant workers)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
10.3d Forced Labour (debt bondage)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
10.3e Forced Labour (freedom of movement)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
10.3f Forced Labour (retention of identity papers, permits, certificates)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
10.3g Forced Labour (freedom to terminate employment)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
10.4 Non-Discrimination	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
10.5 Communication and engagement	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
10.6 Disciplinary practices	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
10.7a Remuneration (living wage)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
10.7b Remuneration (method of payment)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
10.8 Working Time	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
PRINCIPLE 11 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY		
11.1a Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) Policy (policy)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
11.1b Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) Policy (workers and visitors)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
11.1c Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) Policy (applicable law and standards)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.

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11.1d Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) Policy (right to stop unsafe work)	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
11.2 OH&S Management System	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
11.3 Employee engagement on health and safety	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.
11.4 OH&S performance	Not Applicable	This Criterion is not applicable to the Entity's Certification Scope.

Document Control and Version History

Revision	Date	Notes
0	31 May 2022	Initial Certification Audit – Full Certification