
ASI CERTIFICATION PERFORMANCE STANDARD



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MERCEDES-BENZ GROUP AG

CERTIFICATE
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STANDARD

PERFORMANCE
STANDARD
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CERTIFICATION
LEVEL

FULL
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conformance with the applicable ASI Standard
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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 (8 – 12 November 2021)Surveillance Audit (24 April 2024)
AUDIT FIRM	GUTcert (AFNOR Group)
AUDIT DATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8 – 12 November 2021 (Initial Certification Audit)24 April 2024 (Surveillance Audit)
AUDIT REPORT SUBMISSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">21 January 2022 (Initial Certification Audit)26 June 2024 (Surveillance Audit)
AUDIT SCOPE	<p><u>Initial Certification Audit (8 – 12 November 2021)</u></p> <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> <p>The Supply Chain Activities included in the audit scope:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Material Conversion (Industrial User) <p>All Criteria from Principle 4 Material Stewardship in the ASI Performance Standard were included in the audit scope.</p> <p>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</p>

Interim Policy regarding Audits, Audit-Related Travel and Coronavirus (v4), and included a remote review of relevant documentation.

Surveillance Audit (24 April 2024))

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.

The Supply Chain Activities included in the audit scope:

- Material Conversion (Industrial User)

The Audit has been undertaken as a 'desktop' exercise consistent with the Entity's overall maturity level and the Audit type. All Criteria from Principle 4 Material Stewardship in the ASI Performance Standard were included in the audit scope.

AUDIT
OUTCOME

- Certification

AUDIT
METHODOLOGY
DECLARATION

The Auditors confirm that:

- The information provided by the Entity is true and accurate to the best knowledge of the Auditor(s) preparing this report.
- The findings are based on verified Objective Evidence relevant to the time period for the Audit, traceable and unambiguous.
- 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.
- 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

Re-Certification Audit

NEXT AUDIT
DUE DATE

30 May 2025

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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	<p>Life Cycle Assessments (LCA) of the Entity's major product lines have been undertaken, as confirmed by document review and the Entity's interviews with representatives. The Life Cycle Assessments of the Entity's passenger cars are publicly accessible through the Entity's website in German and English: https://group.mercedes-benz.com/verantwortung/nachhaltigkeit/klima-umwelt/umweltcheck/ https://group.mercedes-benz.com/responsibility/sustainability/climate-environment/environmental-check/</p> <p>The LCAs are based on ISO 14040, 14044 and 14062 and are reviewed by an independent verifier.</p>
4.1b Environmental Life Cycle Assessment (cradle to gate)	Conformance	<p>Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) for the Entity's passenger cars has been undertaken. The LCAs (called "Umweltcheck" or "Environmental Check", respectively) are publicly available on the Entity's website, in German and English, which address GHG emissions for scopes 1, 2 3 emission types, and utilising a 'cradle-to-grave' approach: https://group.mercedes-benz.com/verantwortung/nachhaltigkeit/klima-umwelt/umweltcheck/ https://group.mercedes-benz.com/responsibility/sustainability/climate-environment/environmental-check/</p>
4.1c Environmental Life Cycle Assessment (public communication)	Conformance	<p>Life Cycle Assessments (LCA) for the Entity's passenger cars have been undertaken. The LCAs are publicly available on the Entity's website, in</p>

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		<p>German and English, which address the underlying assumptions, including system boundaries: https://group.mercedes-benz.com/verantwortung/nachhaltigkeit/klima-umwelt/umweltcheck/ https://group.mercedes-benz.com/responsibility/sustainability/climate-environment/environmental-check/</p>
4.2 Product design	Conformance	<p>The Entity has based its product design on recognised environmental standards, particularly ISO 14001 and ISO 14006. Following its 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’ through the separation of alloys to reduce the demand for primary raw materials.</p> <p>The Entity’s sustainability strategy, ‘Ambition 2039’, aims to achieve a net CO₂-neutral* (*CO₂-neutral means that non-avoided or reduced CO₂-emissions at Mercedes-Benz are offset by certified compensation projects) new car fleet over the vehicles’ entire life cycle by 2039.</p> <p>Information on a project to support the Entity’s actions to decarbonise its Aluminium supply chain is available at: German: https://group.mercedes-benz.com/verantwortung/nachhaltigkeit/klima-umwelt/hydro-gruenes-aluminium.html English: https://group.mercedes-benz.com/responsibility/sustainability/climate-environment/hydro-green-aluminium.html</p>
4.3a Aluminium Process Scrap (targets)	Conformance	<p>Aluminium is an important cost factor for the Entity, and incorporated into its sustainability engagement, the Entity continually works to minimise the Scrap generated during production and collects almost 100% of Aluminium Process Scrap for recycling.</p>
4.3b Aluminium Process Scrap (alloy separation)	Conformance	<p>The Entity works to improve Aluminium recycling through the separation of different alloys or the avoidance of the use of different alloys by using the ‘uni-alloy’ approach. Feasibility studies have been undertaken and project implementation is ongoing.</p>
4.4a Collection and recycling of products at end-of-life (strategy)	Minor Non-Conformance	<p>Within the European Union (EU) and in certain other countries, there are clear legal requirements for recycling End-of-Life Vehicles (ELV). The Entity follows and meets these requirements. However, the Entity did not demonstrate that it has an effective</p>

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		specific collection and recycling strategy, including specific timelines, activities, and targets, for geographic regions outside the scope of existing ELV regulations.
4.4b Collection and recycling of products at end-of-life (engagement)	Minor Non-Conformance	In major markets, including China, EU, South Korea and the United States, the recycling of ELV is regulated by law. The Entity has already considered these requirements 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 remove certain materials from maintenance and repair shops. However, the Entity's engagement in regions with low enforcement of vehicle recycling regulations or lacking proper collection and recycling systems is limited, and needs 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.

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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.
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.

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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.
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.

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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.
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.

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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.
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.

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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.
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
1	26 July 2024	Surveillance Audit