Press release



Bosch Compact Bosch Global Supplier Award

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- Awards go to 38 suppliers in five categories
- First award in new category "innovation"
- Award winner from China, Germany, France, India, Japan, Korea, Sweden, Turkey and USA
- Some companies multiples award winners

The award

In total, Bosch has honored 38 suppliers out of nine countries with awards in five categories. The award winners are based in China (3), Germany (22), France (1), India (1), Japan (5), Korea (1), Sweden (1), Turkey (1) and USA $(3)^*$. This is the thirteenth time that Bosch has given the Supplier Award to single out companies that have manufactured and supplied products or services particularly well.

The winners (number of previous awards)

Category "Innovation"

Shin-Etsu Chemicals Co., Ltd., Japan

Category "Indirect Purchasing"

- Balluff GmbH, Germany
- DMS AG, Germany
- Faudi GmbH, Germany
- GROB-Werke GmbH & Co. KG, Germany (3)
- Lyreco S.A.S., France
- Lenovo Group Limited, China
- Linde AG, Germany
- Omnicom Media Group Germany, USA (1)
- Panasonic Factory Solutions Co. Ltd., Japan (1)

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- Schunk GmbH & Co. KG, Germany
- Wilhelm Bahmüller GmbH, Germany (2)
- Zeller + Gmelin GmbH & Co. KG, Germany (3)

Category "Raw Materials and Components"

- A. Schulman Inc., USA (8)
- Aleris Extruded Products Germany GmbH, USA
- Arnold Umformtechnik GmbH & Co KG, Germany (3)
- Shenzhen Kaizhong Precision Technology Co., Ltd., China (1)
- NMB-Minebea Co. Ltd., Japan (2)
- Schwering & Hasse Elektrodraht GmbH, Germany (10)
- SSangyong Material Corperation, Korea (4)
- Wieland Werke AG, Germany (5)

Category "Electronics"

- Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Japan (5)
- Rohm Co., Ltd., Japan (1)

Category "Mechanics and resale goods"

- Berger Holding GmbH & Co. KG, Germany (2)
- Celikel Aluminyum Eyup Sultan Mahallesi, Turkey (1)
- CNC Automotive, India
- Eckerle Holding, Germany (2)
- Hugo Kern und Liebers GmbH & Co. KG, Germany (5)
- Jiangsu Longcheng Precision Forging Co., Ltd., China
- KSM Castings Group GmbH, Germany
- Lothar Stern GmbH Drehteilefabrik, Germany
- PWO Progress Werk Oberkirch, Germany (3)
- SFB Schwäbische Formdrehteile GmbH & Co. KG, Germany (1)
- Steinel Vertrieb GmbH, Germany
- Swoboda KG, Germany (7)
- Trelleborg Sealing Solutions Germany GmbH, Sweden
- Wallstein Apparate-und Anlagenbau GmbH, Germany
- Werner Bauser, Germany (1)

Bosch Corporte Purchasing

In 2012, the Bosch Group's total purchasing volume came to some 27 billion euros. The focus is on Europe, with around 65 percent of the purchasing volume. Outside Europe, most Bosch purchases are made in China, the United States, and Japan. Bosch is looking to increase the share of its purchases made internationally, with the aim of sourcing its parts and services locally wherever they are needed. For the most part, purchases are made up of manufacturing materials such as electronic components, mechanical and electromechanical components, and plastic parts, but they also include merchandise, supplies, services, and machinery.

*The information refers to the country where the award winner's headquarter is based.

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The Bosch Group is a leading global supplier of technology and services. In fiscal 2012, its roughly 306,000 associates generated sales of 52.5 billion euros. Since the beginning of 2013, its operations have been divided into four business sectors: Automotive Technology, Industrial Technology, Consumer Goods, and Energy and Building Technology. The Bosch Group comprises Robert Bosch GmbH and its roughly 360 subsidiaries and regional companies in some 50 countries. If its sales and service partners are included, then Bosch is represented in roughly 150 countries. This worldwide development, manufacturing, and sales network is the foundation for further growth. Bosch spent some 4.8 billion euros for research and development in 2012, and applied for nearly 4,800 patents worldwide. The Bosch Group's products and services are designed to fascinate, and to improve the quality of life by providing solutions which are both innovative and beneficial. In this way, the company offers technology worldwide that is "Invented for life."

The company was set up in Stuttgart in 1886 by Robert Bosch (1861-1942) as "Workshop for Precision Mechanics and Electrical Engineering." The special ownership structure of Robert Bosch GmbH guarantees the entrepreneurial freedom of the Bosch Group, making it possible for the company to plan over the long term and to undertake significant up-front investments in the safeguarding of its future. Ninety-two percent of the share capital of Robert Bosch GmbH is held by Robert Bosch Stiftung GmbH, a charitable foundation. The majority of voting rights are held by Robert Bosch Industrietreuhand KG, an industrial trust. The entrepreneurial ownership functions are carried out by the trust. The remaining shares are held by the Bosch family and by Robert Bosch GmbH.

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