

Leading the European industry for moulded polyurethane automotive parts

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Euro-Moulders is the European Association of Manufacturers of Moulded Automotive Polyurethane Parts for the Automotive Industry. Our members produce moulded polyurethane foams for seat cushions in eight European countries, with a market share of over 80%.

These highly successful foams, which are light, durable and versatile, help make driving safe, comfortable and affordable.

Our industry is innovative, dynamic and highly competitive. We aim to maintain and strengthen the sector for the benefit of consumers, vehicle manufacturers and society as a whole via:

- Advancing Responsible Care®
- Promoting Sustainable Development
- Sharing Best Practice
- Engaging in dialogue
- Working with regulators



Advancing Responsible Care®

Responsible Care® is a priority to Euro-Moulders. Some examples:

- Euro-Moulders works closely with Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), PlasticsEurope and other stakeholders to develop the new Global Automotive Declarable Substances List (GADSL). The aim is to replace globally and uniformly the various existing lists. GADSL is a real breakthrough for future standards on safety, health and environment (SHE) for substances and components used in cars.
- Euro-Moulders undertakes risk assessments in areas such as possible volatile emissions from foams, which may have an impact on the air quality of car interiors.

'Responsible Care® is the chemical industry's global voluntary initiative under which companies, through their national associations, work together to continuously improve their health, safety and environmental performance, and to communicate with stakeholders about their products and processes' (International Council of Chemical Associations - ICCA)

For more information please consult the website www.responsiblecare.org

Promoting Sustainable Development

Our industry understands the importance of Sustainable Development, which includes conserving natural resources by recycling and recovery.

To encourage appropriate recycling Euro-Moulders has investigated eco-efficient cleaning and treatment methods for the different types and qualities of foams from used cars. From a logistical and economic perspective our specialist studies have shown that there are better alternatives to large scale dismantling of end-of-life car seats.

After careful evaluation, we believe that sound, eco-efficient feedstock recycling of mixed plastics waste - which aims to recover basic raw materials - is the optimal solution in terms of Sustainable Development. This is especially valid in current economic conditions, with crude oil and natural gas supplies in Europe at record high prices. We therefore support feedstock recycling or energy recovery solutions for mixed plastics waste streams that include PU foams.

'Sustainability is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs' (World Commission on the Environment and Development)

Sharing Best Practice

Best Practice is a technique or methodology that, through experience and research, has been reliably proven to lead to the desired result. Sharing Best Practice minimises potential risks for employees from production processes, raises safety standards and increases overall product quality throughout the sector.

To support our objective of zero accidents in the workplace, Euro-Moulders conducts in-depth training programs for employees. We issue guidelines to ensure safe working conditions for our staff.



Engaging in Dialogue

Euro-Moulders provides information to its members, represents their views to other stakeholders, defends their interests and offers an open forum for discussion. We collaborate closely with sister organizations such as Europur - representing the flexible polyurethane foam blocks manufacturers, ISOPA - representing producers of the most important raw materials for polyurethanes - and EuPC - representing plastics converters in Europe.



Our activities include participation at conferences in Europe and America, organising seminars, giving lectures and working with media. Euro-Moulders' website provides general and technical information, position papers and contact details.

Working with Regulators

Euro-Moulders meets with European officials to exchange information and perspectives on polyurethane industry issues.

For example, we look closely and constructively at the potential effect of the new European legislation on chemicals - REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals) - and have shared our views with the European Commission. It is important to ensure that our members can rely on the availability of appropriate raw materials to manufacture polyurethane foams.

Being part of the Stakeholders Working Group, we contributed to the revision of the 2015 targets for the End-of-Life Vehicle (ELV) directive. The group helps EU institutions, and in particular the Directorate General for the Environment, to understand how best to adapt the challenging requirements of ELV legislation and how to make the directive workable for the long-term benefit of the environment.

