



news release

Paris , September 12th, 2007 - Stainless steel solutions in tomorrow's cars

ArcelorMittal - Stainless is an active member of a research project called Next Generation Vehicle. Sustainability requires new concept for the car industry. Stainless steel can provide solutions for reducing the weight of cars answering this challenge of sustainability through new designs.

ArcelorMittal and the sustainability challenge

Tomorrow's cars will need to weigh less. ArcelorMittal's involvement in the project includes providing lightweight material solutions, while at the same time developing a concept for much improved sustainability. Those factors traditionally collide. However, safety and environment are indeed requirements when discussing tomorrow's cars.

Weight reduction and the automotive industry

Next Generation Vehicle is a joint research project, uniting steel producers and automotive partners for conducting research into the possible future role of stainless steel in the automotive structures. The natural corrosion resistance of stainless steel is an asset for durability; its mechanical properties allow designing solutions competitive with other materials for structural and safety parts; stainless steel is a fully recyclable material and highly recycled. The results from the Next Generation Vehicle Project show that it is indeed possible to reduce weight considerably (15 to 20%) through the innovative use of stainless steel.

By participating to this project, ArcelorMittal gives a clear demonstration of its commitment for sustainable development through innovation, together with customers and users. It is also coherent with ArcelorMittal Stainless strategy : "A stainless solution for each customer".

Next Generation Vehicle is a research project. The conceptual vision is to provide solutions for building cars that are not only better from the environmental point of view, but better from every point of view.

The project's main research field is the usability of stainless steel in automotive applications. Stainless materials are not only 100% recyclable, which means they can be used for the exact

same things over and over again. Even more importantly, the innovative combination of features in the materials truly creates new opportunities for the car industry. The high strength stainless steels display radically higher crash test qualities than conventional materials, while still resulting in light vehicles.

The Next Generation Vehicle Project was launched in 2004, with the objectives of demonstrating that stainless steel can be used to reduce weight and cost, as well as to improve safety and sustainability in automotive systems.

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About ArcelorMittal

ArcelorMittal is the world's number one steel company, with 320,000 employees in more than 60 countries. The company brings together the world's number one and number two steel companies, Arcelor and Mittal Steel.

ArcelorMittal is the leader in all major global markets, including automotive, construction, household appliances and packaging, with leading R&D and technology, as well as sizeable captive supplies of raw materials and outstanding distribution networks. An industrial presence in 27 European, Asian, African and American countries exposes the company to all the key steel markets, from emerging to mature, positions it will be looking to develop in the high-growth Chinese and Indian markets.

ArcelorMittal key pro forma financials for 2006 show combined revenues of USD 88.6 billions, with a crude steel production of 118 million tonnes, representing around 10 per cent of world steel output.

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