

BFC initiates Product Carbon Footprint reporting

Bietigheim-Bissingen (Germany), January 8th, 2024 - BFC Group, the world's leading specialist in roll-cut clamping profiles for the automotive industry, introduced **Product Carbon Footprint ("PCF")** reporting for its products on January 1, 2024. The first supplier of this type of product to introduce such reporting, BFC is evaluating the greenhouse gas emissions of a product over its entire life cycle based on selected, sustainable criteria. This new methodology will meet the increasing demand of customers and consumers in Europe for greater transparency regarding a product's carbon footprint.

BFC has developed the method for determining all relevant factors influencing its PCF in cooperation with a renowned consulting firm. To assess the carbon footprint of BFC products, the company has chosen a "cradle-to-gate" approach. This covers emissions in the various phases of the product life cycle and is based on the following steps: identification of the product depending on material and weight; documentation of all phases and processes of the product's life cycle; and the collection of relevant data, from the extraction and initial processing of raw materials, packaging, and energy consumption to all used modes of transportation.

By the end of the year, the determination of the PCF will be available at all BFC Group sites for all customers worldwide. A process for external certification in accordance with ISO 14064 has also been launched.

Sustainability and the commitment to "Net Zero" is firmly anchored in BFC Group's corporate policy. As the only global supplier focusing exclusively on roll-cut clamping profiles, BFC has designed its entire production process to be as resource-efficient as possible reducing production waste to a minimum and completely avoiding any harmful or non-recyclable waste. All machines and tools used during the production process at have been specifically designed for durability and maximum flexibility. Additionally, BFC has developed new materials to significantly reduce CO₂ emissions in lightweight product manufacturing, consolidating its leadership in the field and realizing material savings of up to 40%. Over the course of 2024, BFC is planning to introduce further innovations to reduce product carbon emissions and to expand its product range for target groups outside the automotive industry.

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About BFC Group

BFC Group, headquartered in Bietigheim-Bissingen, Germany, is the leading manufacturer of roll-cut metallic clamping profiles, which are used as a stabilizing but flexible carrier material for rubber seals in the automotive sector. The company was founded in 1984 and employs 220 people at 10 production sites in North and Central America, Europe, and Asia. With its high level of development expertise and innovation power, BFC is recognized internationally by its customers as an important strategic partner.

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