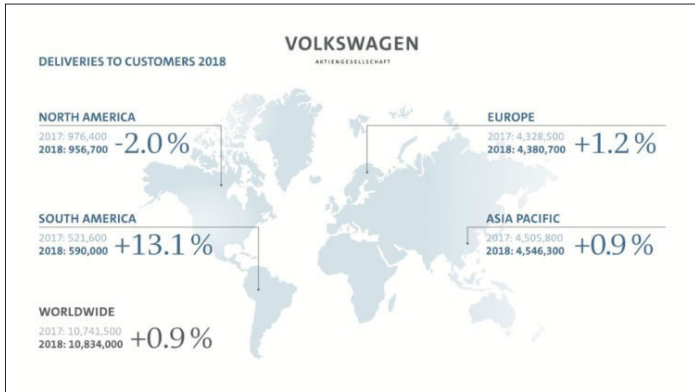


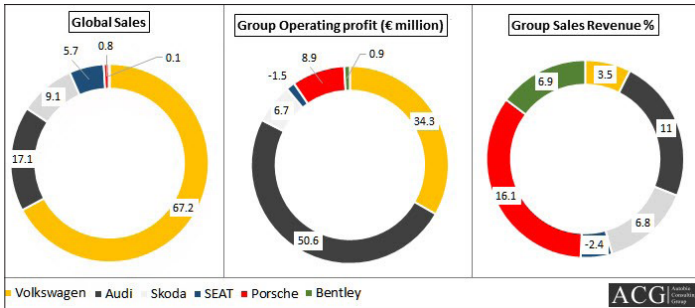


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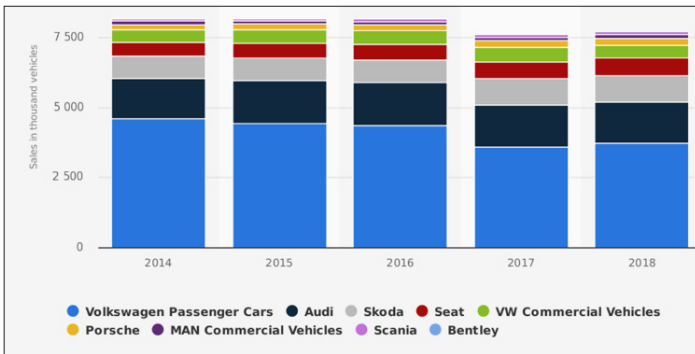
Cortec® Receives VW Certificate as Official Producer of VW Group!



We are pleased to announce that Cortec® Corporation is now a certified producer, supplier, and strategic partner of Volkswagen (VW) Group! The VW Group, a German multinational automotive manufacturing company, comprises twelve brands from seven European countries: (Volkswagen Passenger Cars, Audi, SEAT, ŠKODA, Bentley, Bugatti, Lamborghini, Porsche, Ducati, Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles, Scania, and MAN) and includes 122 production plants world-wide.



The safety and integrity of our solutions are leading to multidimensional sustainable growth, which is our final goal. The Global VCI volume is about USD 7 billion with an approximately USD 3.5 billion market share in Europe. Cortec® is opening a new office in Germany to support to our European network and boost sales in the German-speaking market including Switzerland and Austria. Our goal is to meet customer requests and dedicate full energy to these markets. We will continuously be cooperating with existing structures and sales channels like our corporate production sites, labs and technical services, and distributors but will also focus on a direct approach to large customers.



Cortec® Corporation is the global leader in innovative, environmentally responsible VpCI® and MCI® corrosion control technologies for the Packaging, Metalworking, Construction, Electronics, Water Treatment, Oil & Gas, and other industries. Headquartered in St. Paul, Minnesota, Cortec® manufactures over 400 products distributed worldwide. ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 Certified, and ISO 17025 Accredited.



Cortec® Germany strategizes using KAM - Business Development tools to develop customer perception. With our eight production sites in the US and Europe, we give our customers access to a wide variety of custom-tailored products. Partnership with the VW Group is an excellent strategic step in building a network of key customers in the German-speaking market. We aspire to become a leading partner of VpCI® packaging and chemicals for VW Group and their sub-suppliers by offering strategic key account management, competitive profitability, and environmental responsibility.

Christina Classen, Cortec® Sales Manager in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland – says she is very optimistic with how things are evolving in this market and notes that the new VW Certificate is excellent wind at the back : “It is important to pursue new opportunities and always keep moving. By keeping track of market trends, we give our customers an edge in responding to constantly evolving markets, and we ensure that we are capable of delivering to their specifications from our product portfolio.”.

