



## 14th Bosch Global Supplier Award **Bosch honors top suppliers** More options thanks to connected supply chains

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- ▶ Awards for 58 suppliers from eleven countries
- ▶ Winning suppliers from Germany, China, the U.S., Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Spain, Israel, Slovenia, and Taiwan
- ▶ Many repeat winners

### **The award**

In 2015, Bosch recognized 58 suppliers from eleven countries in five categories: innovation, purchasing of indirect materials, raw materials and components, electronics and electromechanics, and mechanics. The winners came from Germany (33), China (9), the U.S. (4), Japan (3), Korea (2), the Netherlands (2), Switzerland (1), Spain (1), Israel (1), Slovenia (1), and Taiwan (1). This is the 14th time that Bosch has given out global supplier awards. In doing so, the supplier of technology and services recognizes outstanding performance in the manufacture and supply of products or services – notably in the areas of quality, costs, logistics, and innovations. The theme of this year’s award ceremony was “Power of partnership – connected intelligence.”

### **The winners\* broken down by category**

#### **Innovations**

- 4flow, Germany
- IMS Gear GmbH, Germany
- Infineon Technologies AG, Germany

#### **Purchasing of indirect materials**

- Balluff GmbH, Germany
- Beier + Seitz Elektrotechnik GmbH, Germany
- BT (Germany) GmbH & Co. oHG, Germany
- DMS Digitale Mess- und Steuersysteme AG, Germany

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- Spedition Brucker GmbH, Germany
- Teradyne, Inc., USA
- Vector Informatik GmbH, Germany
- Zeller + Gmelin GmbH & Co. KG, Germany

#### **Raw materials and components**

- A. Schulman Inc., USA
- CW Bearing Cixing Group Co., Ltd., China
- NAKAGAWA SPECIAL STEEL INC., Japan
- Saar-Blankstahl GmbH, Germany
- Schwering & Hasse Elektrodraht GmbH, Germany
- Shenzhen Kaizhong Precision Technology Co., Ltd., China
- Vincenz Wiederholt GmbH, Germany

#### **Electronics and electromechanics**

- EUROTEC, k.s., Germany
- Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Japan

#### **Mechanics**

- Erdrich Umformtechnik GmbH, Germany
- Gentherm Inc., Germany
- Klumpp GmbH & Co. KG, Germany
- Lorom Group, China
- Oetiker Deutschland GmbH, Germany
- PMC SMART Solutions LLC., USA
- Possehl Electronics Deutschland GmbH, Germany
- Reich GmbH, Germany
- Taesung Rubber & Chemical Co., Ltd., Korea
- Takako Industries, Inc., Japan
- Teknia Automotive, Spain
- TURVO International Co., Ltd., Taiwan
- Walter Söhner GmbH & Co. KG, Germany
- Wepler Filter GmbH, Germany

- Wilhelm Stolz GmbH & Co. KG, Germany
- Xinzhi Motor Co., Ltd., China
- Zhejiang FORE Machinery & Electronic Co., Ltd., China
- ALPMETAL & CO, d.o.o. Selca, Slovenia
- ASK Chemicals GmbH, Germany
- Changsha Boda Mechanical Parts Co., Ltd., China
- IHI Ionbond AG, the Netherlands
- Jiangsu Asia-Pacific Light Alloy Technology Co., Ltd., China
- Jiangsu Longcheng Precision Forging Co., Ltd., China
- KSM Castings Group GmbH, Germany
- Omen High Pressure Die Casting, Israel
- SFS Intec AG, Switzerland
- Ssangyong Materials Corporation, Korea
- Wagner GmbH & Co. KG, Germany
- Yantai Shougang Magnetic Materials Inc., China

### **Bosch purchasing organization**

In 2014, the Bosch Group's total purchasing volume came to some 25 billion euros. Europe still accounts for the lion's share, at roughly 60 percent of the global purchasing volume. Outside Europe, procurement is centered on China, the U.S., and Japan. Procurement mainly involves production materials such as turned parts, electronic components, and pressed, drawn, bent, or plastic parts. It also includes commodities, operating equipment, services, and capital goods. In growth markets such as China, collaborating with local suppliers is key in assuring the continued growth of the Bosch Group.

\* The country given is where the recipient of the award has its headquarters.

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### **Video materials:**

[Industry 4.0 – Manufacturing and logistics](#)

[Virtual depiction of the supply chain](#)

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*The Bosch Group is a leading global supplier of technology and services. It employs roughly 360,000 associates worldwide (as per April 1, 2015). The company generated sales of 49 billion euros in 2014.\* Its operations are divided into four business sectors: Mobility Solutions, Industrial Technology, Consumer Goods, and Energy and Building Technology. The Bosch Group comprises Robert Bosch GmbH and its roughly 440 subsidiary and regional companies in some 60 countries. Including its sales and service partners, Bosch is represented in roughly 150 countries. This worldwide development, manufacturing, and sales network is the foundation for further growth. In 2014, Bosch applied for some 4,600 patents worldwide. The Bosch Group's strategic objective is to create solutions for a connected life. Bosch improves quality of life worldwide with products and services that are innovative and spark enthusiasm. In short, Bosch creates technology 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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*\*The sales figure disclosed for 2014 does not include the former joint ventures BSH Bosch und Siemens Hausgeräte GmbH (now BSH Hausgeräte GmbH) and ZF Lenksysteme GmbH (now Robert Bosch Automotive Steering GmbH), which have since been taken over completely.*