

## News Release

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## **Mercedes-Benz AG Grants Axalta *Certified Refinish Supplier* Status**

**Audit performance check of site in Wuppertal, Germany, gives Axalta an A- rated Refinish Supplier status**

Basel, Switzerland – 09 March 2020 – Mercedes-Benz AG has renewed its *Certified Refinish Supplier* status to Axalta (NYSE: AXTA), a leading global manufacturer of liquid and powder coatings, for its two global premium refinish brands - Spies Hecker and Standox – both of which are manufactured out of Axalta’s Wuppertal production site.

The seal of approval follows a four-day audit of Axalta’s largest production site for waterborne coatings, which took place from 25 to 28 November 2019. Bart De Groof, Commercial Director for Axalta’s Refinish business in Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA), says, “Mercedes-Benz expects nothing but excellence from its suppliers and we passed the standard audit performance check with flying colours. We showcased the best-practice processes we deploy at our Wuppertal site, as well as the high-quality services and products we provide Mercedes-Benz dealerships and networks globally through our Spies Hecker and Standox refinish brands. This all helps to contribute to the premium car status of Mercedes-Benz.”

Axalta’s Wuppertal production site is a next-generation facility, engineered to meet customers’ demands for high-quality, environmentally-responsible coatings. Its combined focus on sustainability and advanced paint systems has cemented Axalta’s

position as an A- rated Refinish Supplier that is able to deliver that premium Mercedes-Benz look and finish.

Axalta has been an approved refinish paint supplier to Mercedes-Benz dealerships and bodyshops around the world out of its Wuppertal site for many years. Additionally, the entire Mercedes-Benz bodyshop network globally benefits from access to highly-qualified Spies Hecker and Standox technicians who offer first-class technical training and support, as well as colour management assistance and general consulting.

For more information about Axalta Refinish, visit [refinish.axalta.eu](https://refinish.axalta.eu)

### **About Axalta Refinish**

Axalta Refinish - part of Axalta, a leading global company focused solely on coatings – is a valued, reliable global paint repair partner to our customers, who demand nothing short of total customer satisfaction. We give them confidence in our fast, efficient, high-quality coating technologies and integrated digital business processes, making the entire paint repair journey faster, easier and more profitable. With more than 150 years of experience in the coatings industry, our dedication to innovation and our constantly-developing technology means we offer our customers an unlimited colour choice for perfect colour matches. Most importantly, we work tirelessly to anticipate our customers' needs so they can address the challenges they face every day. We have an impressive portfolio of brands for every bodyshop requirement, for every segment of the market, and for every level of market maturity. For more information visit [refinish.axalta.eu](https://refinish.axalta.eu) and follow us on [LinkedIn](#)

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