

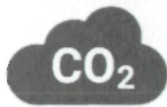


Mission Statement from the Management

Climate change is undoubtedly one of the greatest challenges of our time. Climate protection is also of utmost importance to the Standard-Metallwerke GmbH and is one of the company's key tasks in sustainability.

Our climate strategy is an integral part of our company strategy and serves as a guiding principle for all employees in their daily work.

The core of this strategy is to avoid and reduce CO2 emissions and only offset them only as an exception when no other options are available. It is based on the objectives of the Environmental, Energy and Climate Policy.



The company utilises various instruments to achieve these goals:

- Increase the energy efficiency of the site and the production plants through investments
- Expand our on-site power generation from renewable sources
- Conversion of the vehicle fleet to electromobility
- **Targeted reduction of emissions along the entire value chain**

The company has decided to achieve CO2-neutral production, both in terms of its own emissions (Scope 1) and the emissions of its energy suppliers (Scope 2) by 2035.

An initial interim target is to reduce CO2 emissions in this area by 70% by 2030 in comparison to 2022. Since 2020, the Standard-Metallwerke GmbH obtains 100% of its electricity from renewable sources. The goal is to secure this supply in the future.

In the medium and long term, the company also wants to significantly reduce CO2 emissions during the product use phase and when purchasing goods and services (Scope 3), whereby the goal is to be CO2 neutral here as well by 2039. These areas contribute significantly to the carbon footprint and therefore offer the greatest potential for reducing emissions.

To accomplish this challenging task, the Standard-Metallwerke GmbH has defined clear goals to ensure the implementation of the climate strategy. The company is committed to make an effective contribution to climate protection and the mitigation of climate change. The site has an environmental and energy management system that has been audited by external auditors.



The Standard-Metallwerke GmbH accepts responsibility for resources throughout the entire value chain - from raw materials to recycling. Sustainability is firmly integrated into all organisational structures and processes.

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