

EcoVadis Platinum Medal

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- **Flender again receives the highest ranking in the renowned sustainability rating**
- **Improved performance in the areas of environment and ethics**
- **Flender CEO Andreas Evertz: “We want to continue to be a pioneer in corporate social responsibility in our industry.”**

German drive specialist Flender announced that it has once again been awarded the platinum medal by EcoVadis, the world's most renowned provider of sustainability ratings for companies. Flender remains in the top one percent of companies rated by EcoVadis. Having already been awarded the gold medal in its first application in 2022, Flender has now received the highest possible recognition for the second time in a row.

Significant improvements in the areas of environmental and ethical practices

Since the last assessment, the overall score has risen from 78 to 83 thanks to the introduction of additional guidelines and projects. In the environmental area, an improvement from 80 to 90 points was achieved. In the area of ethics, the score rose from 70 to 80.

Specific projects that have contributed to the EcoVadis rating include the introduction of a process for using heat from production processes to generate energy and increase energy efficiency. Regular monitoring and tests also guarantee environmental protection in production. Other measures promote the mental and physical well-being of employees as well as their career development. Regular audits ensure compliance with fair competition guidelines and evaluate Flender's suppliers in terms of environmental and social aspects. In addition, product

innovations such as increasing the power density of wind gearboxes are driving the energy transition and reducing the consumption of resources.

Flender has an advanced sustainability management system that covers all four areas covered by EcoVadis - environment, labor and human rights, ethics and sustainable procurement. The current result reflects the high quality of this system and underlines the company's commitment to promoting transparency throughout the value chain.

Continuous improvement also in the future

"We want to continue to be a pioneer for corporate social responsibility (CSR) in our industry. This result confirms that we are on the right path. We are striving for more in the future and want to continuously improve our work and initiatives over the next few years. An important aspect of this is cooperation and exchange with our partners to drive change forward together," said Andreas Evertz, CEO of the Flender Group.

"We are very pleased that our success in sustainability initiatives is reflected in this assessment. We notice that the topic has permeated the entire Flender organization, and that optimization potential is proactively recognized and addressed. It is, therefore, a true team success for all colleagues," said Kimberley ten Broeke, Head of CSR at Flender.



Flender uses the waste heat from the company's own hardening shop to heat its site in Bocholt, thereby saving significant amounts of gas and CO₂ emissions.



Tree planting campaigns by Flender employees, such as here at the Serbian site in Subotica, contribute to biodiversity and environmental protection.



More power with lower dimensions and weight: Thanks to the increase in power density, Winergy gearboxes make wind energy more efficient and resource-saving.



The EcoVadis platinum sustainability rating for Flender.

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