

## **Constellium: New aluminium sheet finishing line for auto bodies**

Constellium has opened a new finishing line for aluminium sheet production in Neuf-Brisach in the Alsace region. With the new line, in which it has invested 180 million euros, Constellium intends to satisfy the automotive industry's growing demand for aluminium auto-body sheet.

At a production capacity of 100,000 tonnes per year, the new 240-metre finishing line features thermal treatment with precise temperature control and surface finishing capabilities adapted to customer needs, offering great flexibility with respect to the thickness of the alloys being processed. The new finishing line has reached the end of the qualification phase, and has already commenced industrial operations. "Right after we inaugurated our new production plant in Bowling Green in the USA together with our joint venture partner, the UACJ Corporation, the launch of the new finishing line in Neuf-Brisach is an important, additional step on the road to implementing our global growth strategy for automotive applications," said Jean-Marc Germain, Chief Executive Officer of Constellium, on the occasion of the system's commissioning. "The new line demonstrates our ongoing efforts to satisfy the automotive industry with our advanced aluminium products and solutions.

"With the inauguration of the new, state-of-the-art finishing line we are thrilled to announce a substantial increase in our production capacity for auto-body sheet at our Neuf-Brisach plant," said Arnoud Jouron, President of Constellium's Packaging and Automotive Rolled Products business unit. "Top-notch technologies, the many years of experience of our employees on both sides of the Atlantic and a new production line in the heart of Europe establish the ideal conditions for us to exploit the growth potential for auto-body sheet in Europe and around the world."

Built in 1967, the plant in Neuf-Brisach is an integrated manufacturing facility comprising rolling, finishing and recycling of aluminium. In Neuf-Brisach, Constellium develops and produces a wide assortment of aluminium coil and sheet for automobile manufacturing as well as manufacturers of food and beverage cans. With the new finishing line in Neuf-Brisach, Constellium will considerably increase its production capacity for aluminium auto-body sheet in Europe to meet the expected growth in the European market.

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