

## Industrial machines



Sonplas GmbH is an SME based in Bavaria in Germany. They build specialist custom built machines predominantly for the automotive sector. They build testing equipment, assembly machines, and high pressure testing equipment amongst other specialist custom built equipment. They have an annual turnover figure of €20million and the number of employees is approximately 200.

Andreas Rohrmeier one of their more experienced development engineers engaged with the LCA to go tool. Sonplas as a company have not had previous experience of and ecodesign or LCA tools. This is mainly due to the fact that their customers have not requested it.

Andreas found the general improvement guidelines in the LCA to go tool for industrial machinery one of the most helpful aspects. He believes that it would be very helpful as a training document for "environmental responsible mechanical design"

Andreas does not see them using the tool in the immediate future due to the fact that it would require extra resources at this time and their customers are not prepared to pay for it and they are not asking for these aspects when the purchase equipment from them at this time.

Andreas can see advantages for them from a product point of view in achieving higher efficiencies and less consumption and from a company/supply chain point of view resulting in less footprint and more responsibility.

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