

Media Release**Oerlikon Balzers wins Technology Innovation Award for surface treatment in the automotive industry**

Balzers, Liechtenstein / Antzuola, Spain, 9 February 2022 – **Oerlikon Balzers, a leading provider of advanced surface solutions, has recently been awarded the Technology Innovation Award by AutoRevista, the leading Spanish trade magazine for the automotive industry. This award recognises the growth achieved in Spain by Oerlikon Balzers, which has offered a diverse and sustainable coating portfolio in this industrial sector for decades.**

In late December 2021, AutoRevista presented the Leader of the Year Awards (Premios Dirigente del Año) in a ceremony in Madrid. At this year's awards, the magazine emphasised the importance of the automotive sector working more cooperatively and closely than ever before to overcome the adverse circumstances currently affecting the Spanish automotive industry. Oerlikon Balzers was presented with the Technological Innovation Award (Premio AutoRevista a la Innovación Tecnológica).

Juan Carlos Cengotitabengoa, Sales Director of Oerlikon Balzers Spain, said in his speech when picking up the award: "In an environment which is difficult to imagine and where the industry is witnessing profound change, innovation is the only way to remain competitive".

Oerlikon Balzers' sustainable coating solutions are widely recognised in the automotive industry for their ability to combine reduced wear with increased efficiency, keep emissions low and help conserve resources.



Luis Miguel González, editor-in-chief of AutoRevista, congratulates Juan Carlos Cengotitabengoa, Sales Director of Oerlikon Balzers Spain, on the Technology Innovation Award

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About Oerlikon Balzers

Oerlikon Balzers is one of the world's leading suppliers of surface technologies that significantly improve the performance and durability of precision components as well as tools for the metal and plastics processing industries. Extremely thin and exceptionally hard coatings, marketed under the BALINIT and BALIQ brand names, reduce friction and wear. The BALITHERM brand opens up a broad range of heat treatment services, whereas BALTONE comprises coatings that are available in a full range of elegant colours, perfectly suited for decorative applications. BALIMED ThinFilm coatings, with wear-resistant, biocompatible, antimicrobial and chemically inert properties, have been developed especially for medical applications. Under the BALIFOR technology brand the company has introduced technologies which provide tailor-made solutions for the automotive market, while ePD allows the metallisation of plastic parts with a chrome look.

Worldwide, more than 1'300 coating systems are in operation at Oerlikon Balzers facilities and its customers. Equipment engineering and assembly of Balzers' systems are processed in Liechtenstein, in Langenthal (Switzerland) and in Bergisch Gladbach (Germany). Oerlikon Balzers operates a dynamically growing network of more than 110 coating centres in 36 countries in Europe, the Americas and Asia. Oerlikon Balzers is – together with Oerlikon Metco and Oerlikon AM – part of the Surface Solutions Division of the Switzerland-based Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).