

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Vehicle Manufacturers

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is an environmental principle and regulatory framework that holds manufacturers and first distributors responsible for the entire lifecycle of their products, including the management of the waste generated once these products reach end-of-life. The objective of EPR is to encourage producers to design environmentally conscious products, reduce waste generation, and increase recycling rates, thereby supporting the transition to a circular economy.

In line with the traditions of the Mercedes-Benz brand and driven by its commitment to quality, Mercedes-Benz Group AG strives to ensure that its vehicles reliably serve customers for many years—or even decades—over hundreds of thousands of kilometres. However, every vehicle eventually reaches a point where continued use is no longer technically feasible or economically reasonable.

Although great attention is paid during manufacturing to selecting materials and applying technological solutions that minimise environmental impact and risks once the vehicle reaches the end of its life, it remains essential that end-of-life vehicles and their individual components are returned through channels that ensure environmental protection and enable maximum recovery of waste.

In the case of an end-of-life vehicle or an industrial battery installed in a vehicle, the owner is legally obligated to hand over the waste to an appropriately licensed waste management operator (*).

Mercedes-Benz Manufacturing Hungary Kft. fulfils its extended producer responsibility obligations through a collective compliance scheme. Consequently, MOHU assumes responsibility for the collection and treatment of waste generated from these products. Vehicles, industrial and automotive batteries, as well as their components, all qualify as circular products falling under the scope of the EPR system.

Where can customers dispose of batteries and end-of-life vehicles?

Since the Mercedes-Benz plant in Kecskemét fulfils its EPR obligations collectively via MOHU, customers can obtain information regarding the drop-off points for used batteries and end-of-life vehicles through the platforms of MOHU MOL Waste Management Plc. Detailed information on collection points and the waste acceptance process is available on the MOHU website (mohu.hu).

(*) Government Decree 369/2014 (XII.30.) on End-of-Life Vehicles, Section 11 (1);
Government Decree 445/2012 (XII.29.) on Waste Management Activities Related to Waste Batteries and Accumulators, Section 20 (1)