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Plastic fuel tanks have superseded steel to the point where most of all light vehicles built for the European and North American market are now plastic, and plastic fuel tank manufacturers are quick to point out the benefits of plastic over steel, i.e. lighter weight, non-corrosive, geometric flexibility. They believe that the trend in favour of plastic fuel tanks will continue to grow until the market is saturated.

However, although plastic seems to have become the material of choice, steel tank manufacturers argue that producing a multi-layered plastic tank with different barriers in it makes it virtually impossible to recycle. They also believe that the increasing price of oil will make the price of polyethylene more expensive, thereby prompting concern among those buyers of plastic tanks.

In this fourth edition of fuel tanks report, we address these issues, as well as reviewing the key market drivers for fuel tank systems, and updating the market analysis. We include forecasts by volume and value and by major car-producing region for fuel tank systems, discuss recent innovations in the sector, and provide profiles of the major manufacturers.

The report also includes a Q&A session with Bosch, talking about issues relating to diesel fuel storage, the effect of design of injection systems, regional differences and the impact on the network of service centres. Plus, exclusive interviews from :

Sharon Lemieux, manager, Emission Research Section, Mobile Source Control Division at CARB where she explains the work of the CARB.

Peter Mould, programme manager of SASFT (Strategic Alliance for Steel Fuel Tanks), and;

Dr Paul Wouters, vice president, research at Inergy Automotive Systems are provided.

Chapter 1: Introduction - A brief overview of the market.

Chapter 2: The market - This extensive chapter looks at the emerging markets, market trends, shares and players.

We discuss the key trends in the sector and include an exclusive interview with Dr Paul Wouters, vice president, research at Inergy Automotive Systems. Market shares (by manufacturer) for plastic fuel tanks for Europe, North America and Asia-Pacific are included, along with a number of brief company profiles, from Aethra Componentos Automotivos Ltda to Visteon.

Product fitment forecasts for plastic and steel fuel tanks (by volume and value) worldwide, and by major car producing region from 2003 through to 2013 are also provided.

Chapter 3: Technical review - In addition to storing fuel, there are a number of technical requirements that a fuel tank must fulfil. In this chapter we define the elements of a fuel tank, and provide a look at recent innovations in the sector, such as Inergy's DINOX. We discuss the future for fuel tanks, and take a look at what else is happening in the sector.

Chapter 4: Manufacturers - This chapter provides profiles for the major manufacturers, namely Inergy Automotive Systems SA, Kautex Textron, TI Automotive and Visteon. They include information on mergers and acquisitions, products, facilities and their locations, sales and customers.

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