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**SiC – Diesel Particulate Filters  
A Challenge For Autocatalyst Smelters and Recyclers**

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# Introduction

## 1 The Autocatalyst Recycling Market in Western Europe

-  Estimated Volumens for spent autocatalyst
  -  Diesel share vs. Gasoline
  -  Influence on recycling volumes

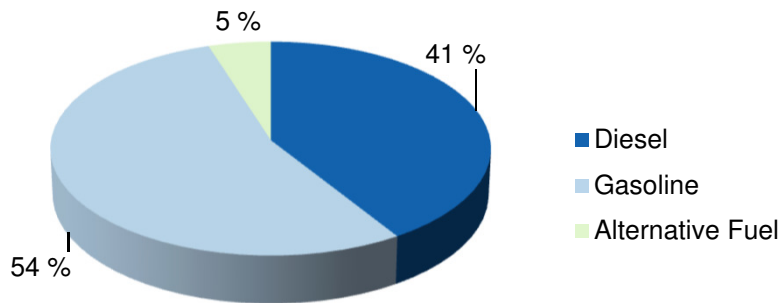
## 2 The SiC Problem

-  Carbon level in smelter feed
  -  smelter technologies and issues
  -  Possible scenarios

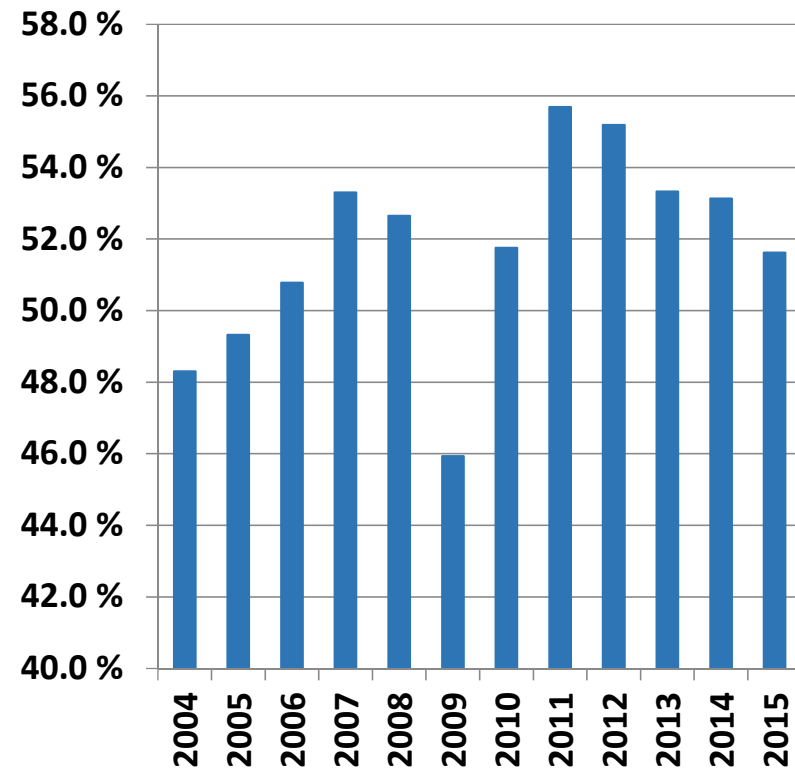


# Estimated Volumens for spent autocatalyst in Western Europe

Passanger car fleet by fuel type 2014  
(approx 230 mio. cars)



Diesel Market Share (New registration WE)



Source: ACEA









## Emission Standards for Diesel

<b>Legislation</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Diesel catalyst system</b>
Euro 3	2000	DOC in vast majority of vehicles
Euro 4	2005	DOC and early adopters of coated DPF
Euro 5a/b	2009/11	DOC and widespread introduction of coated DPF

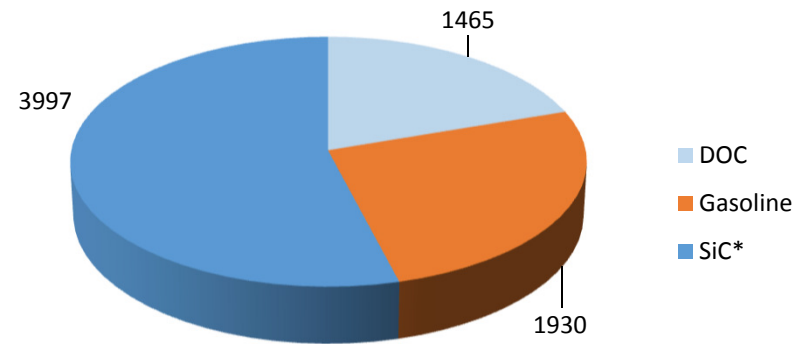
DOC = Diesel Oxidation Catalyst  
DPF = Diesel Particulate Filter  
CSF = Catalysed Soot Filter

# Estimated Volumens for spent autocatalyst in Western Europe

## Recycling Volumes





 New car registration	13.000.000 /year
 Recycling rate (ELV)	25 %
 Cars	3.250.000
 Diesel (41%)	1.332.500
 Gasoline (54%)	1.755.000
 Gasoline monolith	1,1 kg/converter
 DOC	1,0 kg/converter
 DPF	3,0 kg/converter

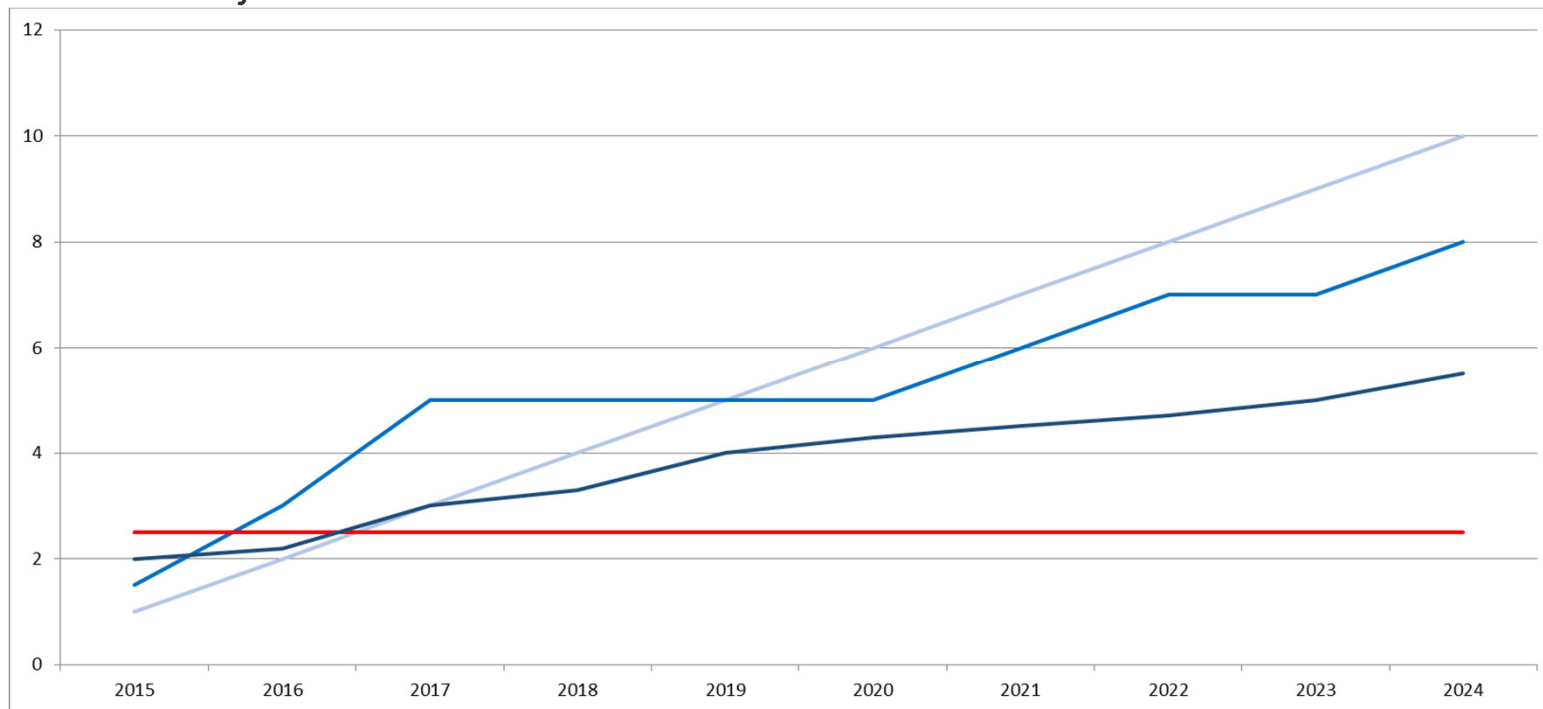
## Catalyst material for recycling








Total catalyst material for smelting/refining 7.392 t/year

## Carbon level in smelter feed

-  SiC has approx 30 % Carbon
-  SiC blended with DOC & Monolith will increase C level in smelter feed to 16 %
-  3.997 t SiC at 30 % C = 1.191 t C
-  Total catalyst 7.392 t



# Smelter technologies and issues

-  Electric arc furnaces or plasma arc furnaces can only process limited amount of carbon (varies between 0,1 % to 2,5 %)
-  SiC needs to be oxidized to SiO<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub>. Smelters typically operate under reducing conditions instead of oxidizing
-  Reverbatory furnaces can operate in both modes but have limited installed capacity.
-  Existing arc or plasma arc furnaces can not easily be modified.
-  Even small amounts of SiC will have a negative impact on metal yield



# Possible scenarios

- Separating DPF's from regular monolith
  - 100 % separation most likely not possible
  - Even 3 DPF in 100 Catalyst will increase C to 3 %
- Penalties on Carbon content similar to other deleterious elements
- New smelting technologies need to be developed



**Thank you.**

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