

COMPANY PROFILE

Semperit is one of the world's leading rubber and plastics companies, and can look back at one of the longest traditions in the industry, with over 180 years of experience. The company currently operates 18 production sites and a large number of sales offices on three continents: Europe, Asia and America.

Semperit develops, manufactures and markets a wide range of rubber and plastic products. Business activities in the Group are split into four divisions: Sempermed, Semperflex, Semperform and Sempertrans.

Semperit's strategic objective is to attain a leading position for its products on international markets. The focus on the above-mentioned business segments, internationalisation along the entire value chain and cost leadership are the main cornerstones of Semperit's business strategy.

SEMPERMED

The Sempermed division is one of the world's leading suppliers of surgical and examination gloves. While rubber protective gloves were originally only used for medical applications, Semperit now manufactures products for a broad range of customers, including the chemicals and food industries. The product portfolio consists of two main groups. The non-sterile examination gloves make up the largest share of glove sales, and are also used for industrial applications. The second product group consists of sterile surgical gloves that are solely targeted at medical customers. The product range also includes a selection of protective gloves for the industry and special gloves.

Today, protective gloves are not only manufactured with natural and synthetic rubbers, but also with non-latex plastics. With its Sempermed factories in Thailand, which specialise in manufacturing examination gloves in nitrile and latex varieties, Semperit operates the largest production facilities in the world in this segment. The rapidly growing market for non-latex gloves is being covered by the production facilities that were acquired in China in 2002. The high quality sterile surgical gloves are manufactured exclusively in Austria.



PRODUCT GROUPS

- Surgical gloves
- Examination gloves
- Industrial and protective gloves

PRODUCTION SITES

- Wimpassing/Austria
- Sopron/Hungary
- Hatyai/Thailand
- Shanghai/China

EMPLOYEES: 3,970

REVENUE 2008:

EUR 242.8 million

EBT 2008: EUR 19.7 million

SEMPERFLEX

The Semperflex division develops, manufactures and sells hydraulic hoses, industrial hoses, elastomer sheeting and wear-resistant products. Semperflex is one of the European market leaders in all of its business areas. The division also enjoys a good position on the markets for hydraulic hoses in North America and Asia.

Hydraulic hoses from Semperit are specially designed to meet the demands of international customers in machine construction, mining and the production of agricultural and construction machinery. They not only fulfil all general standards, but also the specific additional requirements of various market segments. Industrial hoses are widely used by commercial, industrial and municipal customers for the safe and reliable transport of solid, liquid and gaseous materials.

Nearly all leading European manufacturers use elastomer sheeting from Semperit as a key raw material for the production of gaskets and stamped parts. Sheeting is also a key product for many technical dealers.



PRODUCT GROUPS

- Hydraulic hoses
- Industrial hoses
- Elastomer sheeting and wear-resistant rubber

PRODUCTION SITES

- Wimpassing/Austria
- Odry/Czech Republic
- Waldböckelheim/Germany
- Rovigo/Italy
- Hatyai/Thailand
- Shanghai/China

EMPLOYEES: 1,529

REVENUE 2008:

EUR 166.0 million

EBT 2008: EUR 15.7 million

SEMPERFORM

As one of Europe's leading manufacturers of moulded and extruded rubber as well as plastic products, the Semperform division supplies customers in a wide range of industries. Semperform is a valued, long-time partner of many original equipment manufacturers around the world in all of its product segments.

Special products in the rail superstructure segment ensure that freight, passenger and metro trains weighing many tons travel safely and quietly. In its cable car equipment segment, Semperit has been developing elastic damping elements to reduce strain and wear on key components in cooperation with the world's largest cable car manufacturers for more than 60 years. Semperit is also a virtually exclusive supplier of vibration-damping films for all major manufacturers of skis and snowboards.

As a global market leader, Semperit produces handrails on three continents for all of the world's major manufacturers of escalators and moving sidewalks. In the window and door profile segment, Semperit is not only the market leader in Germany, but has also built up a key position in the growth markets of Eastern Europe in recent years.



PRODUCT GROUPS

- Rail superstructure
- Profiles and seals for windows and doors
- Handrails
- Cable railway technology
- Sponge rubber
- Sanitary and pipe fittings
- Vibration-damping films for skis and snowboards
- Industrial moulded parts

PRODUCTION SITES

- Wimpassing/Austria
- Deggendorf/Germany
- Sopron/Hungary
- Hatyai/Thailand
- Shanghai/China
- Fair Lawn/USA

EMPLOYEES: 731

REVENUE 2008:

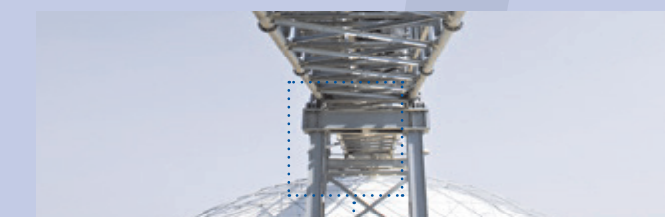
EUR 119.0 million

EBT 2008: EUR 14.5 million

SEMPERTRANS

The Sempertrans division is one of the world's largest manufacturers of conveyor belts. With its wide range of textile carcass and steel carcass transport and conveyor belts and its heavy steel cable belts in all standard dimensions, the division's three plants in France, Poland and India cover a broad spectrum of market segments including industrial, transport, commercial, mining and harbour applications.

State-of-the-art facilities have made it possible to manufacture belts with a width of up to approximately 3.2 metres. The latest development and manufacturing technologies ensure optimal performance and application flexibility. Continual optimisation at all stages of the manufacturing process guarantee maximum operating safety and long service lives. Sempertrans also offers its customers conveyor belt installation and maintenance services as well as consulting and development services for the preparation of belt specifications.



PRODUCT GROUPS

- Conveyor belts with textile carcass
- Conveyor belts with steel-cable reinforcement

PRODUCTION SITES

- Argenteuil/France
- Belchatow/Poland
- Roha/India

EMPLOYEES: 777

REVENUE 2008:

EUR 127.5 million

EBT 2008: EUR 11.4 million

MAIN PRINCIPLES

Concentration

Our focus on four distinct divisions allows Semperit to effectively align its business activities to specific market conditions. The allocation of resources to a strategically selected range of products enables us to develop our dynamic innovative strength and to continually optimise all value creation processes.

Internationalisation

By continually expanding our position on existing markets and moving into new markets, we are consistently pushing ahead with the internationalisation of the Group and effectively leveraging comparative competitive advantages. Foreign business accounts for around 95% of total Group sales, enabling increased flexibility in procurement, manufacturing and sales, which opens up new potential for expansion and serves as an additional impetus for growth.

Cost leadership

One of the most important factors contributing to the success of the Semperit Group is systematic cost management combined with the continual improvement of productivity at all levels of the company. This has enabled the Group's companies to attain international cost leadership in most business segments. The Semperit Group can only ensure its growth and earnings over the long term by maintaining a sustainably competitive cost position.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT 2008

The 2008 financial year of the Semperit Group was characterised by massive raw material price increases and a rapid decline in economic growth in the second half of the year. Despite this difficult environment, revenue rose by 7.8% to EUR 655.3 million. Due to the increased raw materials prices, earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) fell by 8.2% to EUR 58.7 million. Earnings on ordinary business activities of EUR 58.1 million were satisfactory in light of the difficult conditions, however were 2.6% below the level of the previous year. Consolidated net profit after minority interests was EUR 37.6 million.

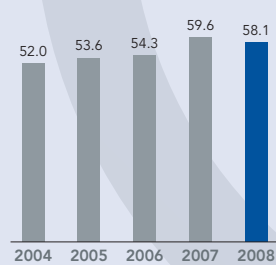
The Sempermed division was not impacted by the overall negative cyclical development, and improved its revenue by 10.8% to EUR 242.8 million. Business in the Semperflex division was still very dynamic in the first half of the year. Despite reduced order intake in the third quarter and a drop in demand in the final months of 2008, total revenue for the year increased by 2.6% to EUR 166.0 million. Revenue for the Semperform division improved by 6.8% to EUR 119.0 million against varying development in the individual segments. Total revenue for the Sempertrans division rose from EUR 115.6 million to EUR 127.5 million (+10.2%) thanks to good demand for conveyor belts throughout the year.

The global economic crisis will most likely take full effect in 2009. With the exception of the Sempermed division, which primarily supplies products for the medical industry, management anticipates an overall decline in demand in the other segments.

Development of revenue 2004-2008 in EUR million



EBT development 2004-2008 in EUR million



THE SEMPERIT SHARE

Semperit is listed on the Prime Market of the Vienna Stock Exchange with 20,573,434 no-par-value shares. In the 2008 financial year, the Semperit share decreased in value up until the end of January, subsequently rising to EUR 31.00 in the middle of May, its highest level for the year. Afterwards, the generally negative mood persisting on the stock markets also impacted the development of the Semperit share price, leading to a downward trend that culminated in its annual low of EUR 11.80 on December 30, 2008. In a year-on-year comparison, the Semperit share registered a 52.8% decline, however it concluded the financial year with a better performance than the ATX. Accordingly, market capitalisation fell from EUR 524.3 million to EUR 242.8 million.

B&C Privatstiftung, Vienna, is the stable core shareholder of the Semperit Group, with a stake of over 50%. The remaining shares are in free float.

Semperit share price and ATX – comparative development January 2008-April 2009



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KNOWLEDGE AS A SUCCESS FACTOR

Research and development

The research and development activities of the Semperit Group focus on the continuing development of materials, manufacturing processes and product qualities for the benefit of the customer, the environment and the company. In this way, the business areas are provided with support in achieving their operational targets and implementing high quality standards.

The worldwide research and development centre of the Semperit Group is located in Wimpassing, Austria. It serves as the interface for all Group companies, and coordinates the ongoing know-how transfer and exchange of experience among the individual production plants.

Employees

Competent and motivated employees are essential to successfully implement the company's growth strategy. For this reason, Semperit strives to ensure the long-term retention of a highly qualified and motivated staff. It carries out numerous initiatives designed to offer employees attractive jobs within the context of an international business environment, along with targeted training and continuing job education opportunities.

For Semperit, it is important that employees thrive in a positive working environment, where each individual can personally develop according to his own skills. The company promotes the professional development of its employees by means of special training programmes which prepare them for future duties and responsibilities. Furthermore, ongoing continuing education measures support employees in their efforts to effectively cope with their challenging work.

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