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**Finnish Car Recycling and Stena have signed a long-term recycling contract  
RECYCLING DOES NOT HIT THE MOTORIST'S POCKET**

**Finnish Car Recycling Ltd. and Stena Metalliyhtymä Oy have signed a ten-year contract on recycling of end-of-life vehicles. The contract is based on the so-called zero cost solution. This means that there is no need to add any recycling fee to car prices.**

Recycling in accordance with the EU End-of-Life Vehicle Directive started in Finland on 1 September 2004, when the producer liability was extended to cover passenger cars and vans as well as some special-purpose vehicles. In Finland, automobile importers are responsible for recycling; they have transferred their producer liability responsibilities to Finnish Car Recycling Ltd. Finnish Car Recycling concluded short-term recycling contracts in the autumn. Now the contracts are about to expire and the first long-term contract has been signed with Stena Metalliyhtymä Oy.

The contract between Stena and Finnish Car Recycling covers the taking back of end-of-life vehicles, their pre-treatment to remove hazardous waste, and recovery of raw-material in the vehicle. According to the contract, Stena is entrusted with the recycling operator liability from take-back to recovering of materials.

**Innovative approaches to recycling**

Stena Metalliyhtymä has the necessary resources to maintain and develop an extensive system. For instance, their mobile equipment makes it possible to pre-treat an end-of-life vehicle anywhere in an ecological way.

In pre-treatment oils, fuel, battery, coolant, other liquids, tyres, glass, and reusable components are removed from the end-of-life vehicle. Safety equipment is deactivated. Pre-treated vehicles are shredded to chips, of which steel, other metals, and non-metallic raw-materials are separated industrially. Sorted materials are refined into raw-material for new products or energy. Of the material in a vehicle, 85 % has to be recovered. Stena also takes care of disposal of unrecoverable materials. Stena has recycled vehicles since 1973.

**The new recycling system still unfamiliar to the general public**

The recycling system maintained by Finnish Car Recycling is functioning quite well, although some of the end-of-life vehicles come from outside the system. Last year, only about ten per cent of the end-of-life vehicles received at the shredder plants came through the Finnish Car Recycling system.

In order to increase the efficiency with which vehicles end up in the legal recycling system, Finnish Car Recycling and its partners will launch an extensive information campaign during the spring directed at consumers and interest groups. Finnish Car Recycling and Stena wish to receive more support from the legislature, including

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strengthening the status of the certificate of destruction so that the vehicles would be deregistered only with the certificate of destruction.

### **The certificate of destruction transfers the responsibility for an end-of-life vehicle to the recycling system**

According to the law, the last owner of a passenger car or van is obliged to deliver the vehicle for scraping to a take-back point under the producer liability. Delivery to and deregistration in the take-back points authorized by Finnish Car Recycling are free. Taking a vehicle to an authorized take-back point ensures that the vehicle will be recycled in a way required by the environmental legislation.

At the authorized take-back points, the deliverer is given a certificate of destruction guaranteeing that the vehicle can no longer be registered for use in traffic. Further, the certificate of destruction relieves the customer from the responsibility for the vehicle. The take-back point advises the Finnish Vehicle Administration of scraping, and the vehicle tax and motor vehicle insurance end automatically.

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