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## THE EVOLUTION AND OUTLOOK FOR STEEL IN NORTH AMERICAN LIGHT VEHICLES

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#### DUCKER WORLDWIDE JOINS FRONTIER STRATEGY GROUP

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On February 12, 2018 Frontier Strategy Group (FSG) officially announced the acquisition of Ducker Worldwide, a 58-year-old global business-to-business research and consulting firm.

FRONTIER STRATEGY GROUP

DUCKER WORLDWIDE

The combined company provides unrivalled market research and executive advisory services based on decades of experience supporting the strategic decisions of more than 700 companies. Client executives will benefit from the firm's broader expertise and geographic reach, robust cloud-based technology platforms, expanded insight into customer behavior, and award-winning data and analyst insights spanning the B2B, healthcare, consumer, and private equity industries.

This acquisition is designed to maximize the potential of our combined company to better serve our clients and accelerate growth. The demands of growth and forces of change facing multinational company executives and investment professionals get tougher every year, and by bringing together FSG and Ducker's highly complementary offerings, areas of expertise and global footprint, we can immediately provide a comprehensive set of solutions that address our clients' global strategic priorities and growth mandates.

- Richard Leggett, CEO

#### COMPREHENSIVE INSIGHTS FOR HIGH-STAKES MARKETS

Our combined business has the unique ability to deliver superior outcomes throughout all stages and aspects of our clients growth ambitions.

#### THE COMBINED BUSINESS MODEL ADDRESSES ALL STAGES OF A CLIENT'S GROWTH MANDATE



#### **SETTING THE STAGE**

Several different yet related factors impact OEM decisions to go forward with the significant lightweighting of vehicle components. Regulations, competition, cost, capital, timing and other alternatives for achieving the OEM's business goals all come into play.



## **CRITICAL ISSUES**

The steel industry has demonstrated its ability to work in a coordinated and highly responsive manner with customers to innovate, design, test, and support evolving needs.



#### CO2 & MPG REGULATIONS ARE DEMONSTRATING SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS

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#### **GLOBAL REGULATIONS DRIVE THE DEMAND FOR** LIGHTWEIGHTING

Miles per gallon (gasoline equivalent), normalized to CAFE EU 2030: 76.3 historical performance --- enacted target Kilometers per liter (gasoline equivalent) ····· proposed target S. Korea 2020: 5 US 2025: 55 ada 2025: 55 India 2022: 49 2017: 41 vico 2018. 30 \* Note that Japan has already met its 2020 statutory target as of 2013 icct Updated April 2018

Details at www.theicct.org/chart-library-passenger-vehicle-fuel-economy

Passenger car miles per gallon, normalized to CAFE

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#### **GLOBAL REGULATIONS DRIVE THE DEMAND FOR** LIGHTWEIGHTING

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Details at www.theicct.org/chart-library-passenger-vehicle-fuel-economy

Light truck miles per gallon, normalized to CAFE

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## THE ROAD TO COMPLIANCE IS A BALANCING ACT

Materials (Body structures/chassis)

Design/Aerodynamic

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Mass Reduction Is Needed

Source: DuckerFrontier Analysis

Compliance - Gap

**Cost Targets** 

Performance

Customer Needs

**Global Goals** 

Plant Issues/Union



#### CLOSING THE REGULATORY COMPLIANCE GAP IS A MULTISTEP PROCESS

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#### Where is the Weight: Light Vehicle Mass Distribution



## **RESEARCH OBJECTIVES & SCOPE**

#### Objective

- 2017/2018 Flat Rolled Steel Content with a core focus on AHSS and emerging Ultra-high strength steel for the North American Light Vehicle
- Continue in-depth research and insights since the first iteration of this study completed in 2005 for the SMDI

#### Scope

- Flat Rolled Steel content to encompass the vehicle Body-in-White, closures, bumpers, sub-frames/cradles, suspension, and wheels
- The results are inclusive of over 90% of NA vehicles produced in 2017/2018
- The Ducker study utilized a top down and bottom up approach with OEM, supplier and steel mill inputs

#### RESULTS

The average North American light vehicle in 2018 is estimated to have 1,480 pounds of flat rolled steel – with nearly 90 pounds of AHSS/UHSS content growth from 2013.

- AHSS continues its growth trajectory with approximately 258 pounds per vehicle in 2018, surpassing our estimates in 2013 by ~4 pounds per vehicle
- The 2018 average light vehicle content of flat rolled steel versus the 2013 flat rolled content per vehicle for body-in-white, structures, closures, door beams, bumper beams, suspensions, sub-frames, fuel tanks and wheels in pounds per vehicle has changed as follows:

2013 vs. 2018 Average Net Change in Steel Content by Grade in Pounds / Vehicle

• Decime	▼ Decime	10.0	19.9
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Mild Steel	ВН	AHSS (DP)	UHSS/3rd Gen. AHSS

## **STEEL COMPONENT PENETRATION - CLOSURES**

Besides hoods, the remaining closure components remain primarily in steel.



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#### **STEEL GRADE MIX**

Net steel content for body in white and closures will see declines; however, AHSS, UHSS and 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen AHSS materials will grow at a tremendous pace.



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## **2018 NA LV MATERIAL CONTENT**

Steel remains the primary share of automotive materials; however, from a content perspective, steel declines by approximately 55 pounds between 2013 and 2018 due to the increased use of thinner gage AHSS and UHSS as opposed to Mild or HSS



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#### (UHSS) Generation 3 Steels

High Tensile Strengths

Controlled (zoned) Deformation High Parts Complexity (advanced geometries)

#### **Projected Applications**

- Replacing select or adding adjacent parts to current Press Hardened Steel
- "If 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen. AHSS can deliver the performance characteristics of PH Steels, our strategy would be to replace as much as we can" OEM

#### **Additional Applications**

- Applications that would prove significant weight savings opportunity within the Chassis and Body of the vehicle: suspension arms/links, sub-frames and cross members, IP structures etc.
- "The products elongation and formability make further replacement of HSS or DP steels" 3rd Gen. AHSS Material Supplier

#### APPLICATIONS OF AHSS AND UHSS (PH & 3<sup>RD</sup> GEN AHSS)

3<sup>rd</sup> Gen AHSS have a dual pathway of automotive utilization, the first and more near term would take advantage of 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen AHSS's higher strength and elongation to replace heavier HSS and HSLA applications. Eventually, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen AHSS will augment and/or replace PH steel applications.



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#### **2018 NA LV STEEL CONTENT - MATERIAL MIX**

The 2018 AHSS and UHSS use in North American produced light vehicles is 329 pounds per vehicle, a significant increase from 2013, translating to an additional 90 pounds or a 38% growth from 2013.

• Between 2012 and 2018, there has been a net increase of AHSS/UHSS grades of steel of ~120 pounds per vehicle. This translates to an annual average growth of 20 lbs. per year



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## 2018 - 2020 NA LV MATERIAL CONTENT

Steel remains the primary share of automotive materials; however, from a content perspective, steel will decline by approximately 65 pounds between 2018 and 2020 due to the increased use of thinner gage AHSS and UHSS as opposed to Mild or HSS.



2018 Material Share of Curb Weight



#### Steel

- Aluminum
- Other Metals
- Conventional SMC/Fiberglass
- Glass
- Iron
- Magnesium
- Polymers
- CFRP SCM >1.25G
- Other Materials, Rubber, Fluids, Etc.

#### 2020 Material Share of Curb Weight

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Source: American Chemistry Council & DuckerFrontier Analysis

#### **2020+ NA LV STEEL CONTENT - MATERIAL MIX**

The 2015 AHSS use in North American produced light vehicles is 279 pounds and expected to grow significantly to 570 pounds by 2025.

- Adoption rates and estimates vary by OEM; however, beyond 2020, AHSS pounds per vehicle will decline, while UHSS continues to grow
- Growth of advanced grades of steel has increased since the 2013 report, where 2019 was 351 pounds, and 2025 was 483 pounds





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