EU agrees that new cars must contain 25% recycled plastic from 2036

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The European Parliament and the Council have reached a provisional agreement on the new **End-of-Life Vehicles Regulation**, replacing the directives of 2000 and 2005. It is the first time Europe sets mandatory recycled-content targets for vehicles.

From 2036, at least **25% of the plastic** in every new vehicle must be recycled material, and one fifth of that share must come from end-of-life vehicles. The obligation applies both to cars built in the EU and to imports.

The text also requires vehicles to be designed for easy dismantling, manufacturers to provide instructions for removing and replacing parts, and strengthens reuse and remanufacturing of components. For plastic-part suppliers this means working now with recycled polyolefins and ABS/PC of aesthetic quality, and with mono-material designs that are easier to recycle.

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