



Data Protection Declaration

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On the topic of data protection

Protection of personal data is important to us. That's why we conduct our activities in accordance with the applicable laws guarding personal data and ensuring data security. In the following, you will read what information we may collect, how we will handle it, and who - in some cases - may receive this information.

Personal data

Via our Web sites, we gather no personal data whatsoever (e.g., names, addresses, phone numbers or e-mail addresses), unless you voluntarily provided us with such data (e.g., through registration, surveys) or unless you agreed to provide the data, or unless the corresponding laws protecting your data allow this.

Purpose

Generally, we use the personal data that you provided in order to answer your inquiries, in order to process your orders, or to provide you with access to certain information or offerings. Of course, we respect if you do not wish to provide us with your personal data for the purpose of supporting our customer relations (especially direct marketing or market research). We will not sell your personal data to third parties, nor will we market it in any other manner.

Use for a certain purpose

The personal data provided online will only be recorded, processed and used for the purposes that you chose. Exceptions are if the recording, processing and use

- ▶ are conducted for another purpose which is directly connected to the original purpose for which the personal data were recorded.
- ▶ are required for the preparation, negotiation and compliance of a contract with you.
- ▶ are required due to legal obligation or regulatory or judicial orders. are required for explanation or for protecting legal claims or for defending against suits.
- ▶ aid the prevention of abuse or other illegal activity, e.g., intentional attack on our system ensuring data security.

Communications and use-related information

If you are accessing our Web sites via telecommunications services, then communications-related information (e.g., IP address) or use-related information (e.g., data on start of use and duration, or on telecommunications services you use) are generated



automatically with technical means. They will possibly allow conclusions on personal data. If recording, processing and using your communications- and use-related information is imminently necessary, then this is subject to the laws on data protection.

Automatically recorded, non-personal data

When you are accessing our Web sites, then on occasion information will be recorded automatically (that is, not via our registration) that is not assigned to a specific person (e.g., Internet browser used and operating system; domain name of previously visited Web site; number of visits; average time of visit; pages accessed). We use this information to determine the attractiveness of our Web sites and to improve their performance and content.

"Cookies" - information that is automatically stored on your computer

If you visit one of our Web sites, it is possible that we store information on your computer in form of a "cookie", which will automatically recognize your computer during the next visit. For example, cookies allow us to adjust the site to your interests or to save your password, meaning you do not have to enter it again each time you visit. If you don't want us to recognize your computer, please adjust your Internet browser so that it deletes all cookies from your PC hard drive, blocks all cookies, or warns you before a cookie is stored.

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