

# Animal Testing Statement

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Ottobock stands for high quality and technologically outstanding products and services. With this commitment to quality, Ottobock is well aware of accepting a high level of responsibility from research and development to production and testing to distribution and customer service. The Animal Testing Statement is complementary to the Company's Code of Conduct and other sustainability and ethical standards, which set the baseline for environmental, social, and governable compliance.

Ottobock recognizes the importance of high-quality animal care and welfare. To minimize the potential harm to animals and the environment, Ottobock has set clear policies and is committed to ensuring the quality and safety of its products worldwide without conducting animal testing. Ottobock has no plans to introduce animal testing in the future either.

In the unlikely event that entities affiliated with Ottobock nevertheless conduct animal testing, Ottobock commits to the replacement, reduction, and refinement of the use of animals in research wherever possible unless, in the very rare case, this is specifically required by law. Any research projects that include animal testing, therefore, must use an alternative to animal testing wherever possible, minimize and optimize the number of tested animals as well as evolve the experimental procedures to suppress or reduce the suffering and discomfort of animals.

Ottobock further pledges to assign clear responsibility to the management board for overseeing animal testing and to launch initiatives to replace, reduce or refine animal testing in line with the European Partnership for Alternative Approaches to Animal Testing (EPAA).

Animal Testing, from project submission to study conduct, must be documented and archived. Ottobock further obligates itself to report on animal testing issues and to conduct regular audits of animal testing practices. The Company is committed to the best practice standards manifested by the Animal Protection and Experimentation Guidelines of the DFG.

The management and all executives are responsible to act in accordance with this statement. They guide all employees as a role model and through their behavior.



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