

# ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

This statement was created on February 18, 2025.

Information in accordance with the Accessibility Act (BaFG).

voestalpine AG strives to make its websites accessible in accordance with the Accessibility Act (BaFG), as amended, implementing Directive (EU) 2019/882 of the European Parliament and of the Council of April 17, 2019, on the accessibility of websites and mobile applications.

This accessibility statement applies to the website <https://www.voestalpine.com/blog>.

## STATUS OF COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS

Due to the following non-conformities and exceptions, this website is partially compliant with Conformity Level AA of the "Web Content Accessibility Guidelines ([WCAG 2.1](#))" and with the applicable European Standard EN 301 549 V 3.2.1 (2021-03).

## NON-ACCESSIBLE CONTENT

The content listed below is not accessible (BaFG) for the following reasons:

### a) Incompatibility with the BaFG

- » C.9.1.1.1 - For some non-textual content presented to you, there is no equivalent textual alternative that serves the same purpose;
- » C.9.1.3.1 - In some cases, information, structures, or relationships conveyed through the presentation of pages cannot be programmatically determined (or are not available via text);
- » C.9.1.4.1 - In some cases, color alone has been used to indicate a purpose or to distinguish information or a function;
- » C.9.1.4.3 - The visual presentation of text and images containing text does not always meet the required minimum contrast ratio, except for the exceptions provided for in the guidelines (e.g., logos);
- » C.9.1.4.4 - Some text, with the exception of captions and images containing text, cannot be scaled up to 200 percent without the use of assistive technologies and without losing content or functionality;
- » C.9.1.4.10 - Content that does not require a two-dimensional representation (e.g., data tables or maps) is not rearranged when resized;
- » C.9.1.4.11 - For some essential components, even in different states, the color contrast relative to adjacent elements does not exceed a ratio of 3:1;
- » C.9.1.4.13 - In some cases where the mouse pointer (hover) or keyboard focus reveals and hides content, there is no mechanism to remove the additional content without moving the mouse pointer or keyboard focus; the mouse pointer cannot be moved over the additional content without it disappearing; or the additional content remains visible until the hover or focus event is

removed, the user deletes it, or its information is no longer valid, except in certain exceptional cases;

- » C.9.2.1.1 - Some features cannot be activated via the keyboard (or a similar input interface);
- » C.9.2.4.1 - There is no mechanism for skipping blocks of content that are repeated across multiple web pages;
- » C.9.2.4.3 - On some web pages that can be navigated sequentially and where the navigation order affects meaning and functionality, some focusable elements do not receive focus in an order that preserves their meaning and functionality;
- » C.9.2.4.4 - The purpose of certain links cannot be determined from the link text or from the link text together with the surrounding content;
- » C.9.3.3.2 - In some cases, no labels or instructions are displayed when the content requires user input;
- » C.9.4.1.2 - In some cases, the name, role, status, attributes, and values of user interface components (including form elements, links, and script-generated components...) are incorrect or not set, or the user and their assistive technologies are not notified when these change;

**b) Disproportionate burden**

Making the PDFs contained on the website accessible and creating versions in plain language currently constitutes a disproportionate burden. They therefore constitute an exception.

**c) The content does not fall within the scope of applicable legal regulations**

A version in sign language is not mandatory.

## PREPARATION OF THIS ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

The assessment of the website's compliance with the BaFG for the implementation of the requirements of Directive (EU) 2019/882 was conducted in the form of a review according to WCAG 2.1 at Conformity Level AA in May 2025.

This statement was updated on 02/28/2025.

## FEEDBACK AND CONTACT INFORMATION

The offerings and services on this website are continuously improved, updated, and expanded. Usability and accessibility are of great importance to us.

If you encounter any barriers that prevent you from using our website—such as issues not described in this statement or deficiencies regarding compliance with accessibility requirements, please notify us via email. We will review your inquiry and contact you as soon as possible.

Please send all messages and suggestions to [info@voestalpine.com](mailto:info@voestalpine.com). Please describe the problem and provide the URL(s) of the affected website or document.

# ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

If you are not satisfied with the response from the contact option listed above, you may file a complaint with the Social Ministry Service of the Upper Austria Regional Office.

Contact:

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Email: [post.oberoesterreich@sozialministeriumservice.at](mailto:post.oberoesterreich@sozialministeriumservice.at)

Complaints are reviewed by the Social Ministry Service to determine whether they pertain to violations of the provisions of the Accessibility Act, particularly deficiencies in compliance with accessibility requirements, by the federal government or an institution under its jurisdiction.

If the complaint is justified, the Social Ministry Service must issue recommendations for action to the federal government or the relevant legal entities and propose measures to remedy the existing deficiencies.