

**UNITED STATES
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Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 10-K

(Mark one)

- ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020
OR
- TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from to
Commission file number 001-36127

COOPER-STANDARD HOLDINGS INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
**(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)**

20-1945088
**(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)**

**4030 Traditions Drive
Northville, Michigan 48168**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (248) 596-5900

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of Exchange on Which Registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	CPS	New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/> Accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/> Smaller reporting company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Emerging growth company	<input type="checkbox"/>

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

The aggregate market value of voting and non-voting common stock held by non-affiliates as of June 30, 2020 was \$187,153,693.

The number of the registrant's shares of common stock, \$0.001 par value per share, outstanding as of February 10, 2021 was 16,897,085 shares.

Documents Incorporated by Reference

Certain portions, as expressly described in this report, of the Registrant's Proxy Statement for the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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PART I

Item 1. Business

Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. (together with its consolidated subsidiaries, the “Company,” “Cooper Standard,” “we,” “our” or “us”) is a leading manufacturer of sealing, fuel and brake delivery, and fluid transfer systems. Our products are primarily for use in passenger vehicles and light trucks that are manufactured by global automotive original equipment manufacturers (“OEMs”) and replacement markets. We conduct substantially all of our activities through our subsidiaries.

Cooper Standard is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) under the ticker symbol “CPS.” The Company has approximately 25,000 employees, including 3,100 contingent workers, with 121 facilities in 21 countries. We believe we are the largest global producer of sealing systems, the second largest global producer of the types of fuel and brake delivery products that we manufacture and the third largest global producer of fluid transfer systems. We design and manufacture our products in each major region of the world through a disciplined and sustained approach to engineering and operational excellence. We operate in 72 manufacturing locations and 49 design, engineering, administrative and logistics locations.

On January 1, 2020, we changed our organizational structure and created a global automotive business (“Automotive”) and Advanced Technology Group (“ATG”). Our business is now organized in the following reportable segments: North America, Europe, Asia Pacific and South America. ATG and all other business activities are reported in Corporate, eliminations and other. This operating structure allows us to offer our full portfolio of products and support our global and regional customers with complete engineering and manufacturing expertise in all major regions of the world. We have ongoing restructuring, expansion and cost reduction initiatives to improve competitiveness.

Approximately 83% of our sales in 2020 were to OEMs, including Ford Motor Company (“Ford”), General Motors Company (“GM”), Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (“FCA”), PSA Peugeot Citroën, Volkswagen Group, Daimler, Renault-Nissan, BMW, Toyota, Volvo, Jaguar/Land Rover, Honda and various other OEMs based in China. The remaining 17% of our 2020 sales were primarily to Tier I and Tier II automotive suppliers, non-automotive customers, and replacement market distributors. The Company’s products can be found on over 500 nameplates globally.

Corporate History and Business Developments

Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. was established in 2004 as a Delaware corporation and began operating on December 23, 2004 when it acquired the automotive segment of Cooper Tire & Rubber Company. Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. operates the business primarily through its principal operating subsidiary, Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. (“CSA U.S.”). Since the 2004 acquisition, the Company has expanded and diversified its customer base through a combination of organic growth and strategic acquisitions.

In 2018, we established ATG, which incorporated our Industrial and Specialty Group, to accelerate and maximize the value stream of Cooper Standard’s materials science technology in industrial and specialty markets. We furthered the expansion of our Industrial and Specialty Group through the acquisition of Lauren Manufacturing and Lauren Plastics and signed multiple joint development agreements for our Fortrex™ chemistry platform throughout 2018 to 2020.

In 2019, we finalized the divestiture of our anti-vibration systems business (“AVS”) product line within our North America, Europe and Asia Pacific segments. In 2020, we completed the divestiture of our European rubber fluid transfer and specialty sealing businesses, as well as our Indian operations.

Business Strategy

We have set a clear vision for achieving profitable growth with a defined, focused plan to return to double-digit return on invested capital (“ROIC”). Our vision statement - Driving Value Through Culture, Innovation and Results - represents the evolution of the Company’s innovation culture providing the basis for delivering even greater value. Our strategic pillars are defined as:

Voice of the Customer: We design and develop our products to meet the current and future needs of our customers. We listen intently and adjust to customer feedback to ensure we are consistently providing customer-focused products to meet their evolving needs. Customers support and trust us.

Superior Products: With a focus on our core products, we provide customers with market-leading solutions with predictable quality that meet or exceed their expectations.

World-Class Operations: We are committed to driving sustained excellence through the Cooper Standard Operating System (“CSOS”), our customized set of global best business practices. It is how we will continue to optimize performance on a global scale.

Engaged Employees: Our employees are the foundation of the Company and the key factor to our success. Committed to excellence and driven to succeed, our employees are focused on the Company’s overall vision and strategy.

Cooper Standard’s global alignment around these strategic pillars continues to drive further value in many areas of the business, including:

Operational and Strategic Initiatives

As part of Cooper Standard’s world-class operations, the Company implemented CSOS to fully position the Company for growth and ensure global consistency in engineering design, program management, manufacturing process, purchasing and IT systems. Standardization across all regions is especially critical in support of customers’ global platforms that require the same design, quality and delivery standards everywhere across the world. Cooper Standard operates Global Councils focused on technology, customer and manufacturing initiatives to better leverage the scale of the Company, identify best practices and transfer them around the world. As a result of these initiatives, the Company has leveraged CSOS to drive an average savings from improved operating efficiency of approximately \$75 million each of the past five years.

Cooper Standard continues to progress its diversification strategy through its Advanced Technology Group which is charged with accelerating and maximizing expertise in the Company’s core process types for applications in the industrial and specialty markets. This business also drives growth and diversification through the Company’s applied materials science offerings, which include the Fortrex™ chemistry platform that provides performance advantages over many other materials.

The Company’s CS Open Innovation initiative aims to position Cooper Standard as the partner of choice for start-ups, universities and other suppliers through a proactive outreach program. The initiative is focused in the areas of materials science, manufacturing and process technology, digital/artificial intelligence and advanced product technology.

In addition, the Company has recently implemented a defined, focused plan to return to double-digit ROIC to help deliver sustained value for all of our stakeholders.

Leverage Technology and Materials Science for Innovative Solutions

We utilize our technical and materials science expertise to provide customers with innovative solutions. Our engineers combine product design with a broad understanding of materials science for enhanced vehicle performance. We believe our reputation for successful innovation in product design and materials is the reason our customers consult us early in their vehicle development and design process of their next generation vehicles.

Cooper Standard utilizes its *i*³ Innovation Process (Imagine, Initiate, Innovate) and CS Open Innovation as mechanisms to capture ideas while promoting a culture of innovation. Ideas are carefully evaluated by our global technology council, and those that are selected are put on an accelerated development cycle. We are developing innovative technologies based on materials expertise, process know-how, and application vision, which may drive future product direction. Fortrex™, the

Company's chemistry platform, offers reduced weight while delivering superior material performance and aesthetics. We have also developed several other significant technologies, especially related to advanced materials, processing and weight reduction. These include: FlushSeal™, an advanced integrated solution for frame under glass static sealing systems offering better appearance, improved aerodynamics, quieter ride and reduced weight; MagAlloy™, a processing technology for brake lines that increases long term durability through superior corrosion resistance and Easy-Lock™, a small package coolant and fuel vapor quick connect. Given the trajectory and anticipated future growth of electric vehicles Cooper Standard has developed innovations to provide lightweight plastic tubing with our PC2000 multilayer tubing, smooth and CVT mid temperature multilayer tubing, and our next generation ErgoLock™ VDA quick connectors for glycol thermal management needs.

Among our newer technologies is Cooper Standard's artificial intelligence (A.I.)-enhanced development cycle for polymer compounds that has shortened material development times while realizing rapid discovery of new compounds that offer superior performance properties, which yield superior products. We have also developed proprietary technology for A.I.-enhanced continuous processes controls. This technology enables full automation of polymer extrusion and other complex continuous processes, reducing process variation (a top driver of scrap), increasing product quality, improving operational metrics and reducing our carbon footprint.

Our innovations are receiving industry recognition. Cooper Standard's artificial intelligence-enhanced development cycle for polymer compound development was named a finalist for the 2019 *Automotive News* PACE Awards. In addition, Fortrex™ was named a 2018 PACE Award winner and a 2018 and 2019 Society of Plastics Engineers Innovation Award finalist.

Pursue Acquisitions and Alliances to Enhance Capabilities and Accelerate Growth

Our strong balance sheet allows us to selectively pursue complementary acquisitions and joint ventures to enhance our customer base, geographic penetration, scale and technology. Consolidation is an industry trend, which has been encouraged by the OEMs' desire for global automotive suppliers. We believe we have a strong platform for growth through acquisitions based on our past integration successes, experienced management team, global presence and operational excellence.

Industry

The automotive industry is one of the world's largest and most competitive. Consumer demand for new vehicles largely determines sales and production volumes of global OEMs. The business and commercial environment in each region also plays a role in vehicle demand as it relates to fleet vehicle sales and industrial use vehicles such as light and heavy trucks.

OEMs compete for market share in a variety of ways including pricing and incentives, the development of new, more attractive models, branding and advertising, and the ability to customize vehicle features and options to meet specific customer needs or demands. They rely heavily on thousands of specialized suppliers to provide the many distinct components and systems that comprise the modern vehicle. They also rely on these automotive suppliers to develop technological innovations that will help them meet consumer demands as well as regulatory requirements.

The supplier industry is a highly competitive industry generally characterized by high barriers to entry, significant start-up costs and long-standing customer relationships. The criteria by which OEMs judge automotive suppliers include quality, price, service, performance, design and engineering capabilities, innovation, timely delivery, financial stability and global footprint. Over the last decade, suppliers that have been able to achieve manufacturing scale globally, reduce structural costs, diversify their customer base and provide innovative, value-added technologies have been the most successful.

The technology of today's vehicles is evolving rapidly. This evolution is being driven by many factors including consumer preferences and social behaviors, a competitive drive for differentiation, regulatory requirements, environmental impact and safety. Cooper Standard supports these trends by providing innovations that reduce weight, increase life-cycle and durability, reduce interior noise, enhance exterior appearance and simplify the manufacturing and assembly process. These are innovations that can be applicable and valuable to virtually any vehicle (including fuel, hybrid or electric-powered powertrains) or vehicle manufacturer and, in many cases, can also be transferred to non-automotive applications in adjacent markets. Cooper Standard remains closely aligned with our customers and is prepared to meet their evolving needs as they shift their fleets and offer more electric vehicle options. We are focused on growing our business in this segment by leveraging our technology and innovation to provide value-add solutions for increasingly specialized technical requirements.

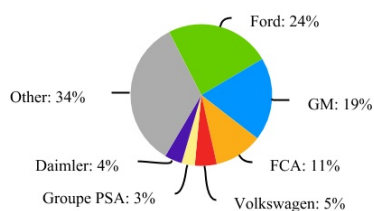
Markets Served

Our automotive business is focused on the passenger car and light truck market, up to and including Class 3 full-size, full-frame trucks, better known as the global light vehicle market. This is our largest market and accounts for approximately 92% of our global sales.

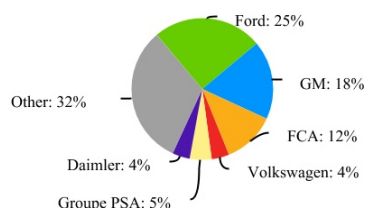
Customers

We are a leading supplier to the following OEMs and are increasing our presence with major OEMs throughout the world. The following charts show the percentage of sales to our top customers for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018:

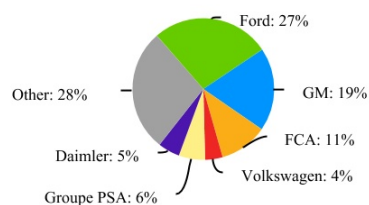
2020



2019



2018



Our other customers include OEMs such as Renault-Nissan, BMW, Toyota, Volvo, Jaguar/Land Rover, Honda and various other OEMs based in China. Our business with any given customer is typically split among several contracts for different parts on a number of platforms.

Subsequent Events

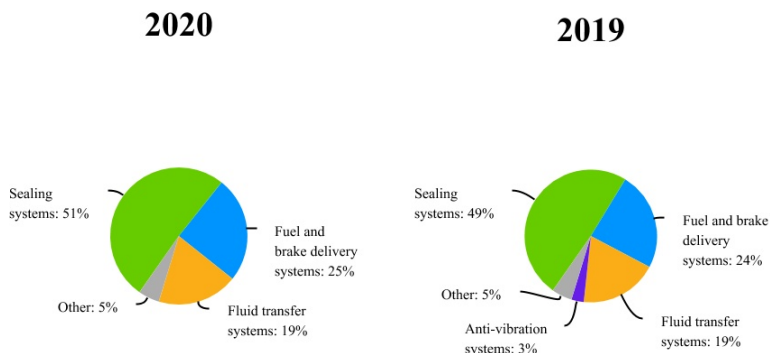
In January 2021, one of the Company's top customers announced restructuring activities in South America including their intention to cease manufacturing operations in Brazil. As a result, Cooper Standard's Brazil manufacturing operations and sales attributable to that customer will be significantly impacted. The Company is assessing the impact of this announcement on our 2021 financial results, but does not expect the action to have a material impact on the business, results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

In January 2021, two of the Company's top customers, FCA and Groupe PSA, completed a merger. The combined business was renamed Stellantis. The Company does not expect this merger to have a material impact on the business, results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

Products

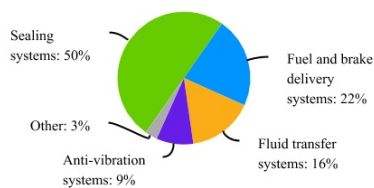
We currently have three distinct product lines: sealing systems; fuel and brake delivery systems; and fluid transfer systems. These products are produced and supplied globally to a broad range of customers in multiple markets. On April 1, 2019, we completed the divestiture of the AVS product line within our North America, Europe and Asia Pacific segments. On July 1, 2020, we completed the divestiture of the European rubber fluid transfer and specialty sealing businesses, as well as our Indian operations.

In addition to these product lines, we also have sales to other adjacent markets. The percentage of sales by product line and other markets for the



years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018 are as follows:

2018



Product Lines		Market Position*
SEALING SYSTEMS	Protect vehicle interiors from weather, dust and noise intrusion for improved driving experience; provide aesthetic and functional class-A exterior surface treatment Products: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Fortrex™ – Dynamic seals – Static seals – Encapsulated glass – Stainless steel trim – Obstacle detection sensor system – Flush glass systems – Variable extrusion – Specialty sealing products – Tex-A-Fib (Textured Surface with Cloth Appearance) 	Global leader
FUEL & BRAKE DELIVERY SYSTEMS	Sense, deliver and control fluids to fuel and brake systems Products: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chassis and tank fuel lines and bundles (fuel lines, vapor lines and bundles) – Metallic brake lines and bundles – Quick connects – Low Oligomer MLT CVT – Brake jounce lines – Direct injection & port fuel rails (fuel rails and fuel charging assemblies) – MagAlloy™ tube coatings – Gen III Posi-Lock™ quick connects – Series 300 S300LT 	Top 2 globally
FLUID TRANSFER SYSTEMS	Sense, deliver, connect and control fluid and vapors for optimal thermal management, powertrain & HVAC operation Products: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Heater/coolant hoses – Quick connects (SAE and VDA) – DPF and SCR emission lines – Degas tanks – Air intake and charge – Transmission Oil Cooling Hoses – Multilayer tubing for glycol thermal management – PC5000 high temperature MLT – Turbo charger hoses – Charged air cooler ducts/assemblies – Secondary air hoses – Brake and clutch hoses – ArmorHose™ family of products – Easy-Lock™ quick connect – Ergo-Lock™ VDA quick connect – PC2000 	Top 3 globally

*Market position data from PwC (2019) and company estimates

Competition

We believe that the principal competitive factors in our industry are quality, price, service, performance, design and engineering capabilities, innovation, timely delivery, financial stability and global footprint. We believe that our capabilities in these core competencies are integral to our position as a market leader in each of our product lines. Our sealing systems products compete with Toyoda Gosei, Henniges, Standard Profil, HSR&A, SaarGummi and JianXin, among others. Our fuel and brake delivery products compete with TI Automotive, Sanoh, Martinrea, Maruyasu and SeAH, among others. Our fluid transfer products compete with Conti-Tech, Hutchinson, Teklas, Tristone, Akwel and Fränkische, among others.

Joint Ventures and Strategic Alliances

Joint ventures represent an important part of our business, both operationally and strategically. We have utilized joint ventures to enter into and expand in geographic markets such as China, India and Thailand, to acquire new customers and to develop new technologies. When entering new geographic markets, teaming with a local partner can reduce capital investment

by leveraging pre-existing infrastructure. In addition, local partners in these markets can provide knowledge and insight into local practices and access to local suppliers of raw materials and components.

The following table shows our significant unconsolidated joint ventures:

Country	Name	Product Line	Ownership Percentage
United States	Nishikawa Cooper LLC	Sealing systems	40%
India	Polyrub Cooper Standard FTS Private Limited	Fluid transfer systems	35%
Thailand	Nishikawa Tachaplalert Cooper Ltd.	Sealing systems	20%
China	Yantai Leading Solutions Auto Parts Co., Ltd.	Fuel and brake delivery systems	50%

On April 1, 2019, the Company sold its equity interest in Sujun Cooper Standard AVS Private Limited in connection with the divestiture of its AVS product line.

Research and Development

We have a dedicated team of technical and engineering resources for each product line, some of which are located at our customers' facilities. We utilize simulation, digital tools, best practices, standardization and track key process indicators to drive efficiency in execution with an emphasis on manufacturability and quality. Our development teams work closely with our customers to design and deliver innovative solutions, unique for their applications. Amounts spent on engineering, research and development, and program management were as follows:

Year	Amount	Percentage of Sales
(Dollar amounts in millions)		
2020	\$ 101.6	4.3 %
2019	\$ 114.9	3.7 %
2018	\$ 122.5	3.4 %

Intellectual Property

We believe that one of our key competitive advantages is our ability to translate customer needs and our ideas into innovation through the development of intellectual property. We hold a significant number of patents and trademarks worldwide.

Our patents are grouped into two major categories: (1) specific product invention claims and (2) specific manufacturing processes that are used for producing products. The vast majority of our patents fall within the product invention category. We consider these patents to be of value and seek to protect our rights throughout the world against infringement. While in the aggregate these patents are important to our business, we do not believe that the loss or expiration of any one patent would materially affect our Company. We continue to seek patent protection for our new products and we develop significant technologies that we treat as trade secrets and choose not to disclose to the public through the patent process. These technologies nonetheless provide significant competitive advantages and contribute to our global leadership position in various markets. We believe that our trademarks, including FlushSeal™, Gen III Posi-Lock™, Easy-Lock™, MagAlloy™, Ergo-Lock™, PC2000 and Fortrex™, help differentiate us and lead customers to seek our partnership.

We also have technology sharing and licensing agreements with various third parties, including Nishikawa Rubber Company, one of our joint venture partners in sealing products. We have mutual agreements with Nishikawa Rubber Company for sales, marketing and engineering services on certain sealing products. Under those agreements, each party pays for services provided by the other and royalties on certain products for which the other party provides design or development services. We also have licensing and joint development agreements for commercial applications of our Fortrex™ chemistry platform in non-automotive industries.

Supplies and Raw Materials

Cooper Standard is committed to building strong relationships with our supply partners. We recognize the importance of engaging with suppliers to create value for our customers.

The principle raw materials for our business include synthetic and natural rubber, carbon black, process oils, and plastic resins. Principle procured components are primarily made from plastic, carbon steel, aluminum and stainless steel. We manage the procurement of our direct and indirect materials to assure supply continuity and to obtain the most favorable total cost.

Procurement arrangements include short-term and long-term supply agreements that may contain formula-based pricing, based on commodity indices. These arrangements provide quantities needed to satisfy normal manufacturing demands. We believe we have adequate sources for the supply of raw materials and components for our products with suppliers located around the world, although we continue to manage, with our supplier partners, short-term disruptions in production and logistics throughout our supply chain caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Raw material prices are susceptible to fluctuations which may place operational and profitability burdens on the entire supply chain. Costs related to raw materials, such as steel, aluminum, and oil and oil-derived commodities, continue to be volatile. As such, we have implemented strategies with both our suppliers and our customers to help manage these fluctuations. These actions include material substitutions and leveraging global purchases. Our global supply chain optimization efforts include using benchmarks and selective sourcing from strategic suppliers. We have also made process improvements to ensure the efficient use of materials through scrap reduction, as well as standardization of material specifications to maximize leverage over higher volume purchases. With some customers, on certain raw materials, we have implemented indices that allow price changes as underlying material costs fluctuate.

Seasonality

Our principal operations are directly related to the automotive industry. Sales to OEMs are lowest during the months prior to model changeovers or during assembly plant shutdowns. Automotive production is traditionally reduced during July, August and year-end holidays, and our quarterly results may reflect these trends. However, economic conditions and consumer demand may change the traditional seasonality of the industry.

Backlog

Our OEM sales are generally based upon purchase orders issued by the OEMs, with updated releases for volume adjustments. As such, we typically do not have a firm and definitive backlog of orders at any point in time. Once selected to supply products for a particular platform, we typically supply those products for the platform life, which is normally six to seven years, although there is no guarantee that this will occur. In addition, when we are the incumbent supplier to a given platform, we believe we have a competitive advantage in winning the redesign or replacement platform, although there is no guarantee that this will occur.

Human Capital and Safety

As of December 31, 2020, we had approximately 25,000 employees, including 3,100 contingent workers. We maintain good relations with both our union and non-union employees and, in the past ten years, have not experienced any major work stoppages. We renegotiated some of our domestic and non-domestic union agreements in 2020, and have several contracts set to expire in the next twelve months.

The attraction, retention and development of our employees is critical to our success. We accomplish this by developing the capabilities of our employees through continuous learning and performance management processes. Additionally, building an internal talent pipeline supports the achievement of this priority. In 2020, our internal fill rate was approximately 56%. This metric, which is based on salaried director level positions and above, helps us to understand where employees are advancing in their career and the effectiveness of our internal development programs. Our voluntary employee turnover rate was approximately 13%. We believe that our culture and continued effort to provide our employees with growth opportunities contributes to retaining our strong talent.

In addition, we aim to diversify our workforce because we recognize the value of engaging different opinions and backgrounds in a global company. We are committed to recruiting, developing and retaining a high-performing and diverse workforce. A global measurement for our diversity is women in the company and women in leadership. In 2020, women made up approximately 36% of our workforce. Of our leadership positions, defined as vice president positions and above, women held approximately 20% of such roles.

Safety continues to be a top priority and primary focus of management. An emphasis on reducing workplace incidents helps Cooper Standard to maintain a safe workforce and continue to deliver world class results for product quality. In 2020, our total incident rate (“TIR”) was 0.32, which represents an Occupational Safety and Health Administration measurement of on-the-job injuries in relation to total hours worked. Based on our review of industry peer sustainability reports, we have a lower TIR relative to our peer group. Additionally, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have remained focused on protecting the health and safety of our employees while meeting the needs of our customers. After the onset of COVID-19, we adopted enhanced safety measures and practices across our facilities to protect employee health and safety and ensure a reliable supply of products to our customers. We monitor and track the impact of the pandemic on our employees and within our operations and proactively modify or adopt new practices to promote their health and safety.

Also in 2020, the Company was named to Newsweek's list of America's Most Responsible Companies for the second consecutive year and was recognized as one of the 2020 World's Most Ethical Companies by Ethisphere. These awards are further testament to Cooper Standard's commitment to ESG (environmental, social and governance) topics, including our core value of integrity.

Community Involvement

Supported by the Cooper Standard Foundation, our employees are highly engaged in their local communities. The Foundation's mission is to strengthen the communities where Cooper Standard employees work and live through the passionate support of children's charities, education, health and wellness, and community revitalization. The Cooper Standard Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization with oversight by our Philanthropic Committee and Board of Trustees. For more information on the Company's community involvement, please visit our Corporate Responsibility Report located on the Cooper Standard website.

Environmental

Cooper Standard considers itself a steward of the environment, and we monitor the environmental impact of our business and products. We prioritize our environmental management as a means of driving and sustaining excellence. We are subject to a broad range of federal, state, and local environmental and occupational safety and health laws and regulations in the United States and other countries, including regulations governing: emissions to air, discharges to water, noise and odor emissions; the generation, handling, storage, transportation, treatment, reclamation and disposal of chemicals and waste materials; the cleanup of contaminated properties; and human health and safety. We have made, and will continue to make, expenditures to comply with environmental requirements. While our costs to defend and settle known claims arising under environmental laws have not been material in the past and are not currently estimated to have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, such costs could be material to our financial statements in the future. Further details regarding our commitments and contingencies are provided in Note 23. "Contingent Liabilities" to the consolidated financial statements included in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K (the "Report").

Market Data

Some market data and other statistical information used throughout this Annual Report on Form 10-K is based on data from independent firms such as IHS Markit and PwC. Other data is based on good faith estimates, which are derived from our review of internal analyses, as well as third party sources. Although we believe these third party sources are reliable, we have not independently verified the information and cannot guarantee its accuracy and completeness. To the extent that we have been unable to obtain information from third party sources, we have expressed our belief on the basis of our own internal analyses of our products and capabilities in comparison to our competitors.

Available Information

We make available free of charge on our website (www.cooperstandard.com) our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the "Exchange Act"), as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Our reports filed with the SEC also may be found on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Neither the information on our website nor the information on the SEC's website is incorporated by reference into this Report unless expressly noted.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Annual Report on Form 10-K includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of U.S. federal securities laws, and we intend that such forward-looking statements be subject to the safe harbor created thereby. Our use of words "estimate," "expect," "anticipate," "project," "plan," "intend," "believe," "outlook," "guidance," "forecast," or future or conditional verbs, such as "will," "should," "could," "would," or "may," and variations of such words or similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements are based upon our current expectations and various assumptions. Our expectations, beliefs, and projections are expressed in good faith and we believe there is a reasonable basis for them. However, we cannot assure you that these expectations, beliefs and projections will be achieved. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to significant risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results or achievements to be materially different from the future results or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Among other items, such factors may include: the impact, and expected continued impact, of the recent COVID-19 outbreak on our financial condition and results of operations; significant risks to our liquidity presented by the COVID-19 pandemic risk; prolonged or material contractions in automotive sales and production volumes; our inability to realize sales represented by awarded business; escalating pricing pressures; loss of large customers or significant platforms; our ability to successfully compete in the automotive parts industry; availability and increasing volatility in costs of manufactured

components and raw materials; disruption in our supply base; competitive threats and commercial risks associated with our diversification strategy through Advanced Technology Group; possible variability of our working capital requirements; risks associated with our international operations, including changes in laws, regulations, and policies governing the terms of foreign trade such as increased trade restrictions and tariffs; foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations; our ability to control the operations of our joint ventures for our sole benefit; our substantial amount of indebtedness and variable rates of interest; our ability to obtain adequate financing sources in the future; operating and financial restrictions imposed on us under our debt instruments; the underfunding of our pension plans; significant changes in discount rates and the actual return on pension assets; effectiveness of continuous improvement programs and other cost savings plans; manufacturing facility closings or consolidation; our ability to execute new program launches; our ability to meet customers' needs for new and improved products; the possibility that our acquisitions and divestitures may not be successful; product liability, warranty and recall claims brought against us; laws and regulations, including environmental, health and safety laws and regulations; legal and regulatory proceedings, claims or investigations against us; work stoppages or other labor disruptions; the ability of our intellectual property to withstand legal challenges; cyber-attacks, data privacy concerns, other disruptions in, or the inability to implement upgrades to, our information technology systems; the possible volatility of our annual effective tax rate; changes in our assumptions as a result of IRS issuing guidance on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act; the possibility of a failure to maintain effective controls and procedures; the possibility of future impairment charges to our goodwill and long-lived assets; our ability to identify, attract, develop and retain a skilled, engaged and diverse workforce; our ability to procure insurance at reasonable rates; and our dependence on our subsidiaries for cash to satisfy our obligations.

You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Our forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and we undertake no obligation to publicly update or otherwise revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except where we are expressly required to do so by law.

This Annual Report on Form 10-K also contains estimates and other information that is based on industry publications, surveys and forecasts. This information involves a number of assumptions and limitations, and we have not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of the information.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

We have listed below (not necessarily in order of importance or probability of occurrence) the most significant risk factors that could cause our actual results to vary materially from recent or anticipated results and could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

Operational Risks

Our financial condition and results of operations have been, and are expected to continue to be, adversely affected by the recent COVID-19 outbreak.

We face risks related to public health issues, including epidemics and pandemics such as the global outbreak of COVID-19. The COVID-19 outbreak and preventative measures taken to contain or mitigate the COVID-19 outbreak have caused, and are continuing to cause, business slowdowns or shutdowns and significant disruption in the financial markets both in the United States and globally. The continued spread of COVID-19 and efforts to contain the virus (including, but not limited to, vaccination, social distancing policies, restrictions on travel and reduced operations and extended closures of many businesses and institutions) may materially impact our financial condition and results of operations.

- **Facilities.** For example, beginning in the first quarter of 2020, we experienced the shutdown of effectively all of our facilities in Asia Pacific, North America, Europe and South America, coinciding with the shutdown of our customer facilities in those regions. While facilities gradually reopened and production resumed over the course of 2020, reopening was gradual and, at times, at lower capacities. A resurgence of the virus could cause another shutdown of our and our customers' facilities. Although our automotive operations generally do not realize revenue while our facilities are shut down, we continue to incur significant operating and non-operating expenses associated with these facilities. In addition, government regulations and safety and social distancing procedures that we have implemented in our facilities have increased our operating costs, and we may not be able to pass along these increased costs to our customers.
- **Supply chain.** Our business relies on a number of third parties, including suppliers and distribution and logistics providers. One or more of these third parties may experience financial distress, staffing shortages or liquidity challenges, file for bankruptcy protection, go out of business, or suffer disruptions in their business due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These supply chain effects may have an adverse effect on our ability to meet customer demand and may result in an increase in our costs of production and distribution, including increased freight and logistics costs and other expenses. A continued significant disruption to our production schedule will have an adverse effect on our financial condition, liquidity and results of operations.

- **Workforce.** If a significant percentage of our workforce, or the workforces of our suppliers and other third-party partners, is unable to work, whether because of illness, quarantine, limitations on travel or other government restrictions in connection with COVID-19, our operations may be negatively impacted. We also depend on senior management and other key personnel and consultants, and the illness of certain personnel or consultants could result in the loss of expertise and negatively affect our operations.
- **Demand.** The economic slowdown attributable to COVID-19 has also led to a global decrease in vehicle sales in markets around the world. Based on current weak consumer confidence, rising unemployment levels, risks to small businesses and overall economic uncertainty, it is likely that global demand for light vehicles will be significantly lower than both historical and previously projected levels for an extended period, even as the COVID-19 pandemic begins to abate. As described in more detail under the risk factor entitled “We are highly dependent on the automotive industry. A prolonged or material contraction in automotive sales and production volumes could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition”, a sustained decline in vehicle sales would adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.
- **Liquidity.** The COVID-19 pandemic has also caused significant disruptions to global financial markets. Such disruptions, together with the impact of COVID-19 on the automotive industry, may have a negative impact on our ability to access capital in the future on favorable terms or at all.

The full impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our financial condition and results of operations will depend on future developments, such as the ultimate duration and scope of the outbreak, its impact on our customers, suppliers and logistics partners, how quickly normal operations can resume and the duration and magnitude of the economic downturn caused by the pandemic in our key markets. In particular, a delay in wide distribution of a vaccine, or a lack of public acceptance of a vaccine, could lead people to continue to self-isolate and not participate in the economy at pre-pandemic levels for a prolonged period of time. Further, even if a vaccine is widely distributed and accepted, the vaccine may not be successful in limiting or stopping the spread of COVID-19. Government-sponsored liquidity or stimulus programs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic may not be available to our customers, suppliers or us and, if available, may nevertheless be insufficient to address the impacts of COVID-19. Therefore, it remains difficult to predict the extent or nature of these impacts at this time. The COVID-19 pandemic may also exacerbate the other risks disclosed in this Item 1A. Risk Factors.

A disruption in, or the inability to successfully implement upgrades to, our information technology systems, including disruptions relating to cybersecurity as well as data privacy concerns, could adversely affect our business and financial performance.

We rely upon information technology networks, systems and processes, including the information technology networks of third parties such as suppliers and joint venture partners, to manage and support our business. We have implemented a number of procedures and practices designed to protect against breaches or failures of our systems. Despite the security measures that we have implemented, including those measures to prevent cyber-attacks, our systems could be breached or damaged by computer viruses or unauthorized physical or electronic access. A breach of our information technology systems, or those of the third parties on whom we rely, could result in theft of our intellectual property, disruption to business or unauthorized access to customer or personal information. Such a breach could adversely impact our operations and/or our reputation and may cause us to incur significant time and expense to cure or remediate the breach.

Further, we continually update and expand our information technology systems to enable us to more efficiently run our business. If these systems are not implemented successfully, our operations and business could be disrupted and our ability to report accurate and timely financial results could be adversely affected.

Disruptions in the supply chain could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

We obtain components and other products and services from numerous suppliers and other vendors throughout the world. We are responsible for managing our supply chain, including suppliers that may be the sole sources of products that we require, that our customers direct us to use or that have unique capabilities that would make it difficult and/or expensive to re-source. In certain instances, entire industries may experience short-term capacity constraints. Any significant disruption in supply could adversely affect our financial performance. Furthermore, unfavorable economic or industry conditions could result in financial distress within our supply base, thereby increasing the risk of supply disruption. Although market conditions generally have improved in recent years, uncertainty remains, and an economic downturn or other unfavorable conditions in one or more of the regions in which we operate could cause a supply disruption and thereby adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

If a customer experiences a material supply shortage, either directly or as a result of a supply shortage at another supplier, that customer may halt or limit the purchase of our products, which could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Increases in the costs, or reduced availability, of raw materials and manufactured components may adversely affect our profitability.

Raw material costs can be volatile. The principle raw materials to produce our products include synthetic and natural rubber, carbon black, process oils, and plastic resins. Principal procured components are primarily made from plastic, carbon steel, aluminum and stainless steel. Material costs represented approximately 46% of our total cost of products sold in 2020. The costs and availability of raw materials and manufactured components can fluctuate due to factors beyond our control, including as a result of existing and potential changes to U.S. policies related to global trade and tariffs. A significant increase in the price of raw materials, or a restriction in their availability, could materially increase our operating costs and adversely affect our profitability because it is generally difficult to pass through these increased costs to our customers.

Our diversification strategy through the Advanced Technology Group poses new competitive threats and commercial risks.

Our diversification strategy through the Advanced Technology Group is to leverage our core products in adjacent markets and license our innovation technology in non-automotive markets. We may be unsuccessful in leveraging our existing products and technology into new markets and thus in meeting the needs of these new customers and competing favorably in these new markets.

Our inability to effectively manage the timing, quality and costs of new program launches could adversely affect our financial performance.

In connection with the award of new business, we may obligate ourselves to deliver new products that are subject to our customers' timing, performance and quality standards. Given the number and complexity of new program launches, we may experience difficulties managing product quality, timeliness and associated costs. In addition, new program launches require a significant ramp up of costs. However, our sales related to these new programs generally are dependent upon the timing and success of our customers' introduction of new vehicles. Our inability to effectively manage the timing, quality and costs of these new program launches could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

Our success depends in part on our development of improved products, and our efforts may fail to meet the needs of customers on a timely or cost-effective basis.

Our continued success depends on our ability to maintain advanced technological capabilities and knowledge necessary to adapt to changing market demands, as well as to develop and commercialize innovative products. We may be unable to develop new products successfully or to keep pace with technological developments by our competitors and the industry in general. In addition, we may develop specific technologies and capabilities in anticipation of customers' demands for new innovations and technologies. If such demand does not materialize, we may be unable to recover the costs incurred in the development of such technologies and capabilities. If we are unable to recover these costs or if any such programs do not progress as expected, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected.

We may incur material losses and costs as a result of product liability and warranty and recall claims that may be brought against us.

We may be exposed to product liability and warranty claims in the event that our products actually or allegedly fail to perform as expected or the use of our products results, or is alleged to result, in bodily injury and/or property damage. Accordingly, we could experience material warranty or product liability expenses in the future and incur significant costs to defend against these claims. In addition, if any of our products are, or are alleged to be, defective, we may be required to participate in a recall of that product if the defect or the alleged defect relates to automotive safety. Product recalls could cause us to incur material costs and could harm our reputation or cause us to lose customers, particularly if any such recall causes customers to question the safety or reliability of our products. Also, while we possess considerable historical warranty and recall data with respect to the products we currently produce, we do not have such data relating to new products, assembly programs or technologies, including any new fuel and emissions technology and systems being brought into production, to allow us to accurately estimate future warranty or recall costs.

In addition, the increased focus on systems integration platforms utilizing fuel and emissions technology with more sophisticated components from multiple sources could result in an increased risk of component warranty costs over which we have little or no control and for which we may be subject to an increasing share of liability to the extent any of the other component suppliers are in financial distress or are otherwise incapable of fulfilling their warranty or product recall

obligations. Our costs associated with providing product warranties and responding to product recall claims could be material. Product liability, warranty and recall costs may adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Work stoppages or similar difficulties could disrupt our operations and negatively affect our operations and financial performance.

We may be subject to work stoppages and may be affected by other labor disputes. A number of our collective bargaining agreements expire in any given year. There is no certainty that we will be successful in negotiating new agreements with these unions that extend beyond the current expiration dates or that these new agreements will be on terms as favorable to us as past labor agreements. Failure to renew these agreements when they expire or to establish new collective bargaining agreements on terms acceptable to us and the unions could result in work stoppages or other labor disruptions which may have an adverse effect on our operations, customer relationships and financial results. Additionally, a work stoppage at one or more of our suppliers or our customers' suppliers could adversely affect our operations if an alternative source of supply were not readily available. Work stoppages by our customers' employees could result in reduced demand for our products and could have an adverse effect on our business. In addition, it is possible that our workforce will become more unionized in the future. Unionization activities could increase our costs, which could negatively affect our results of operations.

Our commitment to drive value through culture, innovation and results is dependent on our ability to identify, attract, develop and retain a skilled, engaged and diverse workforce.

Our people are the driving force behind our success at Cooper Standard. Our ability to pursue breakthrough technology innovations, implement cutting-edge manufacturing and business processes, and achieve our operating and strategic goals is dependent on the engagement, skills, experience and knowledge of our employees. Any failure or delay in attracting, retaining and developing such a workforce, including the loss of key technological and leadership personnel, could adversely impact our business, financial condition and operating results.

Strategic Risks

We are highly dependent on the automotive industry. A prolonged or material contraction in automotive sales and production volumes could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Automotive sales and production are cyclical and depend on, among other things, general economic conditions and consumer spending, vehicle demand and preferences (which can be affected by a number of factors, including fuel costs, employment levels and the availability of consumer financing). As the volume of automotive production and the mix of vehicles produced fluctuate, the demand for our products also fluctuates. Prolonged or material contraction in automotive sales and production volumes, or significant changes in the mix of vehicles produced, could cause our customers to reduce orders of our products, which could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We may not realize sales represented by awarded business, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

The realization of future sales from awarded business is subject to risks and uncertainties inherent in the cyclicity of vehicle production. In addition, our customers generally have the right to resource awarded business without penalty. Therefore, the ultimate amount of our sales is not guaranteed. If actual production orders from our customers are not consistent with the projections we use in calculating the amount of awarded business, we could realize substantially less sales and profit over the life of these awards than currently projected.

Escalating pricing pressures may adversely affect our business.

Pricing pressure in the automotive supply industry has been substantial and is likely to continue. Nearly all vehicle manufacturers seek price reductions in both the initial bidding process and during the term of the contract. Price reductions have adversely impacted our sales and profit margins and are expected to do so in the future. If we are not able to offset continued price reductions through improved operating efficiencies and reduced expenditures, those price reductions may have a negative impact on our financial condition.

Our business could be adversely affected if we lose any of our largest customers or significant platforms.

While we provide parts to virtually every major global OEM for use on a wide range of different platforms, sales to our three largest customers, Ford, GM and FCA, on a worldwide basis represented approximately 54% of our sales for the year ended December 31, 2020. Our ability to reduce the risks inherent in certain concentrations of business will depend, in part, on our ability to continue to diversify our sales on a customer, product, platform and geographic basis. Although business with each customer is typically split among numerous contracts, the loss of a major customer, significant reduction in purchases of our

products by such customer, or any discontinuance or resourcing of a significant platform could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We operate in a highly competitive industry and efforts by our competitors to gain market share could adversely affect our financial performance.

The automotive parts industry is highly competitive. We face numerous competitors in each of our product lines. In general, there are three or more significant competitors and numerous smaller competitors for most of the products we offer. We also face competition for certain of our products from suppliers producing in lower-cost regions such as Asia and Eastern Europe. Our competitors' efforts to grow market share could exert downward pressure on the pricing of our products and our margins.

The benefits of our continuous improvement program and other cost savings plans may not be fully realized.

Our operations strategy includes continuous improvement programs and implementation of lean manufacturing tools across all facilities to achieve cost savings and increased performance. Further, we have and may continue to initiate restructuring actions designed to improve future profitability and competitiveness. The cost savings that we anticipate from these initiatives may not be achieved on schedule or at the level we anticipate. If we are unable to realize these anticipated savings, our operating results and financial condition may be adversely affected.

We are subject to other risks associated with our international operations.

We have significant manufacturing operations outside the United States, including joint ventures and other alliances. Our operations are located in 21 countries, and we export to several other countries. In 2020, approximately 78% of our sales were attributable to products manufactured outside the United States. Risks inherent in our international operations include:

- currency exchange rate fluctuations, currency controls and restrictions, and the ability to hedge currencies;
- changes in local economic conditions;
- repatriation restrictions or requirements, including tax increases on remittances and other payments by our foreign subsidiaries;
- global sovereign fiscal uncertainty and hyperinflation in certain foreign countries;
- Changes in laws and regulations, including laws or policies governing the terms of foreign trade, and in particular increased trade restrictions, tariffs, or taxes or the imposition of embargoes on imports from countries where we manufacture products;
- operating in foreign jurisdictions where the ability to enforce rights over intellectual property is limited as a statutory or practical matter;
- continued political, economic and regulatory uncertainty as a result of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union ("Brexit") on January 31, 2020, and the expiration of the transition period on December 31, 2020, including with respect to potential import/export restrictions that would affect products we ship to U.K. customers primarily from continental Europe;
- exposure to possible expropriation or other government actions;
- disease, pandemics or other severe public health events; and
- exposure to local political or social unrest including resultant acts of war, terrorism, or similar events.

The occurrence of any of these risks may adversely affect the results of operations and financial condition of our international operations and our business as a whole.

Expanding our sales and manufacturing operations in the Asia Pacific region, particularly in China, is an integral part of our strategy, and, as a result, our exposure to the risks described above is substantial.

In addition, we are subject to the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (the "FCPA") and other laws which prohibit improper payments to foreign governments and their officials by U.S. and other business entities. Certain of the countries in which we operate present heightened corruption risks, which therefore increases the risks of our exposure under the FCPA and other applicable anti-bribery and corruption laws and regulations.

We may continue to incur significant costs related to manufacturing facility closings or consolidation which could have an adverse effect on our financial condition.

If we must close or consolidate manufacturing locations, the exit costs associated with such closures or consolidation, including employee termination costs, may be significant. Such costs could negatively affect our cash flows, results of operations and financial condition.

A portion of our operations are conducted by joint ventures which have unique risks.

Certain of our operations are carried out by joint ventures. In joint ventures, we share the management of the company with one or more partners who may not have the same goals, resources or priorities as we do. The operations of our joint ventures are subject to agreements with our partners, which typically include additional organizational formalities as well as requirements to share information and decision making and may also limit our ability to sell our interest. Additional risks include one or more partners failing to satisfy contractual obligations, a change in ownership of any of our partners and our limited ability to control our partners' compliance with applicable laws, including the FCPA. Any such occurrences could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results, cash flow or reputation.

Any acquisitions or divestitures we make may be unsuccessful, may take longer than anticipated or may negatively impact our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

We may pursue acquisitions or divestitures in the future as part of our strategy. Acquisitions and divestitures involve numerous risks, including identifying attractive target acquisitions, undisclosed risks affecting the target, difficulties integrating acquired businesses, the assumption of unknown liabilities, potential adverse effects on existing customer or supplier relationships, and the diversion of management's attention from day-to-day business. We may not have, or be able to raise on acceptable terms, sufficient financial resources to make acquisitions. Our ability to make investments may also be limited by the terms of our existing or future financing arrangements. Any acquisitions or divestitures we pursue may not be successful or prove to be beneficial to our operations and cash flow.

Financial Risks

Failure to maintain effective controls and procedures could adversely impact our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Regulatory provisions governing the financial reporting of U.S. public companies require that we establish and maintain disclosure controls and internal controls over financial reporting across our operations in 21 countries. Any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives; as such, they can be susceptible to human error, circumvention or override, and fraud. Failure to maintain adequate, effective controls and procedures could result in potential financial misstatements or other forms of noncompliance that could have an adverse impact on our business, results of operations, financial condition or organizational reputation.

Foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations could materially impact our operating results.

Our sales and manufacturing operations outside the United States expose us to currency risks. For our consolidated financial statements, our sales and earnings denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars. This translation is calculated based on average exchange rates during the reporting period. Accordingly, our reported international sales and earnings could be adversely impacted in periods of a strengthening U.S. dollar.

Although we generally produce in the same geographic region as our products are sold, we also produce in countries that predominately sell in another currency. Further, some of our commodities are purchased in or tied to the U.S. dollar; therefore our earnings could be adversely impacted during the periods of a strengthening U.S. dollar relative to other foreign currencies. While we employ financial instruments to hedge certain portions of our foreign currency exposures, our efforts to manage these risks may not be successful and may not completely insulate us from the effects of currency fluctuation.

Impairment charges relating to our goodwill, long-lived assets or intangible assets could adversely affect our results of operations.

We regularly monitor our goodwill, long-lived assets and intangible assets for impairment indicators. In conducting our goodwill impairment testing, we compare the fair value of our North America reporting unit to its related net book value. In conducting our impairment analysis of long-lived and intangible assets, we compare the undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated from the long-lived or intangible assets to the related net book values. Changes in economic or operating conditions impacting our estimates and assumptions could result in the impairment of our goodwill, long-lived assets or intangible assets. In the event that we determine that our goodwill, long-lived assets or intangible assets are impaired, we may be required to record a significant charge to earnings, which could adversely affect our results of operations.

We have a substantial amount of indebtedness, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and our ability to obtain financing in the future and to react to changes in our business.

For discussion of our debt and financing arrangements, including our senior term loan facility ("Term Loan Facility"), 5.625% Senior Notes due 2026 ("Senior Notes"), 13.0% Senior Secured Notes due 2024 ("Senior Secured Notes"), our senior

asset-based revolving credit facility (“ABL Facility”) and debt of certain foreign subsidiaries, see “Liquidity and Capital Resources - Financing Arrangements” in Item 7. “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and Note 11. “Debt” to the consolidated financial statements included under Item 8. “Financial Statements and Supplementary Data” of this Report.

Our substantial amount of debt and our debt service obligations could limit our ability to satisfy our obligations, limit our ability to operate our business and impair our competitive position. For example, it could:

- make it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations;
- increase our vulnerability to adverse economic and general industry conditions, including interest rate fluctuations, because a portion of our borrowings accrues interest at variable rates;
- require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flows from operations to payments on our debt, which would reduce the availability of cash to fund working capital, capital expenditures or other general corporate purposes;
- limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and industry;
- place us at a disadvantage compared to competitors that may have proportionately less debt;
- limit our ability to obtain additional debt or equity financing due to applicable financial and restrictive covenants in our debt agreements; and
- increase our cost of borrowing.

Our ability to make scheduled payments on our debt or to refinance these obligations depends on our financial condition, operating performance and our ability to generate cash in the future. If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to fund our debt service obligations, we may be forced to reduce or delay investments and capital expenditures, sell material assets, seek additional capital or restructure or refinance our indebtedness, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. In addition, we may not be able to effect any of these actions, if necessary, on commercially reasonable terms or at all. Our ability to restructure or refinance our indebtedness will depend on the condition of the capital markets and our financial condition at such time. Any refinancing of our debt could be at higher interest rates and may require us to comply with more onerous covenants, which could further restrict our business operations. The terms of existing or future debt instruments, including the credit agreements governing the Term Loan Facility and the ABL Facility and the indentures governing the Senior Notes and the Senior Secured Notes, may limit or prevent us from taking any of these actions. In addition, a reduction of our credit rating could harm our ability to incur additional indebtedness on commercially reasonable terms or at all. An inability to generate sufficient cash flow to satisfy our debt service obligations, or to refinance or restructure our obligations on commercially reasonable terms or at all, would have an adverse effect, which could be material, on our business, financial condition and results of operations, as well as on our ability to satisfy our obligations in respect of the Term Loan Facility, the Senior Notes, the Senior Secured Notes, or the ABL Facility.

Although the credit agreements governing the Term Loan Facility and the ABL Facility and the indentures governing the Senior Notes and the Senior Secured Notes contain certain limitations on our ability to incur additional indebtedness, they do not prohibit us from incurring obligations that do not constitute indebtedness as defined therein. To the extent that we incur additional indebtedness or incur such other obligations that may be permitted under our debt instruments, the risks associated with our substantial indebtedness described above, including our potential inability to service our debt, will increase.

Our variable rate indebtedness subjects us to interest rate risk, which could cause our indebtedness service obligations to increase significantly.

The borrowings under the ABL Facility and the Term Loan Facility are at variable rates of interest and expose us to interest rate risk. If interest rates increase, our debt service obligations on the variable rate indebtedness would increase even though the amount borrowed remained the same, and our net income and cash flows, including cash available for servicing our indebtedness, would correspondingly decrease.

LIBOR and other interest rates that are indices deemed to be “benchmarks” are the subject of recent and ongoing national, international and other regulatory guidance and proposals for reform. Some of these reforms are already effective, while others are still to be implemented. These reforms may cause such benchmarks to perform differently than in the past, or to disappear entirely, or have other consequences that cannot be predicted. Any such consequence could have a material adverse effect on our existing facilities, our interest rate swap agreement or our future debt linked to such a “benchmark” and our ability to service debt that bears interest at floating rates of interest.

Our debt instruments impose significant operating and financial restrictions on us and our subsidiaries.

The credit agreements governing the Term Loan Facility and the ABL Facility and the indentures governing the Senior Notes and the Senior Secured Notes impose significant operating and financial restrictions and limit our ability, among other things, to:

- incur, assume or permit to exist additional indebtedness (including guarantees thereof);
- pay dividends or certain other distributions on our capital stock or repurchase our capital stock or prepay subordinated indebtedness;
- incur liens on assets;
- make certain investments or other restricted payments;
- allow to exist certain restrictions on the ability of our restricted subsidiaries to pay dividends or make other payments to us;
- engage in transactions with affiliates;
- alter the business that we conduct; and
- sell certain assets or merge or consolidate with or into other companies.

Moreover, our ABL Facility provides the agent considerable discretion to impose reserves, which could materially reduce the amount of borrowings that would otherwise be available to us.

As a result of these covenants and restrictions (including borrowing base availability), we are limited in how we conduct our business, and we may be unable to raise additional debt or equity financing to compete effectively or to take advantage of new business opportunities or acquisitions. The terms of any future indebtedness we may incur could include more restrictive covenants. We may not be able to maintain compliance with these covenants in the future and, if we fail to do so, we may not be able to obtain waivers from the lenders and/or amend the covenants in such agreements. Our failure to comply with the restrictive covenants described above as well as others contained in our future debt instruments from time to time could result in an event of default, which, if not cured or waived, could result in our being required to repay these borrowings before their due date. If we are forced to refinance these borrowings on less favorable terms, our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be adversely affected.

If there were an event of default under any of the agreements relating to our outstanding indebtedness whether as a result of a payment default, covenant breach or otherwise, the holders of the defaulted debt could cause all amounts outstanding with respect to that debt to be due and payable immediately. Our assets or cash flow may not be sufficient to fully repay borrowings under our outstanding debt instruments if accelerated upon occurrence of an event of default. Further, if we are unable to repay, refinance or restructure our indebtedness under our secured debt, the holders of such debt could exercise remedies against the collateral securing that indebtedness. In addition, any event of default or declaration of acceleration under one debt instrument could also result in an event of default under one or more of our other debt instruments. As a result, any default by us on our indebtedness could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operation.

Our expected annual effective tax rate and cash tax liability could be volatile and could materially change as a result of changes in many items including mix of earnings, debt and capital structure and other factors.

Many items could impact our effective tax rate and cash tax liability including changes in our debt and capital structure, mix of earnings and many other factors. Our overall effective tax rate is based upon the consolidated tax expense as a percentage of consolidated earnings before tax. However, tax expenses and benefits are not recognized on a consolidated or global basis, but rather on a jurisdictional, legal entity basis. Further, certain jurisdictions in which we operate generate losses where no current financial statement tax benefit is realized. In addition, certain jurisdictions have statutory rates greater than or less than the United States statutory rate. As such, changes in the mix and source of earnings between jurisdictions could have a significant impact on our overall effective tax rate and cash tax liability in future years. Changes in rules related to accounting for income taxes, changes in tax laws and rates or adverse outcomes from tax audits that occur regularly in any of our jurisdictions could also have a significant impact on our overall effective tax rate and cash tax liability in future periods.

Our pension plans are currently underfunded, and we may have to make cash contributions to the plans, reducing the cash available for our business.

We sponsor various pension plans worldwide that are underfunded and will require cash contributions. Additionally, if the performance of the assets in our pension plans does not meet our expectations, or if other actuarial assumptions are modified, our required contributions may be higher than we expect. As of December 31, 2020, our pension plans were underfunded by \$144.9 million. If our cash flow from operations is insufficient to fund our worldwide pension liabilities, it could have an adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Our working capital requirements may negatively affect our liquidity and capital resources.

Our working capital requirements can vary significantly, depending in part on the level, variability and timing of our customers' worldwide vehicle production and the payment terms with our customers and suppliers. If our working capital needs exceed our cash provided by operating activities, we would look to our cash balances and availability under our borrowing arrangements to satisfy those needs, as well as potential sources of additional capital, which may not be available on satisfactory terms and in adequate amounts, if at all.

Significant changes in discount rates, the actual return on pension assets and other factors could adversely affect our liquidity, results of operations and financial condition.

Our earnings may be positively or negatively impacted by the amount of income or expense recorded related to our pension plans. Generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("U.S. GAAP") require that income or expense related to the pension plans be calculated at the annual measurement date using actuarial calculations, which reflect certain assumptions. Because these assumptions have fluctuated and will continue to fluctuate in response to changing market conditions, the amount of gains or losses that will be recognized in subsequent periods, the impact on the funded status of the pension plans and the future minimum required contributions, if any, could adversely affect our liquidity, results of operations and financial condition.

We operate as a holding company and depend on our subsidiaries for cash to satisfy the obligations of the holding company.

Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. is a holding company. Our subsidiaries conduct all of our operations and own substantially all of our assets. Our cash flow and our ability to meet our obligations depend on the cash flow of our subsidiaries. In addition, the payment of funds in the form of dividends, intercompany payments, tax sharing payments and otherwise may be subject to restrictions under the laws of the countries of incorporation of our subsidiaries or their governing documents.

We may not be able to procure insurance at reasonable rates to fully meet our needs.

Integral to our risk management strategy and due to requirements under certain of our contracts, we procure insurance coverage from third party insurers. There can be no assurance that any of our existing insurance coverage will be renewable upon the expiration of the coverage period or that future coverage will be affordable at needed limits. Such circumstances will lead to an increase in both our overall risk exposure and our operational expenses, disrupt the management of our business, and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of our operations.

The COVID-19 pandemic risk presents significant risks to our liquidity.

Our continued access to sources of liquidity depends on multiple factors, including global economic conditions, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our customers and their production rates, the condition of global financial markets, the availability of sufficient amounts of financing, our operating performance and our credit ratings. While we currently have no outstanding borrowings under our ABL facility, our ability to borrow against the ABL facility is limited to our borrowing base, which consists primarily of our U.S. and Canadian accounts receivable and inventory. Production shutdowns in both the US and Canada could lead to significant reductions in these working capital balances and significantly decrease our ability to borrow under our ABL facility.

In addition, if the Company has availability for borrowing under its ABL facility less than the greater of (i) \$15.0 million and (ii) 10% of the Borrowing Base (as defined in the ABL facility), it must be in compliance with a springing Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio maintenance covenant of 1.00:1.00. The Company currently would not be able to satisfy such covenant and does not expect to be able to for the foreseeable future due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on its business. Accordingly, the Company intends to manage any borrowings under its ABL facility to avoid triggering this maintenance covenant, which would further constrain its ability to utilize the ABL facility. As of December 31, 2020, there were no obligations outstanding under the ABL Facility. The Company's borrowing base was \$173.7 million. Net the greater of 10% of the borrowing base or \$15.0 million that cannot be borrowed without triggering the fixed charge coverage ratio maintenance covenant and \$5.5 million of outstanding letters of credit, the Company effectively had \$150.9 million available for borrowing under its ABL facility.

Furthermore, production shutdowns will result in working capital swings which could result in increased outflows. As a result of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, we may be required to raise additional capital, and our access to and cost of financing will depend on, among other things, global economic conditions, conditions in the global financing markets, the availability of sufficient amounts of financing, our prospects and our credit ratings. Such capital may not be available on favorable terms or at all.

Legal and Compliance Risks

We are involved from time to time in legal and regulatory proceedings, claims or investigations which could have an adverse impact on our results of operations and financial condition.

We are involved in legal and regulatory proceedings, claims or investigations that, from time to time, may be significant. These matters typically arise in the normal course of business including, without limitation, commercial or contractual disputes, including warranty claims and other disputes with customers and suppliers; intellectual property matters; personal injury claims; environmental issues; tax matters; employment matters; antitrust matters; anti-corruption matters; or allegations relating to legal compliance by us or our employees.

For further information regarding our legal matters, see Item 3. "Legal Proceedings." The industries in which we operate are also periodically reviewed or investigated by regulators, which could lead to enforcement actions, fines and penalties or the assertion of private litigation claims. It is not possible to predict with certainty the outcome of claims, investigations and lawsuits, and we could in the future incur judgments, fines or penalties or enter into settlements of lawsuits and claims that could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition in any particular period.

If we are unable to protect our intellectual property or if a third party challenges our intellectual property rights, our business could be adversely affected.

We own or have rights to proprietary technology that is important to our business. We rely on intellectual property laws, patents, trademarks and trade secrets to protect such technology. Such protections, however, vary among the countries in which we market and sell our products, and as a result, we may be unable to prevent third parties from using our intellectual property without authorization. Any infringement or misappropriation of our technology could have an adverse effect on our business and results of operations. We also face exposure to claims by others for infringement of intellectual property rights and could incur significant costs or losses related to such claims. In addition, many of our supply agreements require us to indemnify our customers from third-party infringement claims. These claims, regardless of their merit or resolution, are frequently costly to prosecute, defend or settle and divert the efforts and attention of our management and employees. If any such claim were to result in an adverse outcome, we could be required to take actions which may include: ceasing the manufacture, use or sale of the infringing products; paying substantial damages to third parties, including to customers to compensate them for the discontinued use of a product or to replace infringing technology with non-infringing technology; or expending significant resources to develop or license non-infringing products, any of which could adversely affect our operations, business and financial condition.

We may be adversely affected by laws and regulations, including environmental, health and safety laws and regulations.

We are subject to various U.S. federal, state and local, and non-U.S. laws and regulations, including those related to environmental, health and safety, financial, tax, customs and other matters. We cannot predict the substance or impact of pending or future legislation or regulations, or the application thereof. The introduction of new laws or regulations or changes in existing laws or regulations, or the interpretations thereof, could increase the costs of doing business for us or our customers or suppliers or restrict our actions and adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

In particular, we are subject to a broad range of laws and regulations governing emissions to air; discharges to water; noise and odor emissions; the generation, handling, storage, transportation, treatment, reclamation and disposal of chemicals and waste materials; the cleanup of contaminated properties; and health and safety. We may incur substantial costs in complying with these laws and regulations. Many of our current and former facilities have been subject to certain environmental investigations and remediation activities, and we maintain environmental reserves for certain of these sites. Through various acquisitions, we have acquired a number of manufacturing facilities, and we cannot assure that we will not incur material costs or liabilities relating to activities that predate our ownership. Material future expenditures may be necessary if compliance standards change or material unknown conditions that require remediation are discovered. Environmental laws could also restrict our ability to expand our facilities or could require us to acquire costly equipment or to incur other significant expenses. If we fail to comply with present and future environmental laws and regulations, we could be subject to future liabilities, which could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

Item 2. Properties

As of December 31, 2020, our operations were conducted through 121 wholly-owned, leased and consolidated joint venture facilities in 21 countries (*North and Central America*: Canada, Costa Rica, Mexico, United States; *Asia Pacific*: China, India, Japan, South Korea, Thailand; *Europe*: Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom; *South America*: Brazil), of which 72 are predominantly manufacturing facilities and 49 have design, engineering, administrative or logistics designations. Our corporate headquarters are located in Northville, Michigan. Our manufacturing facilities are located in North America, Central America, Europe, Asia and South America. We believe that substantially all of our properties are in generally good condition and there is sufficient capacity to meet current and projected manufacturing, product development and logistics requirements. The following table summarizes our key property holdings:

Segment	Type	Total Facilities*	Owned Facilities
North America	Manufacturing ^(a)	32	19
	Other ^(b)	26	1
Asia Pacific	Manufacturing ^(a)	17	6
	Other ^(b)	5	—
Europe	Manufacturing ^(a)	19	10
	Other ^(b)	17	—
South America	Manufacturing ^(a)	4	1
	Other ^(b)	1	—

(a) Includes multi-activity sites which are predominantly manufacturing.

(b) Includes design, engineering, administrative and logistics locations.

(*) Excludes 3 unutilized facilities: 2 Europe; 1 North America

(*) Includes 13 R&D facilities worldwide.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

The litigation process is subject to many uncertainties, and the outcome of individual matters is not predictable with assurance. See Note 23. “Contingent Liabilities” to the consolidated financial statements included in Item 8. “Financial Statements and Supplementary Data” of this Report for discussion of loss contingencies.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Market Information

Our common stock has been traded on the NYSE since October 17, 2013 under the symbol "CPS."

Holders of Common Stock

As of February 10, 2021, there were approximately 7 holders of record of our common stock. This stockholder figure does not include a substantially greater number of holders whose shares are held of record by banks, brokers and other financial institutions.

Dividends

Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. has never paid or declared a dividend on its common stock. The declaration of any prospective dividends is at the discretion of the Board of Directors and would be dependent upon sufficient earnings, capital requirements, financial position, general economic conditions, state law requirements and other relevant factors. Additionally, our credit agreements governing our ABL Facility and Term Loan Facility and our indentures governing our Senior Notes and Senior Secured Notes contain covenants that, among other things, restrict our ability to pay certain dividends and distributions subject to certain qualifications and limitations. See "Liquidity and Capital Resources" under Item 7. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" of this Report. We do not anticipate paying any dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future.

Securities Repurchase Program

In June 2018, our Board of Directors approved a common stock repurchase program (the "2018 Program") authorizing us to repurchase, in the aggregate, up to \$150.0 million of our outstanding common stock. Under the 2018 Program, repurchases may be made on the open market, through private transactions, accelerated share repurchases, round lot or block transactions on the New York Stock Exchange or otherwise, as determined by our management and in accordance with prevailing market conditions and federal securities laws and regulations. We expect to fund any future repurchases from cash on hand and future cash flows from operations. We are not obligated to acquire a particular amount of securities, and the 2018 Program may be discontinued at any time at the Company's discretion. The 2018 Program was effective beginning November 2018.

As of December 31, 2020, we had approximately \$98.7 million of repurchase authorization remaining.

A summary of shares of our common stock repurchased during the three months ended December 31, 2020 is shown below:

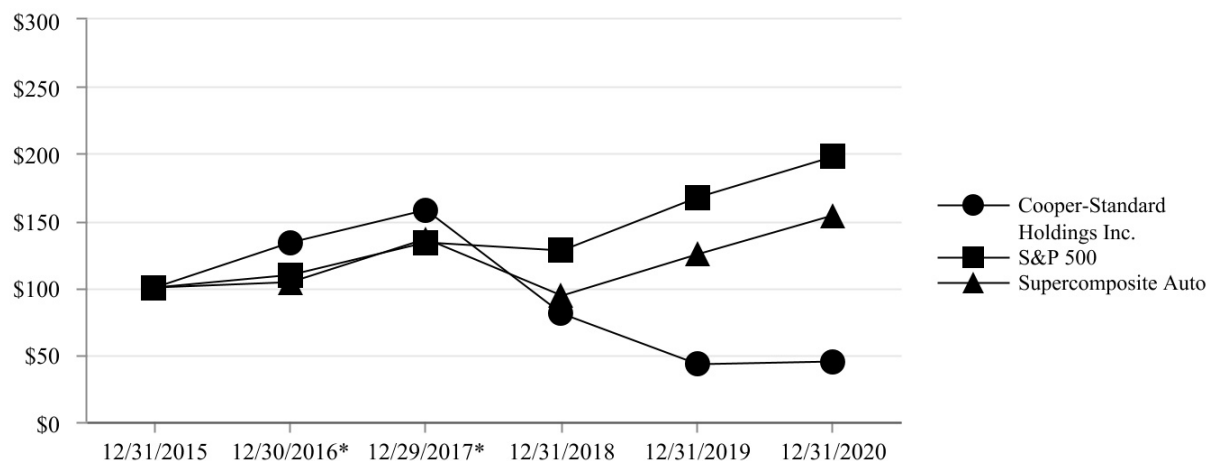
Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased ⁽¹⁾	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under the Program (in millions)
October 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020	74	\$ 18.23	—	\$ 98.7
November 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020	132	\$ 15.69	—	\$ 98.7
December 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020	—	\$ —	—	\$ 98.7
Total	206		—	\$ 98.7

⁽¹⁾ Represents shares repurchased by the Company to satisfy employee tax withholding requirements due upon the vesting of restricted stock awards.

Performance Graph

The following graph compares the cumulative total stockholder return for Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. to the Standard & Poor's 500 Index and the Standard & Poor's Supercomposite Auto Parts & Equipment Index based on currently available data. The graph assumes an initial investment of \$100 on December 31, 2015 and reflects the cumulative total return on that investment, including the reinvestment of all dividends where applicable, through December 31, 2020.

Comparison of Cumulative Return



	Ticker	12/31/2015	12/30/2016*	12/29/2017*	12/31/2018	12/31/2019	12/31/2020
Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.	CPS	\$ 100.00	\$ 133.24	\$ 157.88	\$ 80.06	\$ 42.74	\$ 44.68
S&P 500	SPX	\$ 100.00	\$ 109.63	\$ 133.27	\$ 127.40	\$ 167.18	\$ 197.23
S&P Supercomposite Auto Parts & Equipment Index	S15AUTP	\$ 100.00	\$ 103.81	\$ 136.36	\$ 94.12	\$ 124.98	\$ 153.59

* Represents last trading day of the year

Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The selected financial data previously required by Item 301 of Regulation S-K has been omitted in reliance on SEC Release No. 33-10890, Management's Discussion and Analysis, Selected Financial Data, and Supplementary Financial Information.

Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

This management’s discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations is intended to assist in understanding and assessing the trends and significant changes in our results of operations and financial condition. Our historical results may not indicate, and should not be relied upon as an indication of, our future performance. Our forward-looking statements reflect our current views about future events, are based on assumptions and are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by these statements. See Item 1. “Business—Forward-Looking Statements” for a discussion of risks associated with reliance on forward-looking statements. Factors that may cause differences between actual results and those contemplated by forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, those discussed below and in Item 1A. “Risk Factors.” Management’s discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the notes to those statements included in Item 8. “Financial Statements and Supplementary Data” of this Report.

Executive Overview

Our Business

We design, manufacture and sell sealing, fuel and brake delivery, and fluid transfer systems for use in passenger vehicles and light trucks manufactured by global OEMs. Prior to its divestiture on April 1, 2019, the Company also operated an AVS business. In 2020, approximately 83% of our sales consisted of original equipment sold directly to OEMs for installation on new vehicles. The remaining 17% of our sales were primarily to Tier I and Tier II suppliers and non-automotive manufacturers. Accordingly, sales of our products are directly affected by the annual vehicle production of OEMs and, in particular, the production levels of the vehicles for which we provide specific parts. Most of our products are custom designed and engineered for a specific vehicle platform. Our sales and product development personnel frequently work directly with the OEMs’ engineering departments in the design and development of our various products.

Although each OEM may emphasize different requirements as the primary criteria for judging its suppliers, we believe success as an automotive supplier generally requires outstanding performance with respect to quality, price, service, performance, design and engineering capabilities, innovation, timely delivery, financial stability and an extensive global footprint. Also, we believe our continued commitment to invest in global common processes is an important factor in servicing global customers with the same quality and consistency of product wherever we produce in the world. This is especially important when supplying products for global platforms.

In addition, to remain competitive and offset continued customer pricing pressure, we must also consistently achieve and sustain cost savings. In an ongoing effort to reduce our cost structure, we run a global continuous improvement program which includes training for our employees, as well as implementation of lean tools, structured problem solving, best business practices, standardized processes and change management. We also evaluate opportunities to consolidate facilities and to relocate certain operations to lower cost countries. We believe we will continue to be successful in our efforts to improve our design and engineering capability and manufacturing processes while achieving cost savings, including through our continuous improvement initiatives.

Our OEM sales are generally based upon purchase orders issued by the OEMs, with updated releases for volume adjustments. As such, we typically do not have a backlog of orders at any point in time. Once selected to supply products for a particular platform, we typically supply those products for the platform life, which is normally six to seven years, although there is no guarantee that this will occur. In addition, when we are the incumbent supplier to a given platform, we believe we have a competitive advantage in winning the redesign or replacement platform.

In 2020, approximately 51% of our sales were generated in North America. Because of our significant international operations, we are subject to the risks associated with doing business in other countries, such as currency volatility, high interest and inflation rates, and the general political and economic risk that are associated with some of these markets.

Recent Trends and Conditions

General Economic Conditions and Outlook

The global automotive industry is susceptible to uncertain economic conditions that could adversely impact new vehicle demand and production. Business conditions may vary significantly from period to period or region to region.

The COVID-19 pandemic created an unusually high degree of economic disruption and uncertainty during 2020. A considerable amount of economic uncertainty remains heading into 2021 despite advances in vaccine technology and availability. Many industries remain significantly impacted by reduced labor availability as well as policies, regulations, risks

and concerns surrounding the novel coronavirus. The result is continued uncertainty for the broader economic outlook and for the automotive industry around the world. Economists at the World Bank Group expect global economic output to increase by approximately 4% in 2021, remaining approximately 5% below pre-pandemic levels.

In North America, economic conditions and consumer confidence have improved since the second quarter of 2020 but continue to be negatively impacted by concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic and related government-imposed restrictions in certain states. Uncertainty related to the implementation of economic policies by the new administration in the United States will also likely weigh on consumer confidence in the region through the first half of 2021.

The United States government has taken historic measures to provide fiscal stimulus to the economy in an effort to sustain businesses, limit job losses and preempt deeper declines in consumer confidence during the pandemic. Further stimulus actions are considered likely. In view of these efforts, World Bank economists now expect economic expansion of approximately 3.5% in the United States and 3.7% economic growth in Mexico in 2021.

In Europe, the World Bank is projecting economic growth of approximately 3.6% for 2021. Current and potential future impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic will continue to weigh on the economies of the region. Due to the resurgence of COVID-19 in various regions, certain European governments have again mandated temporary closures of broad segments of their economies. While automotive production is continuing, on-going health risks, geopolitical concerns and the implementation of new environmental regulations in the automotive industry will likely continue to impact vehicle demand and economic growth.

In Asia Pacific, the World Bank expects China's economic growth rate to rebound to 7.9% in 2021, reflecting the release of pent-up domestic consumer demand and continuation of production and exports. In addition, continued fixed asset investment in industrial technology and infrastructure, aided by more liberal credit policies, will likely support near-term economic growth.

In South America, the World Bank estimates that the Brazilian economy will grow by approximately 3.0% in 2021. The rebound is expected to be stronger in industrial and agriculture sectors while recovery in the services sector will be more subdued due to lingering consumer concerns and risk aversion impacting travel and tourism. In addition, the discontinuation of the government's 2020 fiscal stimulus program will likely weigh on consumption. We remain cautious for the mid to long-term outlook given the long history of political instability and economic volatility in the region.

Production Levels

Our business is directly affected by the automotive vehicle production rates in North America, Europe, Asia Pacific and South America. Beginning in the first quarter of 2020, as a result of COVID-19, we experienced the shutdown of effectively all of our facilities in Asia Pacific coinciding with the shutdown of our customer facilities in that region. Facility shutdowns then occurred in March 2020 for a majority of our facilities in North America, Europe and South America.

Production resumed in Asia Pacific by the end of the first quarter of 2020, albeit at a lower capacity, and has steadily increased in production capacity throughout the year. For our North America and Europe facilities, production resumed in May 2020 at a lower capacity and has increased through the subsequent months. Finally, for our South America facilities, production resumed in the second quarter, but has increased more slowly compared to the other regions. We are collaborating closely with our customers as production volume continues to increase and approach pre-COVID-19 levels, while also adhering to enhanced safety standards and measures to protect our employees.

According to the forecasting firm IHS Markit, global light vehicle production was approximately 74.5 million units in 2020. This reflects a decline of approximately 16.2% globally.

Light vehicle production in certain regions for 2020 and 2019, as well as projections for 2021, are provided in the following table:

(In millions of units)	2021 ⁽¹⁾	2020 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	Projected % Change 2020-2021	% Change 2019-2020
North America	16.3	13.0	16.3	25.1 %	(20.1)%
Europe	19.0	16.6	21.2	14.3 %	(21.6)%
Asia Pacific	44.5	41.0	46.2	8.7 %	(11.4)%
Greater China	25.1	23.6	24.7	6.1 %	(4.2)%
South America	3.0	2.2	3.3	32.8 %	(31.4)%

⁽¹⁾ Production data based on IHS Markit, January 2021.

The COVID-19 pandemic has emerged as the biggest risk factor facing the automotive industry. In the first half of 2020, total vehicle production decreased substantially across the globe. Plant shutdowns have greatly slowed production and have been accompanied by decreased demand for vehicles, as new vehicle sales are highly dependent on strong consumer confidence and low unemployment. While the outlook for the full year 2021 remains uncertain, the global economy has begun to rebound from the impacts of the pandemic. Additionally, continued distribution of vaccine treatments could improve consumer confidence. Lower unemployment rates and lower than normal light vehicle inventory levels could also have a positive impact on light vehicle production going forward.

Industry Overview

Competition in the automotive supplier industry is intense and has increased in recent years as OEMs have demonstrated a preference for stronger relationships with fewer suppliers. Because of a growing emphasis on global vehicle platforms, automotive suppliers with a global manufacturing footprint capable of fully servicing customers around the world will typically have a competitive advantage over smaller, regional competitors. This dynamic is likely to result in further consolidation of competing suppliers within our industry over time.

OEMs have shifted some research and development, design and testing responsibility to suppliers, while at the same time shortening new product cycle times. To remain competitive, suppliers must have state-of-the-art engineering and design capabilities and must be able to continuously improve their engineering, design and manufacturing processes to effectively service the customer. Suppliers are increasingly expected to collaborate on, or assume the product design and development of, key automotive components and to provide innovative solutions to meet evolving technologies aimed at improved emissions and fuel economy.

Increased competitiveness in the industry, as well as customer focus on costs, has resulted in continued pressure on suppliers for price reductions, reducing the overall profitability of the industry. Consolidations and market share shifts among vehicle manufacturers continue to put additional pressures on the supply chain. These pricing and market pressures will continue to drive our focus on reducing our overall cost structure through continuous improvement initiatives, capital redeployment, restructuring and other cost management processes.

In addition to the above, other factors will present opportunities for automotive suppliers who are positioned for the changing environment, including autonomous and connected vehicles, evolving government regulation, and consumer preference for environmentally friendly products and technology, including hybrid and electric vehicle architectures.

Raw Materials

Our business is susceptible to inflationary pressures with respect to raw materials which may place operational and profitability burdens on the entire supply chain. Costs related to raw materials, such as steel, aluminum, and oil and oil-derived commodities, continue to be volatile. In addition, we continue to expect commodity cost volatility to have a continual impact on future earnings and operating cash flows. As such, on an ongoing basis, we work with our customers and suppliers to mitigate both inflationary pressures and our material-related cost exposures.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our significant accounting policies are more fully described in Note 2. "Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" to the consolidated financial statements included in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Report. Certain of our accounting policies require the application of significant judgment by management in selecting the appropriate assumptions for calculating financial estimates. These policies require the most difficult, subjective or complex judgments that management makes in the preparation of the financial statements and accompanying notes. We consider an accounting estimate to be critical if (i) it requires us to make assumptions about matters that were uncertain at the time we were making the estimate, and (ii) changes in the estimate or different estimates that we could have selected could have had a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations. Such critical accounting estimates are discussed below. For these, materially different amounts could be reported under varied conditions and assumptions. While other items in our consolidated financial statements require estimation, however, in our judgment, they are not as critical as those discussed below.

Goodwill. The Company's organizational structure changed on January 1, 2020. See Note 24. "Business Segments" to the consolidated financial statements included in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Report for further detail on this reorganization of our business. Prior to this change in organizational structure, the Company's North America operating segment was the only reporting unit in which goodwill was recorded. As a result of the change in organizational structure, a portion of the goodwill that was previously attributable to the North America reporting unit was reallocated to the Industrial Specialty Group reporting unit based on the relative fair value approach. The Industrial Specialty

Group reporting unit is a component of the Advanced Technology Group operating segment, which is reflected in “Corporate, eliminations and other”. The change in organizational structure of the business represented a triggering event to test goodwill for impairment as of January 1, 2020. No impairment was identified as a result of completing the goodwill impairment test.

Goodwill is tested for impairment by reporting unit as of October 1 of each year or more frequently if events or circumstances indicate that an impairment may exist. Other than the change in organizational structure noted above, there were no other indicators of potential impairment during the year ended December 31, 2020.

For our goodwill analysis, fair value is based on the cash flows projected in the reporting units’ strategic plans and long-range planning forecasts, discounted at a risk-adjusted rate of return. Our long-range planning forecasts are based on our assessment of revenue growth rates generally based on industry specific data, external vehicle build assumptions published by widely used external sources, and customer market share data based on known and targeted awards over a three-year period. The projected profit margin assumptions included in the plans are based on the current cost structure and adjustments for anticipated cost reductions or increases. If different assumptions were used in these plans, the related cash flows used in measuring fair value could be different and impairment of goodwill might be recorded. The annual goodwill impairment analysis for 2020 resulted in no impairment. See Note 10. “Goodwill and Intangible Assets” to the consolidated financial statements included in Item 8. “Financial Statements and Supplementary Data” of this Report for additional information.

Long-Lived Assets. We monitor our long-lived assets for impairment indicators on an ongoing basis. If impairment indicators exist, we analyze the undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated from the long-lived assets compared to the related net book values. If the net book value exceeds the undiscounted cash flows, an impairment loss is measured and recognized. An impairment loss is measured as the difference between the net book value and the fair value of the long-lived assets. Fair value is based upon either estimated salvage value or estimated orderly liquidation value. Cash flows are estimated using internal budgets based on recent sales data, independent automotive production volume estimates and customer commitments, as well as assumptions related to discount rates. Changes in economic or operating conditions impacting these estimates and assumptions could result in the impairment of long-lived assets. In 2020, we recorded impairment charges related to buildings and machinery and equipment in North America, Europe, Asia Pacific, and Corporate and other segments. In 2019, we recorded impairment charges related to machinery and equipment in our Europe, Asia Pacific, and Corporate and other segments. See Note 9. “Property, Plant and Equipment” to the consolidated financial statements included in Item 8. “Financial Statements and Supplementary Data” of this Report for additional information.

Restructuring. Specific accruals have been recorded in connection with restructuring initiatives. These accruals include estimates principally related to employee separation costs, the closure and/or consolidation of facilities and contractual obligations. Actual amounts recognized could differ from the original estimates. Restructuring-related reserves are reviewed on a quarterly basis, and changes to plans are appropriately recognized when identified. Changes to plans associated with the restructuring of existing businesses are generally recognized as employee separation and plant closure costs in the period the change occurs. See Note 7. “Restructuring” to the consolidated financial statements included in Item 8. “Financial Statements and Supplementary Data” of this Report for additional information.

Revenue Recognition and Sales Commitments. We generally enter into agreements with customers to produce products at the beginning of a vehicle’s life. Although such contracts do not usually include minimum quantities, fulfillment of customers’ purchasing requirements can be our obligation for the entire production life of the vehicle. These agreements generally may be terminated by our customer at any time, but such cancellations have historically been minimal. In limited cases, we may be committed to supply products at selling prices that do not cover our costs. In such situations, we recognize losses as they are incurred.

We receive blanket purchase orders from many customers annually. Generally, such purchase orders and related documents establish the annual terms, including pricing, related to a vehicle model. However, purchase orders generally do not specify quantities. We recognize revenue based on a point in time, generally when products are shipped or delivered to customers. As part of certain agreements, customers ask for price reductions. We accrue for such concessions by reducing revenue as products are shipped. We also generally have ongoing adjustments to customer pricing arrangements based on the content and cost of our products. Such pricing accruals are adjusted as they are settled with customers.

Income Taxes. In determining the provision for income taxes for financial statement purposes, we make estimates and judgments which affect our evaluation of the carrying value of our deferred tax assets as well as our calculation of certain tax liabilities. We evaluate the carrying value of our deferred tax assets on a quarterly basis. In completing this evaluation, we consider all available positive and negative evidence. Such evidence includes historical operating results, the existence of cumulative earnings and losses in the most recent fiscal years, taxable income in prior carryback year(s) if permitted under the tax law, expectations for future pretax operating income which considers forecasted revenue trends within the automotive

industry, the time period over which our temporary differences will reverse, and the implementation of feasible and prudent tax planning strategies. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance if, based on the weight of this evidence, it is more likely than not that all or a portion of the recorded deferred tax assets will not be realized in future periods.

Concluding that a valuation allowance is not required is difficult when there is significant negative evidence which is objective and verifiable, such as cumulative losses in recent years. We utilize three years' cumulative pre-tax book results adjusted for significant permanent book to tax differences as a measure of cumulative results in recent years. In certain jurisdictions, our analysis indicates that we have cumulative three-year historical losses on this basis. This is considered significant negative evidence which is difficult to overcome. However, the three-year loss position is not solely determinative, and, accordingly, management considers all other available positive and negative evidence in its analysis. Although we are in a three-year cumulative loss in certain jurisdictions as of December 31, 2020, we have a recent history of earnings prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. We expect to return to profitability in jurisdictions where a valuation allowance is not recorded as the effects of the pandemic subside and we begin to generate sufficient taxable income to utilize our deferred tax assets. In other foreign jurisdictions and U.S. states we concluded that it is more likely than not that the net deferred tax assets may not be realized in the future. Accordingly, we continue to maintain and adjust as appropriate the valuation allowance related to those net deferred tax assets. However, since future financial results may differ from previous estimates, periodic adjustments to our valuation allowances may be necessary.

In addition, the calculation of our tax benefits and liabilities includes uncertainties in the application of complex tax regulations in a multitude of jurisdictions across our global operations. We recognize tax benefits and liabilities based on our estimate of whether, and the extent to which, additional taxes will be due. We adjust these liabilities based on changing facts and circumstances; however, due to the complexity of some of these uncertainties and the impact of any tax audits, the ultimate resolutions may be materially different from our estimated liabilities. See Note 17. "Income Taxes" to the consolidated financial statements included in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Report for additional information.

Pensions and Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions. Included in our results of operations are significant pension and postretirement benefit costs, which are measured using actuarial valuations. Inherent in these valuations are key assumptions, including discount rates, mortality rates, expected returns on plan assets and health care cost trend rates. These assumptions are determined as of the current year measurement date. We consider current market conditions, including changes in interest rates, in making these assumptions. Changes in pension and postretirement benefit costs may occur in the future due to changes in these assumptions. Our net pension and postretirement benefit costs, which included non-cash settlement charges of \$0.2 million, were approximately \$5.7 million and \$0.4 million, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2020.

To develop the discount rate for each pension plan, the expected cash flows underlying the plan's benefit obligations were discounted using a December 31, 2020 pension index to determine a single equivalent rate. To develop our expected return on plan assets, we considered historical long-term asset return experience, the expected investment portfolio mix of plan assets and an estimate of long-term investment returns. To develop our portfolio of plan assets, we considered the duration of the plan liabilities and gave more weight to equity positions, including both public and private equity investments, than to fixed-income securities.

Weighted average assumptions used to determine pension benefit obligations as of December 31, 2020 were as follows:

	U.S.	Non-U.S.
Discount rate	2.48 %	1.36 %
Rate of compensation increase	N/A (*)	1.23 %
Cash balance interest credit rate	4.50 %	N/A

Weighted average assumptions used to determine net periodic benefit costs for the year ended December 31, 2020 were as follows:

	U.S.	Non-U.S.
Discount rate	3.28 %	2.33 %
Expected return on plan assets	5.75 %	3.73 %
Rate of compensation increase	N/A (*)	3.99 %

*As the U.S. plans are frozen, the rate of compensation increase was not applicable.

The sensitivity of our pension cost and obligations to changes in key assumptions, holding all other assumptions constant, is as follows:

Change in assumption	<u>Impact on 2021 net periodic benefit cost</u>	<u>Impact on PBO as of December 31, 2020</u>
1% increase in discount rate	-\$1.2 million	-\$54.8 million
1% decrease in discount rate	+\$1.4 million	+\$67.9 million
1% increase in expected return on plan assets	-\$3.1 million	—
1% decrease in expected return on plan assets	+\$3.1 million	—

Aggregate pension net periodic benefit cost is forecasted to be approximately \$3.6 million in 2021.

Health care cost trend rates are assumed to reflect market trend, actual experience and future expectations. Health care cost trend rate assumptions used to determine the postretirement benefit obligation as of December 31, 2020 were as follows:

	<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Non-U.S.</u>
Health care cost trend rate	5.34 %	5.00 %
Ultimate health care cost trend rate	4.50 %	5.00 %
Year that the rate reaches the ultimate trend rate	2027	N/A

Aggregate other postretirement net periodic benefit cost is forecasted to be approximately \$1.1 million in 2021.

The Company's policy is to fund pension plans such that sufficient assets will be available to meet future benefit requirements and contribute amounts deductible for United States federal income tax purposes or amounts required by local statute. The Company estimates it will make funding cash contributions to its U.S. and non-U.S. pension plans of approximately \$1.0 million and \$4.5 million, respectively in 2021.

The Company does not prefund its postretirement benefit obligations. Rather, payments are made as costs are incurred by covered retirees. We expect net other postretirement benefit payments to be approximately \$2.6 million in 2021.

Results of Operations

	Year Ended December 31,		Change
	2020	2019	2020 vs. 2019
(Dollar amounts in thousands)			
Sales	\$ 2,375,439	\$ 3,108,400	\$ (732,961)
Cost of products sold	2,227,892	2,749,278	(521,386)
Gross profit	147,547	359,122	(211,575)
Selling, administration & engineering expenses	263,611	302,496	(38,885)
Gain on sale of business, net	(2,834)	(191,571)	188,737
Amortization of intangibles	11,611	17,966	(6,355)
Impairment of assets held for sale	86,470	—	86,470
Other impairment charges	17,893	23,139	(5,246)
Restructuring charges	39,482	51,102	(11,620)
Operating (loss) profit	(268,686)	155,990	(424,676)
Interest expense, net of interest income	(59,167)	(44,113)	(15,054)
Equity in earnings of affiliates	396	6,504	(6,108)
Pension settlement charges	(184)	(15,819)	15,635
Other expense, net	(2,580)	(4,260)	1,680
(Loss) income before income taxes	(330,221)	98,302	(428,523)
Income tax (benefit) expense	(60,847)	36,089	(96,936)
Net (loss) income	(269,374)	62,213	(331,587)
Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	1,769	5,316	(3,547)
Net (loss) income attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.	\$ (267,605)	\$ 67,529	\$ (335,134)

Year Ended December 31, 2020 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2019.

Sales

Sales for the year ended December 31, 2020 decreased 23.6%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2019. The decline was mainly driven by the decrease in vehicle production volume due to government imposed global shutdowns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, net divestitures, foreign exchange and customer price reductions.

	Year Ended December 31,			Variance Due To:		
	2020	2019	Change	Volume / Mix*	Foreign Exchange	Divestitures
(Dollar amounts in thousands)						
Total sales	\$ 2,375,439	\$ 3,108,400	\$ (732,961)	\$ (550,103)	\$ (2,207)	\$ (180,651)

* Net of customer price reductions

Gross Profit

	Year Ended December 31,			Variance Due To:		
	2020	2019	Change	Volume / Mix*	Foreign Exchange	Cost (Decreases) / Increases
	(Dollar amounts in thousands)					
Cost of products sold	\$ 2,227,892	\$ 2,749,278	\$ (521,386)	\$ (296,967)	\$ (613)	\$ (223,806)
Gross profit	147,547	359,122	(211,575)	(253,136)	(1,594)	43,155
Gross profit percentage of sales	6.2 %	11.6 %				

* Net of customer price reductions

Cost of products sold is primarily comprised of material, labor, manufacturing overhead, freight, depreciation, warranty costs and other direct operating expenses. Cost of products sold for the year ended December 31, 2020 decreased \$521.4 million, or 19.0%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2019. Materials comprise the largest component of our cost of products sold and represented approximately 46% and 51% of total cost of products sold for the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively. The change in the cost of products sold was driven by the decrease in production volumes due to government imposed global shutdowns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the sale of our AVS product line in 2019, the divestiture of our European rubber fluid transfer and specialty sealing businesses and Indian operations in 2020, continuous improvement and lean manufacturing, material cost reductions, commodity price fluctuations, restructuring savings, foreign exchange, and wage inflation.

Gross profit for the year ended December 31, 2020 decreased \$211.6 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2019. As a percentage of sales, gross profit was 6.2% and 11.6% for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The decrease was driven by the decline in vehicle production volume due to government imposed global shutdowns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, customer price reductions, variable employee compensation expenses and wage inflation. These items were partially offset by net favorable operational performance, restructuring savings, the non-recurrence of prior period commercial settlements in China, foreign exchange and material cost reductions.

Selling, Administration and Engineering. Selling, administration and engineering expense for the year ended December 31, 2020 was \$263.6 million, or 11.1% of sales, compared to \$302.5 million, or 9.7% of sales, for the year ended December 31, 2019. The decrease in expense was primarily due to savings generated from salaried headcount initiatives including net divestitures and lower travel expenses, partially offset by general inflation and higher variable employee compensation expenses.

Gain on Sale of Business, net. The gain on sale of business of \$2.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2020 related to our 2020 divestitures, which included the European fluid transfer and specialty sealing business, our Indian operations, the deconsolidation of a joint venture in our Asia Pacific region, and the finalized adjustments related to the sale of our AVS product line. Gain on sale of business of \$191.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2019 related to the sale of our AVS product line within our North America, Europe and Asia Pacific segments.

Amortization of Intangibles. Intangible amortization for the year ended December 31, 2020 decreased \$6.4 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2019. The decrease was primarily driven by a customer relationship intangible asset in the North America region that was fully amortized during the second quarter of 2020.

Impairment of Assets Held for Sale. Non-cash impairment charges for the year ended December 31, 2020 increased \$86.5 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2019. The increase related to reducing the carrying value of the divested assets to fair value less costs to sell. Fair value was determined using a market approach, estimated based on expected proceeds.

Other Impairment Charges. Non-cash asset impairment charges for the year ended December 31, 2020 decreased \$5.2 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2019. The charges related to property, plant and equipment impairment charges and building operating lease impairment charges.

Restructuring. Restructuring charges for the year ended December 31, 2020 decreased \$11.6 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2019. Our restructuring actions include plant closures and workforce reductions and are initiated to maintain our competitive footprint or in response to changes in global and regional automotive markets. The decreases attributable to Europe and Corporate and other were primarily due to footprint rationalization actions and salaried employee initiatives that were completed in 2019. During 2020, the increases attributable to North America were primarily due to plant

closures. We will continue to incur additional restructuring costs related to plans for ongoing footprint consolidation, primarily in Europe and North America.

Interest Expense, net. Net interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2020 increased \$15.1 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2019, primarily due to higher outstanding debt balances including the Senior Secured Notes that we issued during 2020.

Pension Settlement Charges. Non-cash pension settlement charges of \$0.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2020 related to non-U.S. pension plans. Settlement charges of \$15.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2019 related primarily to the purchase of a bulk annuity policy to de-risk a portion of our pension obligations in the U.S.

Other Expense, net. Other expense for the year ended December 31, 2020 decreased \$1.7 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2019. The decrease was primarily due to lower foreign currency losses in the year ended December 31, 2020.

Income Tax Expense (Benefit). Income tax benefit for the year ended December 31, 2020 was \$60.8 million on losses before taxes of \$330.2 million. This compares to income tax expense of \$36.1 million on earnings before taxes of \$98.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2019. The tax benefit in 2020 differed from the statutory rate due to incremental valuation allowances recorded on tax losses generated in certain foreign jurisdictions and U.S. states, permanent benefits generated by the ability to carry back net operating losses in the U.S. up to five years at the tax rates in effect during those periods under the business tax provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) enacted during 2020, the mix of income between the U.S. and foreign sources, permanent impacts from the divestiture of our European rubber, fluid transfer, and specialty sealing businesses as well as our Indian operations, tax credits and incentives, and other nonrecurring discrete items. Tax expense in 2019 differed from the statutory rate due to incremental valuation allowance recorded on tax losses generated in certain foreign jurisdictions, permanent impacts from the sale of the AVS product line, the mix of income between U.S. and foreign sources, tax incentives, other tax credits, and other nonrecurring discrete items.

Year Ended December 31, 2019 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2018.

Refer to [Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019](#) for discussion of the results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to the year ended December 31, 2018, which is incorporated by reference herein.

Segment Results of Operations

Our business is organized into the following reportable segments: North America, Europe, Asia Pacific and South America. All other business activities are reported in Corporate, eliminations and other. We use Segment adjusted EBITDA as the measure of earnings to assess the performance of each segment and determine the resources to be allocated to the segments. We have defined adjusted EBITDA as net income before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, restructuring expense, and special items.

The following tables presents sales and segment adjusted EBITDA for each of the reportable segments.

Year Ended December 31, 2020 Compared with Year Ended December 31, 2019

Sales

	Year Ended December 31,			Variance Due To:		
	2020	2019	Change	Volume / Mix*	Foreign Exchange	Divestitures
(Dollar amounts in thousands)						
Sales to external customers						
North America	\$ 1,141,368	\$ 1,543,845	\$ (402,477)	\$ (345,398)	\$ (2,248)	\$ (54,831)
Europe	586,739	826,335	(239,596)	(156,374)	13,047	(96,269)
Asia Pacific	468,042	503,953	(35,911)	(9,814)	3,454	(29,551)
South America	60,754	94,535	(33,781)	(16,785)	(16,996)	—
Total Automotive	2,256,903	2,968,668	(711,765)	(528,371)	(2,743)	(180,651)
Corporate, eliminations and other	118,536	139,732	(21,196)	(21,732)	536	—
Consolidated	\$ 2,375,439	\$ 3,108,400	\$ (732,961)	\$ (550,103)	\$ (2,207)	\$ (180,651)

* Net of customer price reductions

- Volume and mix, net of customer price reductions, was mainly driven by the impact of the decline in vehicle production volume caused by government imposed global shutdowns related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The impact of foreign currency exchange was primarily related to the Brazilian Real and the Euro.

Segment adjusted EBITDA

	Year Ended December 31,			Variance Due To:			
	2020	2019	Change	Volume / Mix*	Foreign Exchange	Cost Decreases / (Increases)	Divestitures
(Dollar amounts in thousands)							
Segment adjusted EBITDA							
North America	\$ 90,638	\$ 213,250	\$ (122,612)	\$ (156,091)	\$ 900	\$ 36,548	\$ (3,969)
Europe	(39,004)	22,922	(61,926)	(72,877)	1,829	12,333	(3,211)
Asia Pacific	12,472	(27,497)	39,969	(12,102)	4,634	45,432	2,005
South America	(13,841)	(3,446)	(10,395)	(1,148)	(7,477)	(1,770)	—
Total Automotive	50,265	205,229	(154,964)	(242,218)	(114)	92,543	(5,175)
Corporate, eliminations and other	(14,588)	(3,621)	\$ (10,967)	(10,918)	(1,488)	(759)	2,198
Consolidated adjusted EBITDA	\$ 35,677	\$ 201,608	\$ (165,931)	\$ (253,136)	\$ (1,602)	\$ 91,784	\$ (2,977)

* Net of customer price reductions

- Volume and mix, net of customer price reductions, was mainly driven by the impact of the decline in vehicle production volume caused by government imposed global shutdowns related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The impact of foreign currency exchange was impacted by the Brazilian Real, the Chinese Renminbi, Canadian Dollar, the Euro, the Polish Zloty, and the Czech Koruna.

- The Cost Decreases / (Increases) category above includes:
 - Reduction in compensation-related expenses, due to salaried headcount initiatives, purchasing savings through lean initiatives, and restructuring savings;
 - Commodity cost fluctuations, wage increases and variable employee compensation increases;
 - The non-recurrence of the prior year one-time impact of commercial settlements in Asia Pacific and tax settlements in Brazil;
 - Net manufacturing efficiencies of \$63 million, weakened by the impact of COVID-19, primarily driven by our European, North America and Asia Pacific segments.

Year Ended December 31, 2019 Compared with Year Ended December 31, 2018

Sales

	Year Ended December 31,			Variance Due To:		
	2019	2018	Change	Volume / Mix*	Foreign Exchange	Acquisitions / Divestiture, Net
(Dollar amounts in thousands)						
Sales to external customers						
North America	\$ 1,543,845	\$ 1,872,938	\$ (329,093)	\$ (165,118)	\$ (5,589)	\$ (158,386)
Europe	826,335	982,967	(156,632)	(58,348)	(44,866)	(53,418)
Asia Pacific	503,953	571,160	(67,207)	(81,777)	(22,623)	37,193
South America	94,535	98,063	(3,528)	4,393	(7,921)	—
Total Automotive	2,968,668	3,525,128	(556,460)	(300,850)	(80,999)	(174,611)
Corporate, eliminations and other	139,732	98,914	40,818	(9,366)	(5,866)	56,050
Consolidated	\$ 3,108,400	\$ 3,624,042	\$ (515,642)	\$ (310,216)	\$ (86,865)	\$ (118,561)

* Net of customer price reductions

- The impact of foreign currency exchange primarily related to the Euro, the Chinese Renminbi, and the Brazilian Real.

Segment adjusted EBITDA

	Year Ended December 31,			Variance Due To:			
	2019	2018	Change	Volume / Mix*	Foreign Exchange	Cost Decreases / (Increases)	Acquisitions / Divestiture, Net
(Dollar amounts in thousands)							
Segment adjusted EBITDA							
North America	\$ 213,250	\$ 319,653	\$ (106,403)	\$ (103,403)	\$ (6,828)	\$ 15,196	\$ (11,368)
Europe	22,922	40,980	(18,058)	(25,169)	(3,221)	14,819	(4,487)
Asia Pacific	(27,497)	14,118	(41,615)	(50,919)	(1,274)	10,752	(174)
South America	(3,446)	(7,138)	3,692	2,261	(866)	2,297	—
Total Automotive	205,229	367,613	(162,384)	(177,230)	(12,189)	43,064	(16,029)
Corporate, eliminations and other	(3,621)	5,045	(8,666)	(3,680)	1,539	(13,379)	6,854
Consolidated adjusted EBITDA	\$ 201,608	\$ 372,658	\$ (171,050)	\$ (180,910)	\$ (10,650)	\$ 29,685	\$ (9,175)

* Net of customer price reductions

- The unfavorable impact of foreign currency exchange was primarily driven by the Canadian Dollar, the Euro, the Chinese Renminbi, the Polish Zloty, the Czech Koruna and the Brazilian Real.

- The Cost Decreases / (Increases) category above includes:
 - The increase in commodity, general inflation, and tariffs;
 - Tax settlements in South America and the one-time impact of commercial settlements in Asia Pacific;
 - Net operational efficiencies of \$80.9 million primarily driven by our North America, Europe, and Asia Pacific segments; and
 - The decrease in selling, administrative and engineering expense due to efficiencies related to cost improvement initiatives.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Short and Long-Term Liquidity Considerations and Risks

We intend to fund our ongoing working capital, capital expenditures, debt service and other funding requirements through a combination of cash flows from operations, cash on hand, borrowings under our senior asset-based revolving credit facility (“ABL Facility”) and receivables factoring. We utilize intercompany loans and equity contributions to fund our worldwide operations. There may be country-specific regulations which may restrict or result in increased costs in the repatriation of these funds. See Note 11. “Debt” to the consolidated financial statements in Item 8. “Financial Statements and Supplementary Data” of this Report for a detailed discussion of terms and conditions related to our debt.

We continue to take aggressive action to preserve cash and enhance liquidity, including significantly decreasing our capital expenditures. In the second quarter of 2020, we issued \$250 million in 13% Senior Secured Notes to provide additional liquidity due to the financial uncertainties resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on those actions and current projections for increasing OEM customer production, we believe that our cash flows from operations, cash on hand, borrowings under our ABL Facility and receivables factoring will enable us to meet our ongoing working capital, capital expenditures, debt service and other funding requirements for the next twelve months, despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. We continuously monitor and forecast our liquidity situation, take the necessary actions to preserve our liquidity and evaluate other financial alternatives that may be available to us should the need arise. Our ability to fund our working capital needs, debt payments and other obligations, and to comply with the financial covenants, including borrowing base limitations, under our ABL Facility, depend on our future operating performance and cash flows and many factors outside of our control, including the costs of raw materials, the state of the overall automotive industry and financial and economic conditions, including the impact of COVID-19, and other factors.

Cash Flows

Operating Activities. Net cash used in operating activities was \$15.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2020, compared to net cash provided by operating activities of \$97.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2019. The change was primarily due to decreased cash earnings, partially offset by collections on receivables and changes in other working capital items.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$97.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2019, compared to \$149.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2018. The lower inflow was primarily due to decreased cash earnings, and timing of customer payments, partially offset by payments to suppliers and changes in accrued liabilities.

Investing Activities. Net cash used in investing activities was \$106.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2020, compared to net cash provided by investing activities of \$84.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2019. Cash used in investing activities consisted primarily of capital spending of \$91.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2020. For the year ended December 31, 2019, cash provided by investing activities consisted primarily of gross proceeds of \$243.4 million from the sale of our AVS product line, partially offset by capital spending of \$164.5 million. Significant decreases in capital expenditures occurred throughout 2020, in order to preserve liquidity in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We anticipate that we will spend approximately \$100 million to \$125 million on capital expenditures in 2021.

Net cash provided by investing activities was \$84.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2019, compared to net cash used in investing activities of \$383.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Financing Activities. Net cash provided by financing activities totaled \$207.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2020, compared to net cash used in financing activities of \$84.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2019. The inflow was primarily due to proceeds from issuance of the Senior Secured Notes during the year ended December 31, 2020. There were also no share repurchases during the year ended December 31, 2020.

Net cash used in financing activities totaled \$84.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2019, compared to \$14.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2018. The change was primarily due to repayment of borrowings under our revolving credit facility and local borrowing lines. Cash used for share repurchases was \$36.6 million and \$60.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Senior Notes

On November 2, 2016, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, CSA Inc. (the "Issuer") completed a private offering of debt securities consisting of the issuance of \$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of its 5.625% notes due 2026 (the "Senior Notes"). The proceeds from the sale of the Senior Notes were used to repay the non-extended term loans outstanding under the Term Loan Facility and to pay fees and expenses related to the refinancing. The Senior Notes are guaranteed by us, as well as each of CSA Inc.'s wholly-owned existing or subsequently organized U.S. subsidiaries, subject to certain exceptions, to the extent such subsidiary guarantees the ABL Facility and the Term Loan Facility. The Issuer may redeem all or part of the Senior Notes at various points in time prior to maturity, as described in the indenture. The Senior Notes will mature on November 15, 2026. Interest on the Senior Notes is payable semi-annually in arrears in cash on May 15 and November 15 of each year.

If a Change of Control (as defined in the indenture) occurs, we will be required to make an offer to repurchase all of the Senior Notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the repurchase date.

Senior Secured Notes

On May 29, 2020, Cooper Standard Automotive Inc. (the "Issuer"), issued \$250.0 million aggregate principal amount of its 13.0% Senior Secured Notes due 2024 (the "Senior Secured Notes"), pursuant to the Indenture, dated as of May 29, 2020 (the "Indenture"), by and among the Issuer, the other guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, in a transaction exempt from registration under Rule 144A and Regulation S of the Securities Act of 1933. Proceeds from the Senior Secured Notes were used to provide additional liquidity for the Company. The Senior Secured Notes are guaranteed on a senior secured basis by CS Intermediate HoldCo 1 LLC and each of the Issuer's present and future subsidiaries that are obligors or guarantee the Term Loan Facility and each of the Issuer's wholly owned domestic subsidiaries that are obligors under, or guarantee, certain other indebtedness, subject to certain exceptions. The notes are also guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by Cooper-Standard Latin America B.V.

The Issuer may redeem all or part of the Senior Secured Notes prior to maturity at the prices set forth in the Indenture. The Senior Secured Notes mature on June 1, 2024. Interest on the Senior Secured Notes is payable semi-annually in arrears in cash on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing on December 1, 2020.

ABL Facility

On November 2, 2016, CS Intermediate Holdco 1 LLC ("Parent"), CSA U.S. (the "U.S. Borrower"), Cooper-Standard Automotive Canada Limited (the "Canadian Borrower"), Cooper-Standard Automotive International Holdings B.V. (the "Dutch Borrower", and, together with the U.S. Borrower and the Canadian Borrower, the "Borrowers") and certain subsidiaries of the U.S. Borrower, entered into a third amendment of our ABL Facility. In March 2020, the Company entered into the First Amendment of the Third Amended and Restated Loan Agreement ("the Amendment"). As a result of the Amendment, the senior asset-based revolving credit facility ("ABL Facility") maturity was extended to March 2025 and the aggregate revolving loan commitment was reduced to \$180.0 million.

In addition, our ABL Facility provides for an uncommitted \$100.0 million incremental loan facility, for a potential total ABL Facility of \$280.0 million.

The ABL Facility includes affirmative and negative covenants that impose substantial restrictions on our financial and business operations. The ABL Facility also contains various events of default that are customary for comparable facilities.

Loan and letter of credit availability under the agreement is subject to a borrowing base, which at any time is limited to the lesser of: (A) the maximum facility amount (subject to certain adjustments) and (B) (i) up to 85% of eligible accounts receivable; plus (ii) the lesser of 70% of eligible inventory or 85% of the appraised net orderly liquidation value of eligible inventory; plus (iii) up to the lesser of \$30.0 million and 85% of eligible tooling accounts receivable; minus reserves established by the agent. The obligations under the ABL Facility and the related guarantees are secured by various assets, as detailed in Note 11. "Debt" to the consolidated financial statements in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Report.

Borrowings under the ABL Facility bear interest at a rate equal to, at the Borrowers' option:

- in the case of borrowings by U.S. Borrower, London Inter-Bank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") or the base rate plus, in each case, an applicable margin;
- or

- in the case of borrowings by the Canadian Borrower, bankers' acceptance ("BA") rate, Canadian prime rate or Canadian base rate plus, in each case, an applicable margin; or
- in the case of borrowings by the Dutch Borrower, LIBOR plus an applicable margin.

The applicable margin may vary between 1.50% and 2.00% with respect to the LIBOR or Canadian BA rate-based borrowings and between 0.50% and 1.00% with respect to U.S. base rate, Canadian prime rate and Canadian base rate borrowings. The applicable margin is subject, in each case, to quarterly pricing adjustments (based on average facility availability).

As of December 31, 2020, the Company had \$150.9 million in availability. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company had \$1.0 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, in unamortized debt issuance costs.

Term Loan Facility – Amendments

On November 2, 2016, CSA U.S., as borrower, entered into the first amendment of our Term Loan Facility. The Term Loan Facility provides for loans in an aggregate principal amount of \$340.0 million. Subject to certain conditions, the Term Loan Facility, without the consent of the then existing lenders (but subject to the receipt of commitments), may be expanded (or a new term loan or revolving facility added) by an amount that will not cause the consolidated secured net debt ratio to exceed 2.25 to 1.00, plus \$400.0 million, plus any voluntary prepayments (including revolving facility and ABL Facility to the extent commitments are reduced) not funded from proceeds of long-term indebtedness. The Term Loan Facility matures on November 2, 2023, unless earlier terminated.

The Term Loan Facility contains incurrence-based negative covenants customary for high yield senior secured debt securities. These negative covenants are subject to exceptions, qualifications and certain carveouts.

On May 2, 2017, CSA U.S. entered into Amendment No. 2 to the Term Loan Facility to modify the interest rate. Subsequently, on March 6, 2018, the Company entered into Amendment No. 3 to the Term Loan Facility to further modify the interest rate. In accordance with this amendment, borrowings under the Term Loan Facility bear interest, at the Company's option, at either (1) with respect to Eurodollar rate loans, the greater of the applicable Eurodollar rate and 0.75% plus 2.0% per annum, or (2) with respect to base rate loans, the base rate, (which is the highest of the then current federal funds rate plus 0.5%, the prime rate most recently announced by the administrative agent under the term loan, and the one-month Eurodollar rate plus 1.0%) plus 1.0% per annum. As a result of the Amendment No. 3, the Company recognized a loss on refinancing and extinguishment of debt of \$0.8 million in the first quarter of 2018, which was due to the partial write off of new and unamortized debt issuance costs and unamortized original issue discount.

All obligations of the borrower under the Term Loan Facility are guaranteed jointly and severally on a senior secured basis by us and the wholly-owned U.S. restricted subsidiaries of CSA U.S.

As of December 31, 2020, the principal amount of \$326.4 million was outstanding, and the Company had \$1.7 million unamortized debt issuance costs and \$1.1 million of unamortized original issue discount.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As a part of our working capital management, we sell certain European customers accounts receivable through a third party financial institution in off-balance sheet arrangements. The amount sold varies each month based on the amount of underlying receivables and cash flow needs. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, we had \$85.1 million and \$103.8 million, respectively, of receivables outstanding under receivable transfer agreements entered into by various locations. For the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, total accounts receivable factored were \$476.4 million and \$556.1 million, respectively. Costs incurred on the sale of receivables were \$0.8 million, \$1.0 million and \$1.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively. These amounts are recorded in other expense, net in the consolidated statements of operations. These are permitted transactions under the credit agreements governing our ABL Facility and Term Loan Facility and the indenture governing the Senior Notes and Senior Secured Notes.

As of December 31, 2020, we had no other off-balance sheet arrangements.

Other Capital Transactions Impacting Liquidity

Share Repurchase Program

In June 2018, our Board of Directors approved a common stock repurchase program (the "2018 Program") authorizing us to repurchase, in the aggregate, up to \$150.0 million of our outstanding common stock. Under the 2018 Program, repurchases may be made on the open market, through private transactions, accelerated share repurchases, round lot or block transactions on

the New York Stock Exchange or otherwise, as determined by management and in accordance with prevailing market conditions and federal securities laws and regulations. We expect to fund any future repurchases from cash on hand and future cash flows from operations. We are not obligated to acquire a particular amount of securities, and the 2018 Program may be discontinued at any time at our discretion. The 2018 Program was effective beginning November 2018. As of December 31, 2020, we had approximately \$98.7 million of repurchase authorization under the 2018 Program.

We did not make any repurchases during the year ended December 31, 2020.

2019 Repurchases

In May 2019, we entered into an accelerated share repurchase (“ASR”) agreement with a third-party financial institution to repurchase our common stock pursuant to the 2018 Program. Under the ASR agreement, we made an up-front payment of \$30.0 million and received an initial delivery of 626,305 shares of our common stock in the second quarter of 2019. The repurchase was completed in the third quarter of 2019 when we received final delivery of an additional 72,875 shares. A total of 699,180 shares were repurchased under the ASR agreement at a weighted average purchase price of \$42.91 per share.

In addition to the repurchase under the ASR agreement, during the year ended December 31, 2019, we utilized \$5.9 million of cash on hand to repurchase 85,000 shares of common stock at an average purchase price of \$69.85 per share.

See Item 5. “Market for Registrant’s Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity” and Note 20. “Equity” to the consolidated financial statements included in Item 8. “Financial Statements and Supplementary Data” of this Report for additional information.

Contractual Obligations

Our contractual obligations consist of legal commitments requiring us to make fixed or determinable cash payments, regardless of the contractual requirements of the vendor to provide future goods or services. Except as otherwise disclosed, this table does not include information on our recurring purchase of materials for use in production because our raw materials purchase contracts typically do not require fixed or minimum quantities.

The following table summarizes the total amounts due as of December 31, 2020 under all debt agreements at nominal value, undiscounted finance lease commitments and other contractual obligations.

	Payment due by period				
	Total	Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	More than 5 years
	(Dollar amounts in millions)				
Debt obligations	\$ 1,012.4	\$ 39.4	\$ 323.0	\$ 250.0	\$ 400.0
Interest on debt obligations	275.7	65.5	126.5	61.2	22.5
Operating lease obligations	141.0	26.8	38.9	24.2	51.1
Finance lease obligations	38.5	3.5	6.4	7.0	21.6
Total	\$ 1,467.6	\$ 135.2	\$ 494.8	\$ 342.4	\$ 495.2

In addition to our contractual obligations and commitments set forth in the table above, we have employment arrangements with certain key executives that provide for continuity of management. These arrangements include payments of multiples of annual salary, certain incentives and continuation of benefits upon the occurrence of specified events in a manner believed to be consistent with comparable companies. As of December 31, 2020, the Company had additional operating leases, primarily for real estate, that have not yet commenced with undiscounted lease payments of approximately \$1.4 million.

We also have funding requirements with respect to our pension obligations. We expect to make cash contributions to our U.S. and foreign pension plans of approximately \$1.0 million and \$4.5 million, respectively, in 2021. Our minimum funding requirements after 2021 will depend on several factors, including the investment performance of our retirement plans and prevailing interest rates. Our funding obligations may also be affected by changes in applicable legal requirements. We also have payments due with respect to our postretirement benefit obligations. We do not prefund our postretirement benefit obligations. Rather, payments are made as costs are incurred by covered retirees. We expect net other postretirement benefit payments to be approximately \$2.6 million in 2021.

We may be required to make significant cash outlays due to our unrecognized tax benefits. However, due to the uncertainty of the timing of future cash flows associated with our unrecognized tax benefits, we are unable to make reasonably reliable estimates of the period of cash settlement, if any, with the respective taxing authorities. Accordingly, unrecognized tax

benefits of \$11.3 million as of December 31, 2020 have been excluded from the contractual obligations table above. See Note 17. "Income Taxes" to the consolidated financial statements included in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Report for additional information.

Excluded from the contractual obligations table above are open purchase orders as of December 31, 2020 for raw materials, supplies and capital expenditures in the normal course of business, supply contracts with customers, distribution agreements, joint venture agreements and other contracts without express funding requirements.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In evaluating our business, management considers EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA to be key indicators of our operating performance. Our management also uses EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA:

- because similar measures are utilized in the calculation of the financial covenants and ratios contained in our financing arrangements;
- in developing our internal budgets and forecasts;
- as a significant factor in evaluating our management for compensation purposes;
- in evaluating potential acquisitions;
- in comparing our current operating results with corresponding historical periods and with the operational performance of other companies in our industry; and
- in presentations to the members of our board of directors to enable our board of directors to have the same measurement basis of operating performance as is used by management in their assessments of performance and in forecasting and budgeting for our company.

In addition, we believe EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA and similar measures are widely used by investors, securities analysts and other interested parties in evaluating our performance. We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) plus income tax expense (benefit), interest expense, net of interest income, depreciation and amortization (or "EBITDA"), as adjusted for items that management does not consider to be reflective of our core operating performance. These adjustments include, but are not limited to, restructuring costs, impairment charges, non-cash fair value adjustments and acquisition related costs.

EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are not financial measurements recognized under U.S. GAAP, and when analyzing our operating performance, investors should use EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA as a supplement to, and not as alternatives for, net income (loss), operating income, or any other performance measure derived in accordance with U.S. GAAP, nor as an alternative to cash flow from operating activities as a measure of our liquidity. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA have limitations as analytical tools, and they should not be considered in isolation or as substitutes for analysis of our results of operations as reported under U.S. GAAP. These limitations include the following:

- they do not reflect our cash expenditures or future requirements for capital expenditure or contractual commitments;
- they do not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs;
- they do not reflect interest expense or cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments under our ABL Facility, Term Loan Facility, Senior Notes, and Senior Secured Notes;
- they do not reflect certain tax payments that may represent a reduction in cash available to us;
- although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated or amortized may have to be replaced in the future, and EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA do not reflect cash requirements for such replacements; and
- other companies, including companies in our industry, may calculate these measures differently and, as the number of differences in the way companies calculate these measures increases, the degree of their usefulness as a comparative measure correspondingly decreases.

In addition, in evaluating Adjusted EBITDA, it should be noted that in the future, we may incur expenses similar to the adjustments in the below presentation. Our presentation of Adjusted EBITDA should not be construed as an inference that our future results will be unaffected by special items.

The following table provides a reconciliation of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA from net income (loss), which is the most comparable financial measure in accordance with U.S. GAAP:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2020	2019	2018
	(Dollar amounts in thousands)		
Net (loss) income attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.	\$ (267,605)	\$ 67,529	\$ 103,601
Income tax (benefit) expense	(60,847)	36,089	(29,400)
Interest expense, net of interest income	59,167	44,113	41,004
Depreciation and amortization	154,229	151,953	146,698
EBITDA	\$ (115,056)	\$ 299,684	\$ 261,903
Impairment of assets held for sale	86,470	—	—
Gain on sale of business, net ⁽¹⁾	(2,834)	(191,571)	—
Restructuring charges ⁽²⁾	39,482	51,102	29,722
Other impairment charges ⁽³⁾	17,417	23,139	43,706
Pension settlement charges ⁽⁴⁾	184	15,997	775
Project costs ⁽⁵⁾	5,648	2,090	4,881
Lease termination costs ⁽⁶⁾	771	1,167	—
Divested noncontrolling interest debt extinguishment	3,595	—	—
Goodwill impairment charges ⁽⁷⁾	—	—	39,818
Gain on sale of land ⁽⁸⁾	—	—	(10,377)
Amortization of inventory write-up ⁽⁹⁾	—	—	1,460
Loss on refinancing and extinguishment of debt ⁽¹⁰⁾	—	—	770
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 35,677	\$ 201,608	\$ 372,658

- (1) Gain on sale of business primarily related to divestitures in 2020 and divestiture of AVS product line in 2019. See Note 5. “Divestitures” to the consolidated financial statements included in Item 8. “Financial Statements and Supplementary Data” of this Report for additional information.
- (2) Includes non-cash impairment charges related to restructuring.
- (3) Other non-cash impairment charges in 2020 of \$17,417 related to fixed assets and right-of-use operating lease assets, net of approximately \$476 attributable to our noncontrolling interest. Impairment charges in 2019 related to fixed assets of \$23,139. Impairment charges in 2018 related to intangible assets of \$791 and fixed assets of \$42,915.
- (4) Non-cash pension settlement charges and administrative fees incurred related to certain of our U.S. and non-U.S. pension plans.
- (5) Project costs recorded in selling, administration and engineering expense related to acquisitions and divestitures.
- (6) Lease termination costs no longer recorded as restructuring charges in accordance with ASC 842.
- (7) Non-cash goodwill impairment charges in 2018 related to impairments at our Europe and Asia Pacific reporting units, net of approximately \$5,463 attributable to our noncontrolling interests.
- (8) Gain on sale of land in Europe that was contemplated in conjunction with our restructuring plan. See Note 9. “Property, Plant and Equipment” to the consolidated financial statements included in Item 8. “Financial Statements and Supplementary Data” of this Report for additional information.
- (9) Amortization of write-up of inventory to fair value for the 2018 acquisitions.
- (10) Loss on refinancing and extinguishment of debt relating to the March 2018 amendment and May 2017 amendment of the Term Loan Facility.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 3. “New Accounting Pronouncements” to the consolidated financial statements included in Item 8. “Financial Statements and Supplementary Data” of this Report for additional information.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are exposed to fluctuations in interest rates, currency exchange rates and commodity prices. We actively manage our exposure to risk from changes in foreign currency exchange rates through the use of derivative financial instruments in accordance with management's guidelines. We do not enter into derivative instruments for trading or speculative purposes. See Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data," specifically Note 12. "Fair Value Measurements and Financial Instruments" to the consolidated financial statements.

Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk. We use forward foreign exchange contracts to reduce the effect of fluctuations in foreign exchange rates on a portion of forecasted sales, material purchases and operating expenses. As of December 31, 2020, the notional amount of these contracts was \$97.5 million. As of December 31, 2020, the fair value of the Company's forward foreign exchange contracts was an asset of \$1.1 million. The potential fair value of the forward foreign exchange contracts from a hypothetical 10% adverse or favorable movement in the foreign currency exchange rates in relation to the U.S. Dollar is as follows:

	<u>December 31, 2020</u>	<u>December 31, 2019</u>
10% strengthening of U.S. Dollar	(\$5.6) million	(\$7.8) million
10% weakening of U.S. Dollar	+ \$7.3 million	+ \$10.5 million

These estimates assume a parallel shift in all currency exchange rates and, as a result, may overstate the potential impact to earnings because currency exchange rates do not typically move all in the same direction.

In addition to transactional exposures, our operating results are impacted by the translation of our foreign operating income into U.S. dollars. In 2020, net sales outside of the United States accounted for 78% of our consolidated net sales, although certain non-U.S. sales are U.S. dollar denominated. We do not enter into foreign exchange contracts to mitigate this exposure.

Interest Rates. The Company historically used interest rate swap contracts through the third quarter of 2018 to manage cash flow variability associated with its variable rate Term Loan Facility. Such interest rate swap contracts fixed the interest payments of variable rate debt instruments in order to manage exposure to fluctuations in interest rates. We did not enter into any interest rate swap contracts in 2020. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, approximately 37.9% and 50.9%, respectively, of our total debt was at variable interest rates. The pre-tax earnings and cash flow impact of a 100 basis points increase or decrease in the interest rates on our variable rate debt outstanding at December 31, 2020 would be a \$3.6 million increase or decrease, respectively, on an annualized basis.

Commodity Prices. We have commodity price risk with respect to purchases of certain raw materials, including natural gas and carbon black. Raw material, energy and commodity costs have been extremely volatile over the past several years. Historically, we have used derivative instruments to reduce our exposure to fluctuations in certain commodity prices. We did not enter into any commodity derivative instruments in 2020. We will continue to evaluate, and may use, derivative financial instruments to manage our exposure to raw material, energy and commodity price fluctuations in the future.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. (the Company) as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income (loss), changes in equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes and financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15(a)2 (collectively referred to as the “financial statements”). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2020, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2020, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) and our report dated February 22, 2021 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Critical Audit Matters

The critical audit matters communicated below are matters arising from the current period audit of the financial statements that were communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that: (1) relate to accounts or disclosures that are material to the financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective or complex judgments. The communication of critical audit matters does not alter in any way our opinion on the financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matters below, providing separate opinions on the critical audit matters or on the accounts or disclosures to which they relate.

Impairment of property, plant and equipment

Description of the Matter As of December 31, 2020, the Company's property, plant and equipment balance was \$892 million. As discussed in Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements, during 2020 the Company recorded property, plant and equipment impairment charges at certain locations within its Europe, North America and Asia Pacific segments due to the deterioration of their financial results. The Company evaluated its property, plant and equipment in these locations for recoverability and concluded that certain assets were impaired. The Company recognized a \$13 million impairment charge, which is the amount by which the carrying value exceeded the estimated fair value of these assets.

Auditing the Company's impairment measurement involved a high degree of judgment as estimates underlying the determination of fair value of the long-lived assets were based on assumptions affected by current market and economic conditions. The Company determined fair value using estimated orderly liquidation value or value-in-exchange cost method, which were deemed the highest and best use of the assets.

How We Addressed the Matter in Our Audit

We obtained an understanding, evaluated the design and tested the operating effectiveness of controls over the Company's process to measure impairments of property, plant and equipment. Our audit procedures included among others, testing controls over the Company's review of the significant assumptions and methodologies used in the calculation of the fair value of the related assets.

Our testing of the Company's impairment of property, plant and equipment included, among other procedures, evaluating the assumptions used to estimate the fair value of the property, plant and equipment. We reviewed the valuation methodology to assess whether the methodology is widely recognized and appropriate for use in the valuation of the property, plant and equipment, tested significant assumptions and the data used in the valuation, and recalculated the valuation estimate based on the applicable inputs. We also involved our valuation specialists to assist in our assessment of the valuation approach and assumptions used to estimate the fair value.

Income Taxes - Realizability of Deferred Tax Assets

Description of the Matter As described in Note 17, as of December 31, 2020, the Company had consolidated deferred tax assets of \$129 million (net of valuation allowances of \$234 million). Valuation allowances are established when management estimates that it is more likely than not the tax benefit associated with the deferred tax asset will not be realized in future tax periods. In making such determination, the Company considers all available evidence, both positive and negative, regarding the realization of the deferred tax assets and the assessment of the likelihood of sufficient future taxable income. Sources of taxable income include taxable income in prior carryback year(s) if permitted under the tax law, future reversals of existing deferred tax assets and liabilities, tax planning strategies that are prudent and feasible, and projections of future taxable income (exclusive of the reversals of existing deferred tax assets and liabilities).

Auditing management's assessment of recoverability of deferred tax assets of \$63 million for the U.S. federal jurisdiction involved complex auditor judgment in determining whether the reversal of temporary differences and the Company's estimate of future taxable income that may be affected by future market and economic conditions are sufficient to support the realization of the existing deferred tax assets before expiration, if applicable.

How We Addressed the Matter in Our Audit

We obtained an understanding, evaluated the design, and tested the operating effectiveness of controls relating to the realizability of deferred tax assets. This included controls over management's projections of future taxable income and the future reversal of existing taxable temporary differences related to the U.S federal jurisdiction.

To test the realizability of the Company's deferred tax assets for the U.S. federal jurisdiction, our audit procedures included evaluating the time period over which temporary differences are expected to reverse, evaluating the assumptions used by the Company to develop projections of future taxable income, and testing the calculations of existing temporary book-tax differences. We evaluated the assumptions used by the Company to develop projections of future taxable income for the U.S. federal jurisdiction and tested the completeness and accuracy of the underlying data used in its projections. We compared the projections of future taxable income for the U.S. federal jurisdiction with the actual results of prior periods and considered external data sources and historical trends, to the extent applicable. We also reconciled the projections of future income with other forecasted financial information prepared by the Company. Professionals with specialized skill and knowledge were used to assist in the evaluation of the realizability of the Company's deferred tax assets for the U.S. federal jurisdiction, including consideration of applicable tax statutes and related interpretations and precedents.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2005.

Detroit, Michigan
February 22, 2021

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.

Opinion on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

We have audited Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2020, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) (the COSO criteria). In our opinion, Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. (the Company) maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2020, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the consolidated balance sheets of the Company as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income (loss), changes in equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes and financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15(a)2 and our report dated February 22, 2021 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

Basis for Opinion

The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects.

Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Definition and Limitations of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Detroit, Michigan
February 22, 2021

COOPER-STANDARD HOLDINGS INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(Dollar amounts in thousands except per share amounts)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2020	2019	2018
Sales	\$ 2,375,439	\$ 3,108,400	\$ 3,624,042
Cost of products sold	2,227,892	2,749,278	3,075,737
Gross profit	147,547	359,122	548,305
Selling, administration & engineering expenses	263,611	302,496	314,805
Gain on sale of business, net	(2,834)	(191,571)	—
Gain on sale of land	—	—	(10,377)
Amortization of intangibles	11,611	17,966	14,844
Impairment of assets held for sale	86,470	—	—
Goodwill impairment charges	—	—	45,281
Other impairment charges	17,893	23,139	43,706
Restructuring charges	39,482	51,102	29,722
Operating (loss) profit	(268,686)	155,990	110,324
Interest expense, net of interest income	(59,167)	(44,113)	(41,004)
Equity in earnings of affiliates	396	6,504	6,718
Loss on refinancing and extinguishment of debt	—	—	(770)
Pension settlement charges	(184)	(15,819)	(775)
Other expense, net	(2,580)	(4,260)	(4,838)
(Loss) income before income taxes	(330,221)	98,302	69,655
Income tax (benefit) expense	(60,847)	36,089	(29,400)
Net (loss) income	(269,374)	62,213	99,055
Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	1,769	5,316	4,546
Net (loss) income attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.	\$ (267,605)	\$ 67,529	\$ 103,601
(Loss) earnings per share:			
Basic	\$ (15.82)	\$ 3.94	\$ 5.79
Diluted	\$ (15.82)	\$ 3.92	\$ 5.66

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

COOPER-STANDARD HOLDINGS INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2020	2019	2018
Net (loss) income	\$ (269,374)	\$ 62,213	\$ 99,055
Other comprehensive income (loss):			
Currency translation adjustment	18,429	(13,308)	(46,902)
Benefit plan liabilities adjustment, net of tax	(5,919)	4,215	4,943
Fair value change of derivatives, net of tax	410	810	1,009
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	12,920	(8,283)	(40,950)
Comprehensive (loss) income	(256,454)	53,930	58,105
Comprehensive loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	694	5,795	6,172
Comprehensive (loss) income attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.	<u>\$ (255,760)</u>	<u>\$ 59,725</u>	<u>\$ 64,277</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

COOPER-STANDARD HOLDINGS INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Dollar amounts in thousands except share amounts)

	December 31,	
	2020	2019
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 438,438	\$ 359,536
Accounts receivable, net	379,564	423,155
Tooling receivable, net	82,150	148,175
Inventories	143,742	143,439
Prepaid expenses	29,748	34,452
Income tax receivable and refundable credits	85,977	32,763
Other current assets	100,110	60,750
Total current assets	1,259,729	1,202,270
Property, plant and equipment, net	892,309	988,277
Operating lease right-of-use assets, net	109,795	83,376
Goodwill	142,250	142,187
Intangible assets, net	67,679	84,369
Deferred tax assets	66,111	56,662
Other assets	74,071	78,441
Total assets	\$ 2,611,944	\$ 2,635,582
Liabilities and Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Debt payable within one year	\$ 40,731	\$ 61,449
Accounts payable	385,284	426,055
Payroll liabilities	112,727	88,486
Accrued liabilities	110,827	119,841
Current operating lease liabilities	21,711	24,094
Total current liabilities	671,280	719,925
Long-term debt	982,760	746,179
Pension benefits	152,230	140,010
Postretirement benefits other than pensions	49,613	48,313
Long-term operating lease liabilities	90,517	60,234
Deferred tax liabilities	8,638	10,785
Other liabilities	32,795	34,154
Total liabilities	1,987,833	1,759,600
7% Cumulative participating convertible preferred stock, \$0.001 par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued and outstanding	—	—
Equity:		
Common stock, \$0.001 par value, 190,000,000 shares authorized; 18,962,894 shares issued and 16,897,085 outstanding as of December 31, 2020 and 18,908,566 shares issued and 16,842,757 outstanding as of December 31, 2019	17	17
Additional paid-in capital	498,719	490,451
Retained earnings	350,270	619,448
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(241,896)	(253,741)
Total Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. equity	607,110	856,175
Noncontrolling interests	17,001	19,807
Total equity	624,111	875,982
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 2,611,944	\$ 2,635,582

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

COOPER-STANDARD HOLDINGS INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
(Dollar amounts in thousands except share amounts)

	Total Equity								Total Equity
	Common Shares	Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. Equity	Noncontrolling Interest		
Balance as of December 31, 2017	17,914,599	\$ 18	\$ 512,815	\$ 508,722	\$ (197,974)	\$ 823,581	\$ 28,520	\$ 852,101	
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	—	—	—	8,639	(8,639)	—	—	—	
Repurchase of common stock	(549,019)	(1)	(14,259)	(46,306)	—	(60,566)	—	(60,566)	
Share-based compensation, net	189,157	—	5,637	(5,441)	—	196	—	196	
Purchase of noncontrolling interest	—	—	(2,682)	—	—	(2,682)	312	(2,370)	
Contribution from noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,377	1,377	
Acquisition	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,246	6,246	
Dividends declared to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	(3,614)	(3,614)	
Net income (loss) for 2018	—	—	—	103,601	—	103,601	(4,546)	99,055	
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	(39,324)	(39,324)	(1,626)	(40,950)	
Balance as of December 31, 2018	17,554,737	17	501,511	569,215	(245,937)	824,806	26,669	851,475	
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	—	—	—	(2,607)	—	(2,607)	—	(2,607)	
Repurchase of common stock	(817,954)	—	(21,459)	(14,478)	—	(35,937)	—	(35,937)	
Share-based compensation, net	105,974	—	9,101	(211)	—	8,890	—	8,890	
Purchase of noncontrolling interest	—	—	1,298	—	—	1,298	(6,057)	(4,759)	
Contribution from noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,048	6,048	
Dividends declared to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,058)	(1,058)	
Net income (loss) for 2019	—	—	—	67,529	—	67,529	(5,316)	62,213	
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	(7,804)	(7,804)	(479)	(8,283)	
Balance as of December 31, 2019	16,842,757	17	490,451	619,448	(253,741)	856,175	19,807	875,982	
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	—	—	—	(1,573)	—	(1,573)	—	(1,573)	
Share-based compensation, net	54,328	—	8,268	—	—	8,268	—	8,268	
Deconsolidation of noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	(2,112)	(2,112)	
Net loss for 2020	—	—	—	(267,605)	—	(267,605)	(1,769)	(269,374)	
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	11,845	11,845	1,075	12,920	
Balance as of December 31, 2020	16,897,085	\$ 17	\$ 498,719	\$ 350,270	\$ (241,896)	\$ 607,110	\$ 17,001	\$ 624,111	

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COOPER-STANDARD HOLDINGS INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2020	2019	2018
Operating Activities:			
Net (loss) income	\$ (269,374)	\$ 62,213	\$ 99,055
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation	142,618	133,987	131,854
Amortization of intangibles	11,611	17,966	14,844
Gain on sale of business, net	(2,834)	(191,571)	—
Gain on sale of land	—	—	(10,377)
Impairment of assets held for sale	86,470	—	—
Goodwill and other impairment charges	17,893	23,139	88,987
Pension settlement charges	184	15,819	775
Share-based compensation expense	10,435	11,865	8,520
Equity in earnings, net of dividends related to earnings	6,847	(1,587)	(1,856)
Loss on refinancing and extinguishment of debt	—	—	770
Deferred income taxes	(8,722)	15,874	(38,931)
Other	5,232	5,230	2,652
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts and tooling receivable	94,125	(26,534)	17,916
Inventories	(15,236)	29,430	1,410
Prepaid expenses	2,099	(150)	(4,647)
Income tax receivable and refundable credits	(52,374)	(3,620)	8,469
Accounts payable	(18,370)	(14,643)	(32,502)
Payroll and accrued liabilities	40,413	(1,258)	(61,800)
Other	(66,951)	21,537	(75,751)
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(15,934)	97,697	149,388
Investing activities:			
Capital expenditures	(91,794)	(164,466)	(218,071)
Proceeds from sale of business, net of cash divested	(17,006)	243,362	—
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired	—	(452)	(171,653)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets and other	1,920	5,586	6,733
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(106,880)	84,030	(382,991)
Financing activities:			
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt, net of discount	245,000	—	—
Principal payments on long-term debt	(6,192)	(4,494)	(3,437)
(Decrease) increase in short term debt, net	(22,372)	(40,406)	65,198
Debt issuance costs	(7,249)	—	(667)
Purchase of noncontrolling interest	—	(4,797)	(2,450)
Repurchase of common stock	—	(36,550)	(59,955)
Taxes withheld and paid on employees' share-based payment awards	(544)	(2,787)	(11,618)
Contribution from noncontrolling interests and other	(928)	5,042	(1,511)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	207,715	(83,992)	(14,440)
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(3,065)	(3,392)	(3,019)
Changes in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	81,836	94,343	(251,062)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period	361,742	267,399	518,461
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period	\$ 443,578	\$ 361,742	\$ 267,399
Reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash to the consolidated balance sheet:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 438,438	\$ 359,536	\$ 264,980
Restricted cash included in other current assets	4,089	12	18
Restricted cash included in other assets	1,051	2,194	2,401
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash shown in the statement of cash flows	\$ 443,578	\$ 361,742	\$ 267,399
Supplemental Disclosure:			
Cash paid for interest	\$ 55,685	\$ 47,580	\$ 44,877
Cash paid for income taxes, net of refunds	1,679	23,599	32,299

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Description of Business

Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. (together with its consolidated subsidiaries, the “Company” or “Cooper Standard”), through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. (“CSA U.S.”), is a leading manufacturer of sealing, fuel and brake delivery, and fluid transfer systems. The Company’s products are primarily for use in passenger vehicles and light trucks that are manufactured by global automotive original equipment manufacturers (“OEMs”) and replacement markets. The Company conducts substantially all of its activities through its subsidiaries.

Prior to its divestiture on April 1, 2019, the Company also operated an anti-vibration systems (“AVS”) product line. See Note 5. “Divestitures” for additional information.

The Company believes it is the largest global producer of sealing systems, the second largest global producer of the types of fuel and brake delivery products that it manufactures and the third largest global producer of fluid transfer systems. The Company designs and manufactures its products in each major region of the world through a disciplined and sustained approach to engineering and operational excellence. The Company operates in 72 manufacturing locations and 49 design, engineering, administrative and logistics locations in 21 countries around the world.

Subsequent Event

In January 2021, one of the Company’s top customers announced restructuring activities in South America, including its intention to cease manufacturing operations in Brazil. As a result, Cooper Standard’s Brazil manufacturing operations and sales attributable to that customer will be significantly impacted. The Company is assessing the impact of this announcement on its 2021 financial results, but does not expect the action to have a material impact on its business, results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

In January 2021, two of the Company’s top customers, FCA and Groupe PSA, completed a merger. The combined business was renamed Stellantis. The Company does not expect this merger to have a material impact on the business, results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

2. Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (“U.S. GAAP”). Certain balances in prior periods have been conformed to the current presentation.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Principles of Consolidation – The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and the wholly-owned and less than wholly-owned subsidiaries controlled by the Company. All material intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated. Acquired businesses are included in the consolidated financial statements from the dates of acquisition or when the Company gained control.

The equity method of accounting is followed for investments in which the Company does not have control, but does have the ability to exercise significant influence over operating and financial policies. Generally, this occurs when ownership is between 20% to 50%.

Foreign Currency – The financial statements of foreign subsidiaries are translated to U.S. dollars at the end-of-period exchange rates for assets and liabilities and at a weighted average exchange rate for each period for revenues and expenses. Translation adjustments for those subsidiaries whose local currency is their functional currency are recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in stockholders’ equity (“AOCI”). Transaction related gains and losses arising from fluctuations in currency exchange rates on transactions denominated in currencies other than the functional currency are recognized in earnings as incurred, except for those intercompany balances which are designated as long-term.

Cash and Cash Equivalents – The Company considers highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivable – The Company records trade accounts receivable when revenue is recorded in accordance with its revenue recognition policy and relieves accounts receivable when payments are received from customers. Accounts receivable are written off when it is apparent such amounts are not collectible. Generally, the Company does not require collateral for its accounts receivable, nor is interest charged on accounts receivable balances.

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The Company receives bank notes from its customers, which are classified as other current assets in the consolidated balance sheets, for certain amounts of accounts receivable, primarily in China. The Company may elect to hold such bank notes until maturity, exchange them with suppliers to settle liabilities, or sell them to third party financial institutions in exchange for cash.

Allowance for Credit Losses – An allowance for credit losses is established through charges to the provision for credit losses when it is probable that the outstanding receivable or reimbursable tooling will not be collected. The Company evaluates the adequacy of the allowance for credit losses on a periodic basis, including historical trends in collections and write-offs, management’s judgment of the probability of collecting accounts and management’s evaluation of business risk. This evaluation is inherently subjective, as it requires estimates that are susceptible to revision as more information becomes available. The allowance for credit losses was \$7,100 and \$9,149 as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Advertising Expense – Expenses incurred for advertising are generally expensed when incurred. Advertising expense was \$425, \$711 and \$1,493 for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Inventories – Inventories are valued at lower of cost or net realizable value. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out method. Finished goods and work-in-process inventories include material, labor and manufacturing overhead costs. The Company records inventory reserves for inventory in excess of production and/or forecasted requirements and for obsolete inventory.

	December 31,	
	2020	2019
Finished goods	\$ 39,136	\$ 57,070
Work in process	35,477	33,753
Raw materials and supplies	69,129	52,616
	\$ 143,742	\$ 143,439

Derivative Financial Instruments – Derivative financial instruments are utilized by the Company to reduce foreign currency exchange. The Company has established policies and procedures for risk assessment and the approval, reporting and monitoring of derivative financial instrument activities. On the date the derivative is established, the Company designates the derivative as either a fair value hedge, a cash flow hedge or a net investment hedge in accordance with its established policy. The Company does not enter into derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

Income Taxes – Deferred tax assets or liabilities are determined based on differences between financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities and are measured using enacted tax laws and rates. A valuation allowance is provided on deferred tax assets if the Company determines that it is more likely than not that the asset will not be realized.

Long-lived Assets – Property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost and depreciated using primarily the straight-line method over estimated useful lives. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the expected life of the asset or term of the lease, whichever is shorter. Intangibles with finite lives, which include technology and customer relationships, are amortized over estimated useful lives. The Company evaluates the recoverability of long-lived assets when events and circumstances indicate that the assets may be impaired and the undiscounted net cash flows estimated to be generated by those assets are less than their carrying value. If the net carrying value exceeds the fair value, an impairment loss exists and is calculated based on either estimated salvage value or estimated orderly liquidation value.

Pre-production Costs Related to Long Term Supply Arrangements – Costs for molds, dies and other tools owned by the Company to produce products under long-term supply arrangements are recorded at cost in property, plant and equipment and amortized over the lesser of three years or the term of the related supply agreement. The amounts capitalized were \$5,131 and \$3,994 as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The Company expenses all pre-production tooling costs related to customer-owned tools for which reimbursement is not contractually guaranteed by the customer. Reimbursable tooling costs are recorded in tooling receivable in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets if considered to be receivable in the next twelve months, and in other assets if considered to be receivable beyond twelve months. Tooling receivable for customer-owned tooling as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 was \$82,150 and \$148,175, respectively. Reimbursable tooling costs included in other assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets were \$15,219 and \$19,185 as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Goodwill – The Company tests goodwill for impairment on an annual basis in the fourth quarter, or more frequently if an event occurs or circumstances indicate the carrying amount may be impaired. Goodwill impairment testing is performed at the reporting unit level. The impairment test involves first qualitatively assessing goodwill for impairment. If the qualitative

assessment is not met, a quantitative assessment is performed by comparing the estimated fair value of each reporting unit to its carrying value. If the carrying value exceeds the fair value, an impairment charge is recorded based on that difference.

The Company's organizational structure changed on January 1, 2020. See Note 24. "Business Segments" for further detail on this reorganization of our business. The change in organizational structure of the business represented a triggering event to test goodwill for impairment as of January 1, 2020. No impairment was identified as a result of completing the goodwill impairment test. Other than the change in organizational structure event noted above, there were no other indicators of potential impairment during the year ended December 31, 2020.

In the fourth quarter of 2020, the Company completed a quantitative goodwill impairment assessment, and after evaluating the results, events and circumstances, the Company concluded that sufficient evidence existed to assert quantitatively that the estimated fair value of the reporting units remained in excess of their carrying values. In the fourth quarter of 2019, the Company completed a quantitative goodwill impairment assessment for its North America reporting unit, and no impairment was identified as a result of completing the goodwill impairment test.

Business Combinations – The purchase price of an acquired business is allocated to its identifiable assets and liabilities based on estimated fair values. The excess of the purchase price over the amount allocated to the assets and liabilities, if any, is recorded as goodwill. Determining the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed requires management's judgment, the utilization of independent appraisal firms and often involves the use of significant estimates and assumptions with respect to the timing and amount of future cash flows, market rate assumptions, actuarial assumptions, and appropriate discount rates, among other items.

Revenue Recognition and Sales Commitments – In accordance with ASC 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, revenue is recognized when the performance obligations are satisfied. A performance obligation is a promise in a contract to transfer a distinct good or service to the customer and is the unit of account in ASC 606. The Company has one major performance obligation category: manufactured parts.

A contract's transaction price is allocated to each distinct performance obligation and recognized when the performance obligation is satisfied. The Company's contracts may include multiple performance obligations. For such contracts, the Company generally allocates the contract's transaction price to each performance obligation based on the purchase order or other arranged pricing.

Revenue is recognized for manufactured parts at a point in time, generally when products are shipped or delivered. The point at which revenue is recognized often depends on the shipping terms.

The Company usually enters into agreements with customers to produce products at the beginning of a vehicle's life. Blanket purchase orders received from customers and related documents generally establish the annual terms, including pricing, related to a vehicle model. Although purchase orders do not usually specify quantities, fulfillment of customers' purchasing requirements can be the Company's obligation for the entire production life of the vehicle. These agreements generally may be terminated by the Company's customer at any time, but such cancellations have historically been minimal. Customers typically pay for parts based on customary business practices with payment terms generally between 30 and 90 days. The Company has no significant financing arrangements with customers.

The Company applies the optional exemption to forgo disclosing information about its remaining performance obligations because its contracts usually have an original expected duration of one year or less. It also applies an accounting policy to treat shipping and handling costs that are incurred after revenue is recognizable as a fulfillment activity by expensing such costs as incurred, instead of as a separate performance obligation. This is consistent with the Company's historical accounting practices. The Company has chosen to present revenue net of sales and other similar taxes, which is also consistent with its historical accounting practices.

Shipping and Handling – Amounts billed to customers related to shipping and handling are included in sales in the Company's consolidated statements of operations. Shipping and handling costs are included in cost of products sold in the Company's consolidated statements of operations.

Research and Development – Engineering, research and development, and program management costs are charged to selling, administration and engineering expenses as incurred and totaled \$101,607, \$114,854 and \$122,529 for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Share-based Compensation – The Company measures share-based compensation expense at fair value and generally recognizes such expenses on a straight-line basis over the vesting period of the share-based employee awards. See Note 21. "Share-Based Compensation" for additional information.

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Use of Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect amounts reflected in the consolidated financial statements, as well as disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Considerable judgment is often involved in making such estimates, and the use of different assumptions could result in different conclusions. Management believes its assumptions and estimates are reasonable and appropriate. However, actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. New Accounting Pronouncements

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

The Company adopted the following Accounting Standards Updates (“ASU”) in 2020:

ASU 2016-13, Financial Instruments — Credit Losses (Topic 326)

On January 1, 2020, the Company adopted Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 326, Financial Instruments – Credit Losses, and all related amendments using the modified retrospective method whereby the cumulative effect of adopting the standard was recognized in equity at the date of initial application. Comparative information has not been restated and continues to be reported under the accounting standards in effect for those periods. The most prominent among the changes in the standard is the consideration of losses not yet incurred, but expected, based on current conditions and future forecasts. Adoption of the new standard resulted in an immaterial increase in the allowance for credit losses, which decreased the tooling receivable on the Company’s condensed consolidated balance sheet in 2020. The increase in credit loss expense was recorded as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings. Adoption of the new standard had no impact on the Company’s condensed consolidated statement of operations or on cash provided by (used in) operating, financing or investing activities on its condensed consolidated cash flow statements.

The cumulative effects of the changes made to the Company’s condensed consolidated balance sheet as of January 1, 2020 were as follows:

	Balance as of December 31, 2019	Adjustments due to adoption of ASC 326	Balance as of January 1, 2020
Tooling receivable, net	\$ 148,175	\$ (1,573)	\$ 146,602
Retained earnings	619,448	(1,573)	617,875

The Company adopted the recently issued accounting pronouncement summarized as follows, which had an immaterial impact on its consolidated financial statements and disclosures:

Standard	Description	Impact	Effective Date
ASU 2018-14, <i>Compensation—Retirement Benefits—Defined Benefit Plans—General (Subtopic 715-20): Disclosure Framework—Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Defined Benefit Plans</i>	Modifies the disclosure requirements for ASC Topic 715 by removing and modifying existing disclosure requirements while also adding new disclosures.	Adoption of this standard resulted in additional pension disclosures while also removing certain other disclosures. Specifically, the weighted-average interest crediting rate for the U.S. cash balance plan was added while accumulated other comprehensive income expected to be recognized as components of net periodic benefit cost over the next fiscal year and the effects of a one-percentage-point change in the assumed health care cost trend rate were removed.	December 31, 2020

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The Company adopted the following ASUs in 2020, which did not have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements:

Standard	Description	Effective Date
ASU 2018-15, <i>Intangibles - Goodwill and Other - Internal-Use Software (Subtopic 350-40): Customer's Accounting for Implementation Costs Incurred in a Cloud Computing Arrangement that is a Service Contract</i>	Aligns the requirements for capitalizing implementation costs incurred in a hosting arrangement that is a service contract with the requirements for capitalizing implementation costs incurred to develop or obtain internal-use software.	January 1, 2020
ASU 2020-04, <i>Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848): Facilitation of the Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting</i>	Provides temporary optional guidance to ease the potential burden in accounting for reference rate reform. The new guidance provides optional expedients and exceptions for applying generally accepted accounting principles to contract modifications and hedging relationships, subject to meeting certain criteria, that reference LIBOR or another reference rate expected to be discontinued.	January 1, 2020

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

The Company considered the recently issued accounting pronouncements summarized as follows, which will not have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements or disclosures:

Standard	Description	Effective Date
ASU 2019-12, <i>Income Taxes (Topic 740): Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes</i>	Modifies ASC Topic 740 by removing certain exceptions and amending existing guidance in order to simplify the accounting for income taxes.	January 1, 2021
ASU 2021-01, <i>Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848): Scope</i>	Clarifies that certain optional expedients and exceptions in Topic 848 for contract modifications and hedge accounting apply to derivatives that are affected by the discounting transition and tailors the existing guidance to derivative instruments affected by the discounting transition.	January 1, 2021

4. Acquisitions

AMI Acquisition

In the first quarter of 2018, the Company finalized its purchase of 100% equity interest of the China fuel and brake business of AMI Industries (“AMI China”) for cash consideration of \$3,900. The results of operations of AMI China are included in the Company’s consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition and reported within the Asia Pacific segment.

INOAC Acquisition

In the first quarter of 2018, the Company purchased the remaining 49% equity interest of Cooper-Standard INOAC Pte. Ltd., a fluid transfer systems joint venture, at a purchase price of \$2,450. This acquisition was accounted for as an equity transaction. Subsequent to the transaction, the Company owns 100% of the equity interests of Cooper-Standard INOAC Pte. Ltd.

Lauren Acquisition

In the third quarter of 2018, the Company acquired the assets and liabilities of Lauren Manufacturing and Lauren Plastics (together “Lauren”), extruders and molders of organic, silicone, thermoplastic and engineered polymer products with expertise in sealing solutions. The base purchase price of the acquisition was \$92,700. The results of operations of Lauren are included in the Company’s consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition and reported within Corporate, eliminations and other.

LS Mtron Automotive Parts Acquisition

In the fourth quarter of 2018, the Company acquired 80.1% of LS Mtron Ltd.'s automotive parts business, now named Cooper Standard Automotive and Industrial, Inc. The acquisition added jounce brake lines and charge air cooling technology to the Company's automotive fluid transfer and fuel and brake delivery systems product lines and further expands core product offerings. The base purchase price was \$25,750. The noncontrolling interest was determined to have a fair value of \$6,400. The results of operations of Cooper Standard Automotive and Industrial, Inc., are included in the Company's consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition and reported within the Asia Pacific segment. In 2019, the Company recorded insignificant measurement period adjustments primarily due to working capital adjustments, which resulted in an increase to the base purchase price.

Hutchings Automotive Products Acquisition

In the fourth quarter of 2018, the Company acquired the assets and liabilities of Hutchings Automotive Products, LLC ("Hutchings"), a North American supplier of high quality fluid carrying products for automotive powertrain and coolant systems applications. The base purchase price was \$42,100. The results of operations of Hutchings are included in the Company's consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition and reported within the North America segment.

5. Divestitures

2020 Divestiture

In the fourth quarter of 2019, management approved a plan to sell its European rubber fluid transfer and specialty sealing businesses, as well as its Indian operations. The entities and the associated assets and liabilities met the criteria for presentation as held for sale as of March 31, 2020, and depreciation of long-lived assets ceased. The divestiture did not meet the criteria for presentation as a discontinued operation.

Upon meeting the criteria for held for sale classification, the Company recorded non-cash impairment charges of \$86,470 during the six months ended June 30, 2020 to reduce the carrying value of the held for sale entities to fair value less costs to sell. Fair value, which is categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, was determined using a market approach, estimated based on expected proceeds. The fair value less costs to sell were assessed each reporting period that the asset group remained classified as held for sale. The difference between the impairment of the carrying value on the divested assets compared to the impairment recorded in the consolidated statements of operations is due to foreign currency translation offset by costs to sell incurred in the second quarter. The impairment charge includes the non-cash cumulative foreign currency translation losses recorded in equity related to the divested entities.

On July 1, 2020, the Company completed the divestiture of its European rubber fluid transfer and specialty sealing businesses, as well as its Indian operations, to Mutares SE & Co. KGaA ("Mutares"). The transaction included payment denominated in Euro of €9,000, which consisted of €6,500 in cash paid and €2,500 in deferred payment obligations, payable in December 2021.

Upon finalizing the sale in the third quarter of 2020 and including subsequent adjustments in the fourth quarter of 2020, the Company recorded a net gain on deconsolidation of the businesses of \$353 during the year ended December 31, 2020. In addition, at closing, the Company and Mutares entered into certain ancillary agreements providing for the transition of the European rubber fluid transfer and specialty sealing businesses and Indian operations.

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The major classes of assets and liabilities divested were as follows:

		July 1, 2020
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	11,162
Accounts receivable, net		18,825
Tooling receivable, net		4,770
Inventories		17,022
Prepaid expenses		2,728
Other current assets		8,873
Property, plant and equipment, net		39,913
Operating lease right-of-use assets, net		2,946
Intangible assets, net		4,992
Other assets		4,114
Impairment of carrying value		(85,622)
Total assets divested	\$	29,723
Accounts payable	\$	13,219
Payroll liabilities		7,135
Accrued liabilities		5,744
Current operating lease liabilities		918
Pension benefits		3,574
Postretirement benefits other than pensions		2,778
Long-term operating lease liabilities		2,286
Other liabilities		1,934
Total liabilities divested	\$	37,588

2020 Joint Venture Deconsolidation

In the third quarter of 2020, management approved and completed a plan to sell the Company's entire controlling equity interest of a joint venture in the Asia Pacific region. Upon finalizing the sale, the Company recorded a gain on deconsolidation of the business of \$1,334.

2019 Divestiture

During the first quarter of 2019 and in prior periods, the Company also operated an AVS product line. On April 1, 2019, the Company completed its sale of the AVS product line to Continental AG. The total sale price of the transaction was \$265,000, subject to certain adjustments. Cash proceeds received in the second quarter of 2019 were \$243,362 after adjusting for certain liabilities assumed by the purchaser. The Company recognized a gain on the divestiture of \$191,571 during the year ended December 31, 2019. In the third quarter of 2020, the Company finalized adjustments to the gain recorded in 2019 by recording an additional gain on divestiture of \$1,147, primarily due to working capital adjustments.

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6. Revenue

The Company recognizes revenue in accordance with ASC 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, which was adopted on January 1, 2018 using the modified retrospective method.

The passenger and light duty group consists of sales to automotive OEMs and automotive suppliers, while the commercial group represents sales to OEMs of on- and off-highway commercial equipment and vehicles. The other customer group includes sales related to specialty and adjacent markets.

Revenue by customer group for the year ended December 31, 2020 was as follows:

	North America	Europe	Asia Pacific	South America	Corporate, Eliminations and Other	Consolidated
Passenger and Light Duty	\$ 1,110,294	\$ 554,349	\$ 463,586	\$ 60,676	\$ —	\$ 2,188,905
Commercial	11,291	18,134	4,338	22	3,731	37,516
Other	19,783	14,256	118	56	114,805	149,018
Revenue	<u>\$ 1,141,368</u>	<u>\$ 586,739</u>	<u>\$ 468,042</u>	<u>\$ 60,754</u>	<u>\$ 118,536</u>	<u>\$ 2,375,439</u>

Revenue by customer group for the year ended December 31, 2019 was as follows:

	North America	Europe	Asia Pacific	South America	Corporate, Eliminations and Other	Consolidated
Passenger and Light Duty	\$ 1,504,136	\$ 765,766	\$ 503,676	\$ 94,310	\$ 5	\$ 2,867,893
Commercial	17,784	28,068	73	114	1,213	47,252
Other	21,925	32,501	204	111	138,514	193,255
Revenue	<u>\$ 1,543,845</u>	<u>\$ 826,335</u>	<u>\$ 503,953</u>	<u>\$ 94,535</u>	<u>\$ 139,732</u>	<u>\$ 3,108,400</u>

Revenue by customer group for the year ended December 31, 2018 was as follows:

	North America	Europe	Asia Pacific	South America	Corporate, Eliminations and Other	Consolidated
Passenger and Light Duty	\$ 1,834,780	\$ 917,877	\$ 571,137	\$ 97,484	\$ 15	\$ 3,421,293
Commercial	20,625	34,336	19	439	2,409	57,828
Other	17,533	30,754	4	140	96,490	144,921
Revenue	<u>\$ 1,872,938</u>	<u>\$ 982,967</u>	<u>\$ 571,160</u>	<u>\$ 98,063</u>	<u>\$ 98,914</u>	<u>\$ 3,624,042</u>

Substantially all the Company's revenues are generated from sealing, fuel and brake delivery, fluid transfer and anti-vibration systems for use in passenger vehicles and light trucks manufactured by global OEMs. On April 1, 2019, the Company completed the divestiture of its AVS product line. See Note 5. "Divestitures" for additional information.

A summary of the Company's products is as follows:

Product Line	Description
Sealing Systems	Protect vehicle interiors from weather, dust and noise intrusion for improved driving experience; provide aesthetic and functional class-A exterior surface treatment
Fuel & Brake Delivery Systems	Sense, deliver and control fluids to fuel and brake systems
Fluid Transfer Systems	Sense, deliver and control fluids and vapors for optimal powertrain & HVAC operation
Anti-Vibration Systems (Divested on April 1, 2019)	Control and isolate vibration and noise in the vehicle to improve ride and handling

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Revenue by product line for the year ended December 31, 2020 was as follows:

	North America	Europe	Asia Pacific	South America	Corporate, Eliminations and Other	Consolidated
Sealing systems	\$ 433,291	\$ 438,012	\$ 298,028	\$ 39,354	\$ —	\$ 1,208,685
Fuel and brake delivery systems	371,397	95,516	110,403	16,968	—	594,284
Fluid transfer systems	336,680	41,102	59,611	4,432	—	441,825
Other	—	12,109	—	—	118,536	130,645
Consolidated	<u>\$ 1,141,368</u>	<u>\$ 586,739</u>	<u>\$ 468,042</u>	<u>\$ 60,754</u>	<u>\$ 118,536</u>	<u>\$ 2,375,439</u>

Revenue by product line for the year ended December 31, 2019 was as follows:

	North America	Europe	Asia Pacific	South America	Corporate, Eliminations and Other	Consolidated
Sealing systems	\$ 553,901	\$ 563,529	\$ 334,056	\$ 69,111	\$ —	\$ 1,520,597 ⁽¹⁾
Fuel and brake delivery systems	479,962	124,803	112,253	23,871	—	740,889
Fluid transfer systems	453,064	87,375	56,180	1,553	—	598,172
Anti-vibration systems	56,457	20,807	1,464	—	—	78,728
Other	461	29,821	—	—	139,732	170,014 ⁽¹⁾
Consolidated	<u>\$ 1,543,845</u>	<u>\$ 826,335</u>	<u>\$ 503,953</u>	<u>\$ 94,535</u>	<u>\$ 139,732</u>	<u>\$ 3,108,400</u>

Revenue by product line for the year ended December 31, 2018 was as follows:

	North America	Europe	Asia Pacific	South America	Corporate, Eliminations and Other	Consolidated
Sealing systems	\$ 626,450	\$ 646,213	\$ 442,774	\$ 73,256	\$ —	\$ 1,788,693 ⁽¹⁾
Fuel and brake delivery systems	545,907	138,557	87,131	24,440	—	796,035
Fluid transfer systems	442,392	87,593	32,990	367	—	563,342
Anti-vibration systems	256,846	74,792	8,265	—	—	339,903
Other	1,343	35,812	—	—	98,914	136,069 ⁽¹⁾
Consolidated	<u>\$ 1,872,938</u>	<u>\$ 982,967</u>	<u>\$ 571,160</u>	<u>\$ 98,063</u>	<u>\$ 98,914</u>	<u>\$ 3,624,042</u>

⁽¹⁾ Insignificant reclassifications between the sealing systems and other product lines were made as part of our reorganization.

Contract Estimates

The amount of revenue recognized is usually based on the purchase order price and adjusted for variable consideration, including pricing concessions. The Company accrues for pricing concessions by reducing revenue as products are shipped or delivered. The accruals are based on historical experience, anticipated performance and management's best judgment. The Company also generally has ongoing adjustments to customer pricing arrangements based on the content and cost of its products. Such pricing accruals are adjusted as they are settled with customers. Customer returns are usually related to quality or shipment issues and are recorded as a reduction of revenue. The Company generally does not recognize significant return obligations due to their infrequent nature.

Contract Balances

The Company's contract assets consist of unbilled amounts associated with variable pricing arrangements in its Asia Pacific region. Once pricing is finalized, contract assets are transferred to accounts receivable. As a result, the timing of revenue recognition and billings, as well as changes in foreign exchange rates, will impact contract assets on an ongoing basis. Changes during the year ended December 31, 2020 were not materially impacted by any other factors.

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The Company's contract liabilities consist of advance payments received and due from customers. Net contract assets (liabilities) consisted of the following:

	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019	Change
Contract assets	\$ 777	\$ 1,100	\$ (323)
Contract liabilities	(27)	(61)	34
Net contract assets	<u>\$ 750</u>	<u>\$ 1,039</u>	<u>\$ (289)</u>

Other

The Company at times enters into agreements that provide for lump sum payments to customers. These payment agreements are recorded as a reduction of revenue during the period the commitment is made. Amounts related to commitments of future payments to customers on the condensed consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 were current liabilities of \$16,932 and \$12,916, respectively, and long-term liabilities of \$6,828 and \$9,502, respectively.

The Company provides assurance-type warranties to its customers. Such warranties provide customers with assurance that the related product will function as intended and complies with any agreed-upon specifications and are recognized in costs of products sold.

7. Restructuring

On an ongoing basis, the Company evaluates its business and objectives to ensure that it is properly configured and sized based on changing market conditions. Accordingly, the Company has implemented several restructuring initiatives, including closure or consolidation of facilities throughout the world and the reorganization of its operating structure.

The Company's restructuring charges consist of severance, retention and outplacement services, and severance-related postemployment benefits (collectively, "employee separation costs"), other related exit costs and asset impairments related to restructuring activities. Employee separation costs are recorded based on existing union and employee contracts, statutory requirements, completed negotiations and Company policy.

Restructuring expense by segment for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018 was as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2020	2019	2018
North America	\$ 16,499	\$ 10,831	\$ 5,413
Europe	14,573	23,525	17,765
Asia Pacific	4,773	6,781	6,290
South America	2,129	37	254
Total Automotive	<u>37,974</u>	<u>41,174</u>	<u>29,722</u>
Corporate and other	1,508	9,928	—
Total	<u>\$ 39,482</u>	<u>\$ 51,102</u>	<u>\$ 29,722</u>

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Restructuring activity for all restructuring initiatives for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 was as follows:

	Employee Separation Costs	Other Exit Costs	Total
Balance as of December 31, 2018	\$ 9,398	\$ 3,829	\$ 13,227
Expense	34,354	16,748	51,102
Cash payments	(20,661)	(13,285)	(33,946)
Non-cash fixed asset impairments included in expense	—	(2,997)	(2,997)
Foreign exchange translation and other	(101)	(290)	(391)
Balance as of December 31, 2019	\$ 22,990	\$ 4,005	\$ 26,995
Expense	17,926	21,556	39,482
Cash payments	(25,261)	(15,071)	(40,332)
Non-cash fixed asset and intangible impairments included in expense	—	(2,558)	(2,558)
Foreign exchange translation and other	(626)	474	(152)
Balance as of December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 15,029</u>	<u>\$ 8,406</u>	<u>\$ 23,435</u>

Other exit costs and employee separation costs for the year ended December 31, 2020 include non-cash settlement charges, fixed asset and intangible impairment charges related to divested or closed facilities, and gain on sale of fixed assets related to a closed facility.

8. Leases

The Company primarily has operating and finance leases for certain manufacturing facilities, corporate offices and certain equipment. Operating leases are included in operating lease right-of-use assets, current operating lease liabilities and long-term operating lease liabilities on the Company's consolidated balance sheets. Finance leases are included in property, plant and equipment, net, debt payable within one year, and long-term debt on the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

Lease right-of-use assets are recognized at commencement date based upon the present value of the remaining future minimum lease payments over the lease term. The Company's lease terms include options to renew or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that it will exercise the option. As most of the Company's leases do not provide an implicit rate, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate based upon information available at the commencement date to determine the present value of future lease payments.

The Company has lease agreements with lease and non-lease components. For real estate leases, these components are accounted for separately, while for equipment leases, the Company accounts for the lease and non-lease components as a single lease component.

Variable lease expense includes payments based upon changes in a rate or index, such as consumer price indexes, as well as usage of the leased asset. Short-term lease expense includes leases with terms, at lease commencement, of 12 months or less and no purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised. The Company's lease agreements do not contain any material residual value guarantees or material restrictive covenants.

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The components of lease expense were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 2020	Year Ended December 31, 2019
Operating lease expense	\$ 32,053	\$ 33,360
Short-term lease expense	5,069	3,557
Variable lease expense	942	1,619
Finance lease expense:		
Amortization of right-of-use assets	2,564	2,550
Interest on lease liabilities	1,551	1,438
Total lease expense	\$ 42,179	\$ 42,524

The Company recorded impairment charges of \$647 due to the deterioration of financial results at a certain location in North America during the year ended December 31, 2020. The fair value was determined using estimated market rate for the leased right-of-use asset. Additionally, the Company recorded sublease income of \$374 and \$431 for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Other information related to leases was as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 2020	Year Ended December 31, 2019
Supplemental Cash Flows Information		
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities:		
Operating cash flows for operating leases	\$ 30,830	\$ 34,235
Operating cash flows for finance leases	1,563	1,438
Financing cash flows for finance leases	2,081	1,284
Non-cash right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for lease obligations:		
Operating leases	50,663	11,143
Finance leases	549	22,671
Weighted Average Remaining Lease Term (in years)		
Operating leases	8.0	5.2
Finance leases	10.5	11.3
Weighted Average Discount Rate		
Operating leases	5.4 %	4.7 %
Finance leases	5.7 %	6.1 %

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Future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable leases as of December 31, 2020 were as follows:

Year	Operating Leases	Finance Leases
2021	\$ 26,766	\$ 3,530
2022	21,467	3,265
2023	17,388	3,172
2024	13,703	3,448
2025	10,501	3,516
Thereafter	51,164	21,608
Total future minimum lease payments	140,989	38,539
Less imputed interest	(28,761)	(10,087)
Total	<u>\$ 112,228</u>	<u>\$ 28,452</u>

Amounts recognized on the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 were as follows:

	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
Operating Leases		
Operating lease right-of-use assets, net	\$ 109,795	\$ 83,376
Current operating lease liabilities	21,711	24,094
Long-term operating lease liabilities	90,517	60,234
Finance Leases		
Debt payable within one year	2,300	2,343
Long-term debt	26,152	27,430

As of December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, assets recorded under finance leases, net of accumulated depreciation were \$30,847 and \$32,571, respectively. As of December 31, 2020, the Company had additional operating leases, primarily for real estate, that have not yet commenced with undiscounted lease payments of approximately \$1,404. These operating leases will commence in 2021 with lease terms up to three years.

9. Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment consists of the following:

	December 31,		Estimated Useful Lives
	2020	2019	
Land and improvements	\$ 61,226	\$ 66,670	10 to 25 years
Buildings and improvements	298,431	310,797	10 to 40 years
Machinery and equipment	1,277,624	1,204,457	5 to 10 years
Construction in progress	96,706	161,951	
	<u>\$ 1,733,987</u>	<u>\$ 1,743,875</u>	
Accumulated depreciation	(841,678)	(755,598)	
Property, plant and equipment, net	<u>\$ 892,309</u>	<u>\$ 988,277</u>	

The Company recorded impairment charges of \$13,084 due to the deterioration of financial results at certain locations in North America, Europe, and Asia Pacific for the year ended December 31, 2020. The fair value of buildings was determined using a value-in-exchange cost method while the fair value of machinery and equipment was determined using estimated orderly liquidation value, which was deemed the highest and best use of the assets. The Company also recorded impairment charges of \$4,162 related to equipment no longer being utilized at certain locations in Europe, Asia Pacific, and Corporate and other for the year ended December 31, 2020. The fair value of equipment was determined using estimated salvage value, which was deemed the highest and best use of the assets.

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For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Company recorded impairment charges for property, plant and equipment of \$21,968 due to the deterioration of financial results at certain locations in Europe and Asia Pacific and the termination of certain customer programs in the Asia Pacific region and recorded impairment charges of \$1,171 related to equipment no longer being utilized at certain locations in Europe and Corporate and other.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company recorded impairment charges for property, plant and equipment of \$42,915 due to the deterioration of financial results and equipment no longer being utilized at certain locations in Europe and Asia Pacific. Also during the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company realized a gain on sale of land of \$10,377 in its Europe segment. The net book value of the land was \$5,446.

A summary of these asset impairment charges is as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2020	2019	2018
North America	\$ 947	\$ —	\$ —
Europe	11,938	9,943	30,978
Asia Pacific	4,080	13,146	11,937
South America	—	—	—
Total Automotive	16,965	23,089	42,915
Corporate and other	281	50	—
Total	\$ 17,246	\$ 23,139	\$ 42,915

The Company continues to monitor the significant global economic uncertainty as a result of COVID-19 to assess the outlook for demand for products and the impact on the Company's business and overall financial performance. A lack of recovery or further deterioration in market conditions and production volumes, among other factors, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic could result in an impairment charge in future periods.

10. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Goodwill

Changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by reporting unit for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 were as follows:

	North America	Industrial Specialty Group	Total
Balance as of December 31, 2018	\$ 143,681	\$ —	\$ 143,681
Adjustments related to recent acquisitions	(1,689)	—	(1,689)
Foreign exchange translation	195	—	195
Balance as of December 31, 2019	\$ 142,187	\$ —	\$ 142,187
Change in organizational structure	(14,036)	14,036	—
Foreign exchange translation	63	—	63
Balance as of December 31, 2020	\$ 128,214	\$ 14,036	\$ 142,250

The Company's organizational structure changed on January 1, 2020. See Note 24. "Business Segments" for further detail on this reorganization of the Company's business. Prior to this change in organizational structure, the Company's North America operating segment was the only reporting unit in which goodwill was recorded. As a result of the change in organizational structure, a portion of the goodwill that was previously attributable to the North America reporting unit was reallocated to the Industrial Specialty Group reporting unit based on the relative fair value approach. The Industrial Specialty Group reporting unit is a component of the Advanced Technology Group operating segment, which is reflected in "Corporate, eliminations and other".

The change in organizational structure of the business represented a triggering event to test goodwill for impairment as of January 1, 2020. No impairment was identified as a result of completing the goodwill impairment test.

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The Company performed its annual impairment analysis of goodwill during the fourth quarter of 2020. The fair value of each reporting unit is determined and compared to the carrying value. If the carrying value exceeds the fair value, an impairment charge is recorded based on that difference. The Company's annual goodwill impairment analysis resulted in no impairment for 2020.

The Company continues to monitor the significant global economic uncertainty as a result of COVID-19 to assess the outlook for demand for products and the impact on the Company's business and overall financial performance. A lack of recovery or further deterioration in market conditions and production volumes, among other factors, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic could result in an impairment charge in future periods.

The Company's annual goodwill impairment analysis resulted in no impairment for 2019.

During the fourth quarter of 2018, the Company noted potential adverse changes in operating conditions. The Company tested goodwill for impairment and recorded a goodwill impairment charge of \$45,281 after determining the carrying value of the Europe and Asia Pacific reporting units exceeded their fair value.

Intangible Assets

Definite-lived intangible assets and accumulated amortization balances as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 were as follows:

	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
Customer relationships	\$ 155,409	\$ (122,657)	\$ 32,752
Other	44,826	(9,899)	34,927
Balance as of December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 200,235</u>	<u>\$ (132,556)</u>	<u>\$ 67,679</u>
Customer relationships	\$ 156,557	\$ (113,871)	\$ 42,686
Other	49,556	(7,873)	41,683
Balance as of December 31, 2019	<u>\$ 206,113</u>	<u>\$ (121,744)</u>	<u>\$ 84,369</u>

During the fourth quarter of 2018, the Company recorded an impairment loss of \$791 for customer relationships in its Europe operating segment.

Estimated amortization expense for the next five years is shown in the table below:

Year	Expense
2021	\$ 7,320
2022	7,320
2023	7,307
2024	7,048
2025	6,593

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11. Debt

A summary of outstanding debt as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 was as follows:

	December 31,	
	2020	2019
Senior Notes	\$ 395,829	\$ 395,114
Senior Secured Notes	239,567	—
Term Loan Facility	323,636	326,061
Finance Leases	28,452	29,773
Other borrowings	36,007	56,680
Total debt	1,023,491	807,628
Less current portion	(40,731)	(61,449)
Total long-term debt	\$ 982,760	\$ 746,179

The principal maturities of debt, at nominal value, as of December 31, 2020 are as follows:

Year	Debt and Finance Lease Obligations
2021	\$ 42,236
2022	5,969
2023	322,078
2024	252,607
2025	2,610
Thereafter	415,286
Total	\$ 1,040,786

The weighted average interest rate of our short-term debt was 4.1% as of December 31, 2020 and 4.6% as of December 31, 2019.

5.625% Senior Notes due 2026

On November 2, 2016, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, CSA Inc. (the "Issuer"), issued \$400,000 aggregate principal amount of its 5.625% Senior Notes due 2026 (the "Senior Notes"), pursuant to the Indenture, dated November 2, 2016 (the "Indenture"), by and among the Issuer, the Company and the other guarantors party thereto (collectively, the "Guarantors") and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, in a transaction exempt from registration under Rule 144A and Regulation S of the Securities Act of 1933 ("the Securities Act"). The net proceeds from the Senior Notes were used to repay the non-extended term loan outstanding under the Term Loan Facility, defined below, and to pay fees and expenses related to the refinancing.

The Senior Notes are guaranteed by the Company, CS Intermediate HoldCo 1 LLC, as well as each of the Issuer's wholly-owned existing or subsequently organized U.S. subsidiaries, subject to certain exceptions, to the extent such subsidiary guarantees the senior asset-based revolving credit facility ("ABL Facility") and the senior term loan facility ("Term Loan Facility").

The Issuer may redeem all or part of the Senior Notes at various points in time prior to maturity, as described in the Indenture. The Senior Notes mature on November 15, 2026. Interest on the Senior Notes is payable semi-annually in arrears in cash on May 15 and November 15 of each year.

Upon the occurrence of certain events constituting a Change of Control (as defined in the Indenture), the Issuer will be required to make an offer to repurchase all of the Senior Notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any.

The Indenture contains certain covenants that limit the Issuer's and its subsidiaries' ability to, among other things, make restricted payments; sell assets; create or incur liens; enter into sale and lease-back transactions; and merge or consolidate with other entities. These covenants are subject to a number of important limitations and exceptions. The Indenture also provides for events of default, which, if any occur, would permit or require the principal, premium, if any, interest and any other monetary obligations on all the then-outstanding Senior Notes to be due and payable immediately.

The Company paid approximately \$7,055 of debt issuance costs in connection with the transaction. The debt issuance costs are being amortized into interest expense over the term of the Senior Notes. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company had \$4,171 and \$4,886, respectively, of unamortized debt issuance costs related to the Senior Notes, which is classified as a discount in the consolidated balance sheet.

13.0% Senior Secured Notes due 2024

On May 29, 2020, Cooper Standard Automotive Inc. (the “Issuer”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, issued \$250,000 aggregate principal amount of its 13.0% Senior Secured Notes due 2024 (the “Senior Secured Notes”), pursuant to the Indenture, dated as of May 29, 2020 (the “Indenture”), by and among the Issuer, the other guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, in a transaction exempt from registration under Rule 144A and Regulation S of the Securities Act of 1933. Proceeds from the Senior Secured Notes were used to provide additional liquidity for the Company, as a result of uncertainty from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Senior Secured Notes are guaranteed on a senior secured basis by CS Intermediate HoldCo 1 LLC and each of the Issuer’s present and future subsidiaries that are obligors or guarantee the Term Loan Facility and each of the Issuer’s wholly owned domestic subsidiaries that are obligors under, or guarantee, certain other indebtedness, subject to certain exceptions. The notes are also guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by Cooper-Standard Latin America B.V.

The Issuer may redeem all or part of the Senior Secured Notes prior to maturity at the prices set forth in the Indenture. The Senior Secured Notes mature on June 1, 2024. Interest on the Senior Secured Notes is payable semi-annually in arrears in cash on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing on December 1, 2020.

The Indenture contains certain covenants that limit the Issuer’s and its subsidiaries’ ability to, among other things, incur or guarantee additional indebtedness or issue certain preferred stock; make restricted payments; sell assets; create or incur liens; and merge or consolidate with other entities. These covenants are subject to a number of important limitations and exceptions. The Indenture also provides for customary events of default for non-investment grade debt securities, which, if any occur, would permit or require the principal, interest and any other monetary obligations on all the then-outstanding Senior Secured Notes to be due and payable immediately.

The Company paid approximately \$6,431 of debt issuance costs in connection with the transaction. Additionally, the Senior Secured Notes were issued at a discount of \$5,000. As of December 31, 2020, the Company had \$5,828 of unamortized debt issuance costs and \$4,605 of unamortized original issue discount related to the Senior Secured Notes, which are presented as direct deductions from the principal balance in the condensed consolidated balance sheets. Both the debt issuance costs and the original issue discount are amortized into interest expense over the term of the Senior Secured Notes.

ABL Facility

On November 2, 2016, CS Intermediate HoldCo 1 LLC (“Parent”), CSA U.S. (the “U.S. Borrower”), Cooper-Standard Automotive Canada Limited (the “Canadian Borrower”), Cooper-Standard Automotive International Holdings B.V. (the “Dutch Borrower”, and, together with the U.S. Borrower and the Canadian Borrower, the “Borrowers”) and certain subsidiaries of the U.S. Borrower, entered into a \$210,000 Third Amended and Restated Loan Agreement with certain lenders, subject to borrowing base availability. In March 2020, the Company entered into the First Amendment of the Third Amended and Restated Loan Agreement (“the Amendment”). As a result of the Amendment, the senior asset-based revolving credit facility (“ABL Facility”) maturity was extended to March 2025 and the aggregate revolving loan commitment was reduced to \$180,000.

The aggregate revolving loan availability includes a \$100,000 letter of credit sub-facility and a \$25,000 swing line sub-facility. The ABL Facility also provides for an uncommitted \$100,000 incremental loan facility, for a potential total ABL Facility of \$280,000 (if requested by the Borrowers and the lenders agree to fund such increase). No consent of any lender (other than those participating in the increase) is required to effect any such increase. As of December 31, 2020, there were no obligations outstanding under the ABL Facility. The Company’s borrowing base was \$173,745. Net the greater of 10% of the borrowing base or \$15,000 that cannot be borrowed without triggering the fixed charge coverage ratio maintenance covenant and \$5,517 of outstanding letters of credit, the Company effectively had \$150,854 available for borrowing under its ABL facility.

Maturity. Any borrowings under our ABL Facility will mature, and the commitments of the lenders under our ABL Facility will terminate, on March 24, 2025.

Borrowing Base. Loan and letter of credit availability under the ABL Facility is subject to a borrowing base, which at any time is limited to the lesser of: (A) the maximum facility amount (subject to certain adjustments) and (B) (i) up to 85% of eligible accounts receivable; plus (ii) the lesser of 70% of eligible inventory or 85% of the appraised net orderly liquidation value of eligible inventory; plus (iii) up to the lesser of \$30.0 million and 85% of eligible tooling accounts receivable; minus reserves established by the Agent. The accounts receivable portion of the borrowing base is subject to certain formulaic limitations

(including concentration limits). The inventory portion of the borrowing base is limited to eligible inventory, as determined by the Agent. The borrowing base is also subject to certain reserves, which are established by the Agent (which may include changes to the advance rates indicated above). Loan availability under the ABL Facility is apportioned as follows: \$180,000 to the U.S. Borrower, which includes a \$40,000 sublimit to the Dutch Borrower and \$20,000 to the Canadian Borrower.

Guarantees; Security. The obligations of the U.S. Borrower, the Canadian Borrower and the Dutch Borrower under the ABL Facility, as well as certain cash management arrangements and interest rate, foreign currency or commodity swaps entered into by the such Borrowers and their subsidiaries, and certain credit lines entered into by non-U.S. subsidiaries, in each case with the lenders and their affiliates (collectively, “Additional ABL Secured Obligations”) are guaranteed on a senior secured basis by the Company and its U.S. subsidiaries (with certain exceptions), and the obligations of the Canadian Borrower under the ABL Facility and Additional ABL Secured Obligations of the Canadian Borrower and its Canadian subsidiaries are, in addition, guaranteed on a senior secured basis by the Canadian subsidiaries of the Canadian Borrower. The obligations under the ABL Facility and related guarantees are secured by (1) a first priority lien on all of each Borrower’s and each guarantor’s existing and future personal property consisting of accounts receivable, payment intangibles, inventory, documents, instruments, chattel paper and investment property, certain money, deposit accounts and securities accounts and certain related assets and proceeds of the foregoing, with various enumerated exceptions, including that: (i) the collateral owned by Canadian Borrower or any of its Canadian subsidiaries that are Guarantors only secure the obligations of Canadian Borrower and such subsidiaries arising under the ABL Facility and Additional ABL Secured Obligations and (ii) no liens have been granted on any assets or properties of the Dutch Borrower or any other non-U.S. subsidiaries of the Company (other than the Canadian Borrower and Canadian Guarantors, as otherwise specified above) in connection with the ABL Facility and (2) a second priority lien on all the capital stock in restricted subsidiaries directly held by the U.S. Borrower and each of the U.S. Guarantors, and equipment of the U.S. Borrower and the U.S.-domiciled guarantors and all other material personal property of the U.S. Borrower and the U.S.-domiciled guarantors.

Interest. Borrowings under the ABL Facility bear interest at a rate equal to, at the Borrowers’ option:

- in the case of borrowings by the U.S. Borrower, LIBOR or the base rate plus, in each case, an applicable margin; or
- in the case of borrowings by the Canadian Borrower, bankers’ acceptance (“BA”) rate, Canadian prime rate or Canadian base rate plus, in each case, an applicable margin; or
- in the case of borrowings by the Dutch Borrower, LIBOR plus an applicable margin.

The initial applicable margin was 1.50% with respect to the LIBOR or Canadian BA rate-based borrowings and 0.50% with respect to U.S. base rate, Canadian prime rate and Canadian base rate borrowings, until April 1, 2020. The applicable margin may vary between 1.50% and 2.00% with respect to the LIBOR or Canadian BA rate-based borrowings and between 0.50% and 1.00% with respect to U.S. base rate, Canadian prime rate and Canadian base rate borrowings. The applicable margin is subject, in each case, to quarterly pricing adjustments (based on average facility availability).

Fees. The Borrowers are required to pay a fee in respect of committed but unutilized commitments. The ABL Facility also requires the payment of customary agency and administrative fees.

Voluntary Prepayments. The Borrowers are able to voluntarily reduce the unutilized portion of the commitment amount and repay outstanding loans, in each case, in whole or in part, at any time without premium or penalty (other than customary breakage and related reemployment costs with respect to repayments of LIBOR-based borrowings).

Covenants; Events of Default. The ABL Facility includes affirmative and negative covenants that will impose substantial restrictions on the Company’s financial and business operations, including its ability to incur and secure debt, make investments, sell assets, pay dividends or make acquisitions. The ABL Facility also includes a requirement to maintain a monthly fixed charge coverage ratio of no less than 1.0 to 1.0 when availability under the ABL Facility is less than specified levels. The ABL Facility also contains various events of default that are customary for comparable facilities.

Debt Issuance Costs. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company had \$1,029 and \$657, respectively, of unamortized debt issuance costs related to the ABL Facility.

Term Loan Facility

On November 2, 2016, CSA U.S., as borrower, entered into Amendment No. 1 to the Term Loan Facility, which provides for loans in an aggregate principal amount of \$340,000. Subject to certain conditions, the Term Loan Facility, without the consent of the then-existing lenders (but subject to the receipt of commitments), may be expanded (or a new term loan or revolving facility added) by an amount that will not cause the consolidated secured net debt ratio to exceed 2.25 to 1.00 plus \$400,000 plus any voluntary prepayments (including revolving facility and ABL Facility to the extent commitments are reduced) not funded from proceeds of long-term indebtedness.

On May 2, 2017, the Company entered into Amendment No. 2 to the Term Loan Facility to modify the interest rate. Subsequently, on March 6, 2018, the Company entered into Amendment No. 3 to the Term Loan Facility to further modify the interest rate. In accordance with this amendment, borrowings under the Term Loan Facility bear interest, at the Company's option, at either (1) with respect to Eurodollar rate loans, the greater of the applicable Eurodollar rate and 0.75% plus 2.00% per annum, or (2) with respect to base rate loans, the base rate, (which is the highest of the then current federal funds rate plus 0.50%, the prime rate most recently announced by the administrative agent under the term loan, and the one-month Eurodollar rate plus 1.0%) plus 1.0% per annum. As a result of Amendment No. 3, the Company recognized a loss on refinancing and extinguishment of debt of \$770 in the twelve months ended December 31, 2018, which was due to the partial write off of new and unamortized debt issuance costs and unamortized original issue discount

Maturity. The Term Loan Facility matures on November 2, 2023, unless earlier terminated.

Guarantees. All obligations of the borrower under the Term Loan Facility are guaranteed jointly and severally on a senior secured basis by the direct parent company of the borrower and each existing and subsequently acquired or organized direct or indirect wholly owned U.S. restricted subsidiary of the borrower.

Security. The obligations under the Term Loan Facility are secured by (a) a first priority security interest (subject to permitted liens and other customary exceptions) on (i) all the capital stock in restricted subsidiaries directly held by the borrower and each of the guarantors, (ii) substantially all plant, material owned real property located in the U.S. and equipment of the borrower and the guarantors and (iii) all other personal property of the borrower and the guarantors, including, without limitation, accounts and investment property, contracts, patents, copyrights, trademarks, other general intangibles, intercompany notes and proceeds of the foregoing, and (b) a second priority security interest (subject to permitted liens and other customary exceptions) in accounts receivable of the borrowers and the guarantors arising from the sale of goods and services, inventory, tax refunds, cash, deposit accounts and books and records related to the foregoing and, in each case, proceeds thereof, in each case, excluding certain collateral and subject to certain limitations.

Interest. Borrowings under the Term Loan Facility bear interest, at the Company's option, at either (1) with respect to Eurodollar rate loans, the greater of the applicable Eurodollar rate and 0.75%, plus 2.00% per annum, or (2) with respect to base rate loans, the base rate (which is the highest of the then-current federal funds rate plus 0.50%, the prime rate most recently announced by the administrative agent under the term loan, and the one-month Eurodollar rate plus 1.0%), plus 1.0% per annum.

Voluntary Prepayments. The borrower may voluntarily prepay loans in whole or in part, with prior notice and without premium or penalty, subject to the actual LIBOR breakage costs, payment of accrued and unpaid interest, and customary limitations as to minimum amounts of prepayments.

Covenants. The Term Loan Facility contains incurrence-based negative covenants customary for high yield senior secured debt securities, including, but not limited to, restrictions on the ability of the borrower and its restricted subsidiaries to merge and consolidate with other companies, incur indebtedness, grant liens or security interests on assets, pay dividends or make other restricted payments, sell or otherwise transfer assets, or enter into transactions with affiliates. These negative covenants are subject to exceptions, qualifications and certain carveouts.

Events of Default. The Term Loan Facility provides that, upon the occurrence of certain events of default, obligations thereunder may be accelerated. Such events of default include payment defaults to the lenders, material inaccuracies of representations and warranties, covenant defaults, cross-defaults to other material indebtedness, voluntary and involuntary bankruptcy proceedings, material money judgments, material pension-plan events, certain change of control events and other customary events of default.

Debt Issuance Costs. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company had \$1,680 and \$2,273, respectively, of unamortized debt issuance costs and \$1,084 and \$1,466, respectively, of unamortized original issue discount related to the Term Loan Facility. Both the debt issuance costs and the original issue discount are amortized into interest expense over the term of the Term Loan Facility.

Debt Covenants

The Company was in compliance with all covenants of the ABL Facility, Term Loan Facility, Senior Notes, and Senior Secured Notes, as of December 31, 2020.

Other

Other borrowings as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 reflect borrowings under local bank lines classified in debt payable within one year on the consolidated balance sheet.

12. Fair Value Measurements and Financial Instruments

Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as an exit price, representing the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. As such, fair value is a market-based measurement that should be determined based upon assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. As a basis for considering such assumptions, a three-tier fair value hierarchy is utilized, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value as follows:

- Level 1: Observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets;
- Level 2: Inputs, other than quoted prices in active markets, that are observable either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs in which there is little or no market data, which require the reporting entity to develop its own assumptions.

Items Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

Estimates of the fair value of foreign currency and interest rate derivative instruments are determined using exchange traded prices and rates. The Company also considers the risk of non-performance in the estimation of fair value and includes an adjustment for non-performance risk in the measure of fair value of derivative instruments. In certain instances where market data is not available, the Company uses management judgment to develop assumptions that are used to determine fair value. Fair value measurements and the fair value hierarchy level for the Company's liabilities measured or disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, was as follows:

	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019	Input
Forward foreign exchange contracts - other current assets	\$ 1,826	\$ 467	Level 2
Forward foreign exchange contracts - accrued liabilities	\$ (750)	\$ (42)	Level 2

Items Measured at Fair Value on a Nonrecurring Basis

In addition to items that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis, the Company measures certain assets and liabilities at fair value on a nonrecurring basis, which are not included in the table above. As these nonrecurring fair value measurements are generally determined using unobservable inputs, these fair value measurements are classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. For further information on assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis see Note 2. "Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies," Note 4. "Acquisitions", Note 5. "Divestitures" and Note 9. "Property, Plant and Equipment."

Items Not Carried at Fair Value

Fair values of the Company's Senior Notes, Senior Secured Notes, and Term Loan Facility were as follows:

	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
Aggregate fair value	\$ 965,052	\$ 693,600
Aggregate carrying value ⁽¹⁾	\$ 976,400	\$ 729,800

⁽¹⁾ Excludes unamortized debt issuance costs and unamortized original issue discount.

Fair values were based on quoted market prices and are classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

The Company is exposed to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates and commodity prices. The Company enters into derivative instruments primarily to hedge portions of its forecasted foreign currency denominated cash flows and designates these derivative instruments as cash flow hedges in order to qualify for hedge accounting.

The Company formally documents its hedge relationships, including the identification of the hedging instruments and the hedged items, as well as its risk management objectives and strategies for undertaking the cash flow hedges. The Company also formally assesses whether a cash flow hedge is highly effective in offsetting changes in the cash flows of the hedged item. Derivatives are recorded at fair value in other current assets, other assets, accrued liabilities and other long-term liabilities. For a cash flow hedge, the effective portion of the change in fair value of the derivative is recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) ("AOCI") in the consolidated balance sheet and reclassified into earnings when the underlying

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hedged transaction is realized. The realized gains and losses are recorded on the same line as the hedged transaction in the consolidated statements of operations.

The Company is exposed to credit risk in the event of nonperformance by its counterparties on its derivative financial instruments. The Company mitigates this credit risk exposure by entering into agreements directly with major financial institutions with high credit standards that are expected to fully satisfy their obligations under the contracts.

Cash Flow Hedges

Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts – The Company uses forward contracts to mitigate the potential volatility to earnings and cash flow arising from changes in currency exchange rates that impact the Company’s foreign currency transactions. The principal currencies hedged by the Company include various European currencies, the Canadian Dollar, the Mexican Peso, and the Brazilian Real. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the notional amount of these contracts was \$97,503 and \$92,150, respectively, and consisted of hedges of transactions up to December 2021.

Pretax amounts related to the Company’s cash flow hedges that were recognized in other comprehensive income (loss) (“OCI”) were as follows:

	Gain (Loss) Recognized in OCI			
	Year Ended December 31,			
	2020		2019	
Forward foreign exchange contracts	\$	(6,280)	\$	3,812

Pretax amounts related to the Company’s cash flow hedges that were reclassified from AOCI were as follows:

	Classification	Gain (Loss) Reclassified from AOCI to Income			
		Year Ended December 31,			
		2020		2019	
Forward foreign exchange contracts	Cost of products sold	\$	(6,945)	\$	2,773

13. Accounts Receivable Factoring

As a part of its working capital management, the Company sells certain receivables through a third-party financial institution in a pan-European program (the “Factor”). The amount sold varies each month based on the amount of underlying receivables and cash flow needs of the Company. These are permitted transactions under the Company’s credit agreements governing the ABL Facility and Term Loan Facility and the indentures governing the Senior Notes and Senior Secured Notes. The European factoring facility, which was renewed in March 2020, allows the Company to factor up to €120 million of its Euro-denominated accounts receivable, accelerating access to cash and reducing credit risk. The factoring facility expires in December 2023.

Costs incurred on the sale of receivables are recorded in other expense, net in the consolidated statements of operations. Liabilities related to the factoring program are recorded in accrued liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet. The sale of receivables under this contract is considered an off-balance sheet arrangement to the Company and is accounted for as a true sale and excluded from accounts receivable in the consolidated balance sheet.

Amounts outstanding under receivable transfer agreements entered into by various locations as of the period end were as follows:

	December 31, 2020		December 31, 2019	
Off-balance sheet arrangements	\$	85,108	\$	103,818

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Accounts receivable factored and related costs throughout the period were as follows:

	Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements	
	Year Ended December 31,	
	2020	2019
Accounts receivable factored	\$ 476,405	\$ 556,102

	Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements		
	Year Ended December 31,		
	2020	2019	2018
Costs	\$ 776	\$ 1,007	\$ 1,248

During 2020, the Factor changed to an alternative remittance and settlement process provided for under the factoring agreement, which resulted in the Company having lower amounts due to the Factor. As of December 31, 2020, cash collections on behalf of the Factor that had yet to be remitted were \$1,786 and are reflected in other current assets as restricted cash in the consolidated balance sheet. As of December 31, 2019, cash collections on behalf of the Factor that had yet to be remitted were \$21,485 and are reflected in cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated balance sheet.

14. Pension

The Company maintains defined benefit pension plans covering employees located in the United States as well as certain international locations. The majority of these plans are frozen, and all are closed to new employees. Benefits generally are based on compensation, length of service and age for salaried employees and on length of service for hourly employees. The Company's policy is to fund pension plans such that sufficient assets will be available to meet future benefit requirements and contribute amounts deductible for United States federal income tax purposes or amounts required by local statute.

The Company also sponsors voluntary defined contribution plans for certain salaried and hourly U.S. employees of the Company. The Company matches contributions of participants, up to various limits in all plans. The Company also sponsors retirement plans that include Company non-elective contributions. Non-elective and matching contributions under these plans totaled \$13,537, \$14,514 and \$16,076 for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

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Information related to the Company's defined benefit pension plans was as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2020		2019	
	U.S.	Non-U.S.	U.S.	Non-U.S.
Change in projected benefit obligations:				
Projected benefit obligations at beginning of period	\$ 255,935	\$ 184,364	\$ 288,223	\$ 183,850
Service cost	853	3,992	809	3,893
Interest cost	8,132	3,200	10,955	4,037
Net actuarial loss	19,755	8,704	28,771	17,756
Benefits paid	(13,278)	(6,925)	(14,625)	(6,038)
Foreign exchange translation	—	11,582	—	11
Settlements	—	(5,170)	(58,198)	(2,263)
Divestiture	—	(4,392)	—	(16,953)
Other	—	52	—	71
Projected benefit obligations at end of period	<u>\$ 271,397</u>	<u>\$ 195,407</u>	<u>\$ 255,935</u>	<u>\$ 184,364</u>
Change in plan assets:				
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of period	\$ 244,613	\$ 54,806	\$ 265,019	\$ 47,692
Actual return on plan assets	34,971	5,313	50,488	6,948
Employer contributions	1,037	5,673	1,929	6,646
Benefits paid	(13,278)	(6,925)	(14,625)	(6,038)
Foreign exchange translation	—	940	—	2,399
Settlements	—	(5,170)	(58,198)	(2,841)
Divestiture	—	(108)	—	—
Other	—	19	—	—
Fair value of plan assets at end of period	<u>\$ 267,343</u>	<u>\$ 54,548</u>	<u>\$ 244,613</u>	<u>\$ 54,806</u>
Funded status of the plans	<u>\$ (4,054)</u>	<u>\$ (140,859)</u>	<u>\$ (11,322)</u>	<u>\$ (129,558)</u>

	December 31, 2020		December 31, 2019	
	U.S.	Non-U.S.	U.S.	Non-U.S.
Amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheet:				
Other assets	\$ 10,513	\$ 1,921	\$ 2,677	\$ 1,887
Accrued liabilities	(1,020)	(4,097)	(1,021)	(4,413)
Pension benefits (long term)	(13,547)	(138,683)	(12,978)	(127,032)

Pre-tax amounts included in accumulated other comprehensive loss that have not yet been recognized in net periodic benefit (income) cost as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 were as follows:

	December 31, 2020		December 31, 2019	
	U.S.	Non-U.S.	U.S.	Non-U.S.
Prior service costs	\$ (76)	\$ (497)	\$ (96)	\$ (351)
Actuarial losses	(57,731)	(53,657)	(61,184)	(49,682)

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The Company uses the corridor approach when amortizing actuarial gains or losses. Under the corridor approach, net unrecognized actuarial losses in excess of 10% of the greater of i) the projected benefit obligation or ii) the fair value of plan assets are amortized over future periods.

The accumulated benefit obligation for all domestic and international defined benefit pension plans was \$271,397 and \$186,652 as of December 31, 2020 and \$255,935 and \$174,273 as of December 31, 2019, respectively. As of December 31, 2020, the fair value of plan assets for three of the Company's defined benefit plans exceeded the projected benefit obligations of \$286,102 by \$12,434.

The components of net periodic benefit (income) cost for the Company's defined benefit plans were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2020		2019		2018	
	U.S.	Non-U.S.	U.S.	Non-U.S.	U.S.	Non-U.S.
Service cost	\$ 853	\$ 3,992	\$ 809	\$ 3,893	\$ 852	\$ 4,383
Interest cost	8,132	3,200	10,955	4,037	10,824	4,207
Expected return on plan assets	(13,683)	(2,415)	(16,353)	(2,400)	(17,414)	(2,178)
Amortization of prior service cost and actuarial loss	1,940	3,478	2,914	2,373	2,403	2,646
Settlements	—	184	15,247	572	—	775
Other	—	(11)	—	956	—	—
Net periodic benefit (income) cost	<u>\$ (2,758)</u>	<u>\$ 8,428</u>	<u>\$ 13,572</u>	<u>\$ 9,431</u>	<u>\$ (3,335)</u>	<u>\$ 9,833</u>

Pension Settlements

In addition to the settlements shown in the table above, the Company recognized \$744 of Non-U.S. pension net settlement and curtailment charges due to the divestiture of certain businesses in Europe and India during the year ended December 31, 2020 that are recorded as a reduction to gain on sale of business, net in the consolidated statements of operations. The Company also recognized \$836 of Non-U.S. pension settlement charges during the year ended December 31, 2020 that are recorded as restructuring in the consolidated statements of operations.

The Company recognized \$2,730 of Non-U.S. pension settlement charges due to the divestiture of the Company's AVS product line during the year ended December 31, 2019. The charges are recorded as a reduction to gain on sale of business, net in the consolidated statements of operations.

During the year ended December 31, 2019, the Company undertook an initiative to de-risk pension obligations in the U.S. by purchasing a bulk annuity policy utilizing plan assets, which was designed to match the liabilities of the plan. The resulting non-cash settlement charge of \$15,247 was recorded in pension settlement charges, and administrative expenses of \$178 were recorded in selling, administration & engineering expenses in the consolidated statements of operations. As a result of the settlement, the Company's overall projected benefit obligation as of December 31, 2019 was reduced by \$58,198.

Plan Assumptions

Weighted average assumptions used to determine benefit obligations as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 were as follows:

	2020		2019	
	U.S.	Non-U.S.	U.S.	Non-U.S.
Discount rate	2.48 %	1.36 %	3.28 %	1.79 %
Rate of compensation increase	N/A	1.23 %	N/A	1.33 %
Cash balance interest credit rate	4.50 %	N/A	4.50 %	N/A

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Weighted average assumptions used to determine net periodic benefit costs for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018 were as follows:

	2020		2019		2018	
	U.S.	Non-U.S.	U.S.	Non-U.S.	U.S.	Non-U.S.
Discount rate	3.28 %	2.33 %	4.25 %	2.40 %	3.55 %	2.17 %
Expected return on plan assets	5.75 %	3.73 %	6.50 %	4.63 %	6.50 %	5.82 %
Rate of compensation increase	N/A	3.99 %	N/A	3.31 %	N/A	3.17 %

To develop the expected return on plan assets assumption, the Company considered the historical returns and the future expected returns for each asset class, as well as the target asset allocation of the pension portfolio. As the U.S. plans are frozen, the rate of compensation increase was not applicable in determining net periodic benefit cost.

Plan Assets

The goals and investment objectives of the asset strategy are to ensure that there is an adequate level of assets to meet benefit obligations to participants and retirees over the life of the participants and maintain liquidity in the plan assets sufficient to cover monthly benefit obligations. Risk is managed by investing in a broad range of investment vehicles, e.g., equity mutual funds, bond mutual funds, real estate mutual funds, hedge funds, etc. There are no equity securities of the Company in the equity asset category.

Investments in equity securities and debt securities are valued at fair value using a market approach and observable inputs, such as quoted market prices in active markets (Level 1). Investments in balanced funds are valued at fair value using a market approach and inputs that are primarily directly or indirectly observable (Level 2). Investments in equity securities and balanced funds in which the Company holds participation units in a fund, the net asset value of which is based on the underlying assets and liabilities of the respective fund, are considered an unobservable input (Level 3). Investments in real estate funds are primarily valued at net asset value depending on the investment.

The fair value of the Company's pension plan assets by category using the three-level hierarchy (see Note 12. "Fair Value Measurements and Financial Instruments") as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 was as follows:

2020			Assets measured at NAV ⁽¹⁾		Total
	Level 1	Level 2			
Equity funds	\$ 18,218	\$ 16,647	\$ —	\$ 34,865	
Equity funds measured at net asset value	—	—	117,309	117,309	
Bond funds	—	37,901	—	37,901	
Bond funds measured at net asset value	—	—	104,880	104,880	
Real estate measured at net asset value	—	—	25,070	25,070	
Cash and cash equivalents	1,866	—	—	1,866	
Total	\$ 20,084	\$ 54,548	\$ 247,259	\$ 321,891	

2019			Assets measured at NAV ⁽¹⁾		Total
	Level 1	Level 2			
Equity funds	\$ 16,613	\$ 20,126	\$ —	\$ 36,739	
Equity funds measured at net asset value	—	—	101,053	101,053	
Bond funds	—	34,680	—	34,680	
Bond funds measured at net asset value	—	—	98,967	98,967	
Real estate measured at net asset value	—	—	25,425	25,425	
Cash and cash equivalents	2,555	—	—	2,555	
Total	\$ 19,168	\$ 54,806	\$ 225,445	\$ 299,419	

⁽¹⁾ Certain assets that are measured at fair value using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. These assets are included in this table to present total pension plan assets at fair value.

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There were no transfers of Level 3 assets and no Level 3 assets in the ending balance for the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019.

Expected Future Benefit Payments

The Company estimates its benefit payments for domestic and foreign pension plans during the next ten years to be as follows:

Years Ending December 31,	U.S.	Non-U.S.	Total
2021	\$ 17,250	\$ 6,196	\$ 23,446
2022	15,775	6,253	22,028
2023	14,700	28,144	42,844
2024	15,400	7,896	23,296
2025	15,134	8,004	23,138
2026 - 2030	75,540	42,708	118,248

Contributions

The Company estimates it will make minimum funding cash contributions of approximately \$1,000 to its U.S. pension plans and minimum funding cash contributions of approximately \$4,500 to its non-U.S. pension plans in 2021.

15. Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions

The Company provides certain retiree health care and life insurance benefits covering certain U.S. salaried and hourly employees and employees in Canada. Employees are generally eligible for benefits upon retirement and completion of a specified number of years of creditable service. The Company's policy is to fund the cost of these postretirement benefits as these benefits become payable.

Information related to the Company's postretirement benefit plans was as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2020		2019	
	U.S.	Non-U.S.	U.S.	Non-U.S.
Change in benefit obligation:				
Benefit obligations at beginning of year	\$ 22,436	\$ 23,949	\$ 25,633	\$ 21,981
Service cost	103	404	118	397
Interest cost	680	726	864	752
Net actuarial loss	1,603	2,221	1,697	1,705
Benefits paid	(1,403)	(663)	(1,491)	(570)
Divestiture	—	—	(4,405)	(1,513)
Other	—	—	20	61
Foreign currency exchange rate effect	—	395	—	1,136
Benefit obligation at end of year	<u>\$ 23,419</u>	<u>\$ 27,032</u>	<u>\$ 22,436</u>	<u>\$ 23,949</u>
Funded status of the plan	<u>\$ (23,419)</u>	<u>\$ (27,032)</u>	<u>\$ (22,436)</u>	<u>\$ (23,949)</u>
Net amount recognized as of December 31	<u>\$ (23,419)</u>	<u>\$ (27,032)</u>	<u>\$ (22,436)</u>	<u>\$ (23,949)</u>

	December 31, 2020		December 31, 2019	
	U.S.	Non-U.S.	U.S.	Non-U.S.
Amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheet:				
Accrued liabilities	\$ (1,648)	\$ (968)	\$ (1,686)	\$ (840)
Postretirement benefits other than pension (long term)	(21,771)	(26,064)	(20,750)	(23,109)

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Pre-tax amounts included in accumulated other comprehensive loss that have not yet been recognized in net periodic benefit (income) cost as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 were as follows:

	December 31, 2020		December 31, 2019	
	U.S.	Non-U.S.	U.S.	Non-U.S.
Prior service credits	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 55	\$ 93
Actuarial gains (losses)	11,018	(9,563)	14,496	(7,753)

The components of net periodic benefit (income) costs for the Company's other postretirement benefit plans were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2020		2019		2018	
	U.S.	Non-U.S.	U.S.	Non-U.S.	U.S.	Non-U.S.
Service cost	\$ 103	\$ 404	\$ 118	\$ 397	\$ 308	\$ 495
Interest cost	680	726	864	752	1,198	789
Amortization of prior service credit and recognized actuarial (gain) loss	(1,930)	448	(2,441)	320	(1,672)	308
Other	—	—	—	48	5	—
Net periodic benefit (income) cost	\$ (1,147)	\$ 1,578	\$ (1,459)	\$ 1,517	\$ (161)	\$ 1,592

During the year ended December 31, 2019, the Company recognized a gain of \$3,452 for the U.S. plan and a net charge of \$453 for the Non-U.S. plan, related to settlements and curtailments due to the divestiture of the Company's AVS product line. See Note 5. "Divestitures." The amounts are recorded in gain on sale of business, net in the consolidated statements of operations.

Plan Assumptions

Weighted average assumptions used to determine benefit obligations as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 were as follows:

	2020		2019	
	U.S.	Non-U.S.	U.S.	Non-U.S.
Discount rate	2.35 %	2.65 %	3.15 %	3.05 %

Weighted average assumptions used to determine net periodic benefit costs for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018 were as follows:

	2020		2019		2018	
	U.S.	Non-U.S.	U.S.	Non-U.S.	U.S.	Non-U.S.
Discount rate	3.15 %	3.05 %	4.20 %	3.65 %	3.55 %	3.40 %

The assumed health care cost trend rates used to measure the postretirement benefit obligation as of December 31, 2020 were as follows:

	U.S.	Non-U.S.
Health care cost trend rate	5.34 %	5.00 %
Ultimate health care cost trend rate	4.50 %	5.00 %
Year that the rate reaches the ultimate trend rate	2027	N/A

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Expected Future Postretirement Benefit Payments

The Company estimates its benefit payments for its postretirement benefit plans during the next ten years to be as follows:

	U.S.	Non-U.S.	Total
2021	\$ 1,667	\$ 981	\$ 2,648
2022	1,666	975	2,641
2023	1,648	978	2,626
2024	1,608	1,011	2,619
2025	1,572	1,019	2,591
2026 - 2030	7,108	5,211	12,319

Other

Other postretirement benefits recorded in the Company's consolidated balance sheets include \$1,778 and \$4,454 as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively, for termination indemnity plans in Europe.

16. Other Expense, net

The components of other expense, net were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2020	2019	2018
Foreign currency losses	\$ (1,429)	\$ (3,022)	\$ (3,170)
Components of net periodic benefit cost other than service cost	(576)	(1,069)	(1,116)
Factoring costs	(776)	(1,007)	(1,248)
Miscellaneous income	201	838	696
Other expense, net	\$ (2,580)	\$ (4,260)	\$ (4,838)

17. Income Taxes

Components of the Company's income (loss) before income taxes and adjustment for noncontrolling interests were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2020	2019	2018
Domestic	\$ (235,574)	\$ 53,425	\$ 103,228
Foreign	(94,647)	44,877	(33,573)
	\$ (330,221)	\$ 98,302	\$ 69,655

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The Company's income tax (benefit) expense consists of the following:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2020	2019	2018
Current			
Federal	\$ (65,565)	\$ (227)	\$ (11,153)
State	(196)	(171)	(33)
Foreign	13,636	20,613	20,717
Deferred			
Federal	(15,060)	4,405	(4,532)
State	1,297	(767)	2,074
Foreign	5,041	12,236	(36,473)
	<u>\$ (60,847)</u>	<u>\$ 36,089</u>	<u>\$ (29,400)</u>

A reconciliation of the U.S. statutory federal rate to the income tax provision was as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2020	2019	2018
Tax at U.S. statutory rate	\$ (69,346)	\$ 20,643	\$ 14,627
State and local taxes	(4,933)	209	1,273
Tax credits and incentives	(5,750)	(8,034)	(11,702)
Changes in tax law, other	352	2,909	(3,008)
U.S. tax reform/Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income ("GILTI")/foreign derived intangible income	(1,046)	1,102	(6,860)
Effect of foreign tax rates	(15,432)	(1,656)	(10,388)
Nonrecurring permanent items	(3,069)	(5,250)	—
Goodwill impairment	—	—	6,887
CARES Act	(27,844)	—	—
Foreign branch	(1,215)	(2,258)	(3,753)
Stock compensation (ASU 2016-09)	1,640	1,596	(2,097)
Non deductible expenses	9,335	2,820	2,451
Tax reserves/audit settlements	1,071	(206)	(3,760)
Valuation allowance	51,609	24,625	(7,844)
Other, net	3,781	(411)	(5,226)
Income tax provision	<u>\$ (60,847)</u>	<u>\$ 36,089</u>	<u>\$ (29,400)</u>
Effective income tax rate	<u>18.4 %</u>	<u>36.7 %</u>	<u>(42.2)%</u>

On December 22, 2017, the U.S. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Act") was enacted into law. The Act reduced the U.S. federal corporate tax rate from 35% to 21% effective January 1, 2018. The Act required companies to pay a one-time transition tax on earnings of certain foreign subsidiaries that were previously deferred. In 2018 and 2017, the Company recorded tax expense related to the enactment-date effects of the Act that included recording the one-time transition tax liability related to undistributed earnings of certain foreign subsidiaries that were not previously taxed and adjusting deferred tax assets and liabilities. Our accounting for the income tax effects of the Act was complete as of December 31, 2018. Additionally, on March 27, 2020 the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act") was enacted into law. The CARES Act allows net operating losses generated by the Company to be carried back up to five years at the tax rates in effect during those periods, rather than carried forward at current federal tax rates of 21%. The Company has included a \$27,844 benefit for this CARES Act provision in the period ended December 31, 2020.

Nonrecurring permanent items in 2020 were the result of the divestiture of our European rubber, fluid transfer, and specialty sealing businesses as well as our Indian operation, including a worthless security deduction and in 2019 a result of the sale of the AVS product line.

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Deferred tax assets and liabilities reflect the estimated tax effect of accumulated temporary differences between the basis of assets and liabilities for tax and financial reporting purposes, as well as net operating losses, tax credit and other carryforwards. Significant components of the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 were as follows:

	2020	2019
Deferred tax assets:		
Pension, postretirement and other benefits	\$ 53,229	\$ 48,589
Capitalized expenditures	14,411	2,908
Net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards	215,980	167,719
Operating lease	26,160	20,817
All other items	53,290	53,614
Total deferred tax assets	363,070	293,647
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Property, plant and equipment	(29,415)	(19,479)
Operating lease right-of-use	(26,160)	(20,817)
All other items	(15,597)	(12,680)
Total deferred tax liabilities	(71,172)	(52,976)
Valuation allowances	(234,425)	(194,794)
Net deferred tax assets	\$ 57,473	\$ 45,877

As of December 31, 2020, the Company's foreign subsidiaries, primarily in France, Brazil, Italy and Germany, had operating loss carryforwards aggregating \$520,000, with indefinite expiration periods. Other foreign subsidiaries in China, Mexico, Netherlands, Spain, Czech Republic and Korea had operating losses aggregating \$263,000, with expiration dates beginning in 2021. The Company has research tax credit carryforwards and foreign tax credit carryforwards totaling \$20,800 in the U.S. with expiration dates beginning in 2029. The Company and its domestic subsidiaries have anticipated tax benefits of state net operating losses and credit carryforwards of \$10,400 with expiration dates beginning in 2021.

As of December 31, 2020, the Company has consolidated deferred tax assets of \$363,070, of which \$62,535 relate to the U.S. federal jurisdiction, with valuation allowances of \$234,425 related to tax losses, credit carryforwards, and other deferred tax assets in certain foreign and U.S. state jurisdictions. The Company's valuation allowance increased in 2020 primarily from current year losses generated in certain foreign jurisdictions as well as new valuation allowances in additional foreign and U.S. state jurisdictions. Current and future provision for income taxes is significantly impacted by the initial recognition of and changes in valuation allowances in certain countries. The Company intends to maintain these allowances until it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets will be realized. In the future, provision for income taxes will include no tax benefit with respect to losses incurred and no tax expense with respect to income generated in these countries until the respective valuation allowance is eliminated.

As of December 31, 2020, no material deferred income taxes have been recorded on the undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries, since a majority of these earnings will not be taxable upon repatriation to the United States. These earnings will be primarily treated as previously taxed income from either the one time transition tax or GILTI, or they will be offset with a 100% dividends received deduction. The Company has not recorded a deferred tax liability for foreign withholding taxes or state income taxes that may be incurred upon repatriation in the future as such undistributed foreign earnings are considered permanently reinvested or could be remitted with no tax implications.

As of December 31, 2020, the Company had \$11,272 (\$12,550 including interest and penalties) of total unrecognized tax benefits, all of which represented the amount of unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, would affect the effective income tax rate.

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A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amount of unrecognized tax benefits was as follows:

	2020	2019
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 10,123	\$ 9,631
Tax positions related to the current period		
Gross additions	1,115	895
Gross reductions	—	—
Tax positions related to prior years		
Gross additions	342	—
Gross reductions	—	(52)
Settlements	(232)	—
Lapses on statutes of limitations	(76)	(351)
Balance at end of period	\$ 11,272	\$ 10,123

The Company, or one of its subsidiaries, files income tax returns in the United States and other foreign jurisdictions. The Internal Revenue Service completed an examination of the Company's U.S. income tax returns through 2011. The statute of limitations for U.S. state and local jurisdictions is closed for taxable years ending prior to 2014. The Company's major foreign jurisdictions are Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, and Poland. The Company is no longer subject to income tax examinations in major foreign jurisdictions for years prior to 2016.

During the next twelve months, it is reasonably possible that, as a result of audit settlements and the conclusion of current examinations, the Company may decrease the amount of its gross unrecognized tax benefits by approximately \$10,229, all of which, if recognized, would impact the effective tax rate.

The Company classifies all income tax related interest and penalties as income tax expense. The Company has recorded in liabilities \$1,277 and \$1,052 as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively, for tax related interest and penalties on its consolidated balance sheet.

18. Net (Loss) Income Per Share Attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.

Basic net (loss) income per share attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. was computed by dividing net (loss) income attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. Diluted net (loss) income per share attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. was computed using the treasury stock method by dividing diluted net (loss) income available to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding, including the dilutive effect of common stock equivalents, using the average share price during the period.

Information used to compute basic and diluted net (loss) income per share attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. was as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2020	2019	2018
Net (loss) income available to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. common stockholders	\$ (267,605)	\$ 67,529	\$ 103,601
Basic weighted average shares of common stock outstanding	16,913,850	17,146,124	17,894,718
Dilutive effect of common stock equivalents	—	62,644	395,484
Diluted weighted average shares of common stock outstanding	16,913,850	17,208,768	18,290,202
Basic net (loss) income per share attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.	\$ (15.82)	\$ 3.94	\$ 5.79
Diluted net (loss) income per share attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.	\$ (15.82)	\$ 3.92	\$ 5.66

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Approximately 71,000 and 1,000 securities were excluded from the calculation of diluted (loss) earnings per share for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2018, because the inclusion of such securities in the calculation would have been anti-dilutive. There were no anti-dilutive securities during the year ended December 31, 2019.

19. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Changes in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) by component, net of related tax, were as follows:

	Cumulative currency translation adjustment	Benefit plan liabilities	Fair value change of derivatives	Total
Balance as of December 31, 2018	\$ (141,104)	\$ (104,375)	\$ (458)	\$ (245,937)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	(16,653) ⁽¹⁾	(10,536) ⁽²⁾	2,858 ⁽³⁾	(24,331)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	3,824	14,751 ⁽⁴⁾	(2,048) ⁽⁵⁾	16,527
Balance as of December 31, 2019	(153,933)	(100,160)	352	(253,741)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	15,708 ⁽¹⁾	(11,254) ⁽²⁾	(4,700) ⁽³⁾	(246)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	1,646	5,335 ⁽⁶⁾	5,110 ⁽⁵⁾	12,091
Balance as of December 31, 2020	\$ (136,579)	\$ (106,079)	\$ 762	\$ (241,896)

- ⁽¹⁾ Includes \$4,430 and \$(823) of other comprehensive income (loss) for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively, that are related to intra-entity foreign currency balances that are of a long-term investment nature.
- ⁽²⁾ Net of tax benefit of \$571 and \$457 for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.
- ⁽³⁾ Net of tax (benefit) expense of \$(1,580) and \$954 for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.
- ⁽⁴⁾ Includes the effect of the U.S. pension settlement loss of \$15,247, other settlement losses of \$572, curtailment losses of \$539, and the amortization of actuarial losses of \$3,383, offset by \$269 net gains related to the AVS divestiture and the amortization of prior service credits of \$185, net of tax of \$4,536.
- ⁽⁵⁾ Net of tax (benefit) expense of \$(1,835) and \$725 for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.
- ⁽⁶⁾ Includes the effect of the amortization of actuarial losses of \$3,851, settlement losses of \$1,020, net losses of \$744 related to the divestiture of certain businesses in Europe and India, and the amortization of prior service costs of \$106, net of tax of \$386.

20. Equity

Common Stock

The Company is authorized to issue up to 190,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share. As of December 31, 2020, an aggregate of 18,962,894 shares of its common stock were issued, and 16,897,085 shares were outstanding.

Holders of shares of common stock are entitled to one vote for each share on each matter on which holders of common stock are entitled to vote. Holders of common stock are entitled to ratably receive dividends and other distributions when, as and if declared by the Company's board of directors out of assets or funds legally available therefore. The ABL Facility, the Term Loan Facility, the Senior Notes, and the Senior Secured Notes each contain covenants that restrict the Company's ability to pay dividends or make distributions on the common stock, subject to certain exceptions.

In the event of the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, holders of common stock are entitled to share ratably in the Company assets, if any, remaining after the payment of all the Company's debts and liabilities.

Share Repurchase Program

In June 2018, the Company's Board of Directors approved a common stock repurchase program (the "2018 Program") authorizing the Company to repurchase, in the aggregate, up to \$150.0 million of its outstanding common stock. Under the 2018 Program, repurchases may be made on the open market, through private transactions, accelerated share repurchases, round lot or block transactions on the New York Stock Exchange or otherwise, as determined by management and in accordance with

prevailing market conditions and federal securities laws and regulations. The Company expects to fund any future repurchases from cash on hand and future cash flows from operations. The Company is not obligated to acquire a particular amount of securities, and the 2018 Program may be discontinued at any time at the Company’s discretion. The 2018 Program was effective beginning November 2018. As of December 31, 2020, the Company had approximately \$98,720 of repurchase authorization under the 2018 Program.

The Company did not make any repurchases during the year ended December 31, 2020.

2019 Repurchases

In May 2019, the Company entered into an accelerated share repurchase (“ASR”) agreement with a third-party financial institution to repurchase the Company’s common stock pursuant to the 2018 Program. Under the ASR agreement, the Company made an up-front payment of \$30,000 and received an initial delivery of 626,305 shares of its common stock in the second quarter of 2019. The repurchase was completed in the third quarter of 2019 when the Company received an additional 72,875 shares. A total of 699,180 shares were repurchased at a weighted average purchase price of \$42.91 per share.

In addition to the repurchase under the ASR agreement, during the year ended December 31, 2019, the Company repurchased 85,000 shares at an average purchase price of \$69.85 per share, excluding commissions, for a total cost of \$5,937.

21. Share-Based Compensation

The Company’s long-term incentive plans allow for the grant of various types of share-based awards to key employees and directors of the Company and its affiliates. The Company generally awards grants on an annual basis. There are 2,300,000 shares of common stock authorized for awards granted under the current plan. Under previous plans, a total of 5,873,103 shares were authorized for awards. The plans provide for the grant of stock options, stock appreciation rights, shares of common stock, restricted stock, restricted stock units (“RSUs”), performance-vested restricted stock units (“PUs”), incentive awards and certain other types of awards to key employees and directors of the Company and its affiliates.

The Company measures share-based compensation expense at fair value and recognizes such expense on a straight-line basis over the vesting period of the share-based employee awards. The compensation expense related to stock options, restricted stock and performance units granted to key employees and directors of the Company, which is quantified below, does not represent payments actually made to these employees. Rather, the amounts represent the non-cash compensation expense recognized by the Company in connection with these awards for financial reporting purposes. The actual value of these awards to the recipients will depend on the trading price of the Company’s stock when the awards vest. In accordance with the Company’s long-term incentive plans, share-based compensation awards that settle in shares of Company stock may be delivered on a gross settlement basis or a net settlement basis, as determined by the recipient.

Share-based compensation expense (income) was as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2020	2019	2018
PUs	\$ 916	\$ 277	\$ (3,925)
RSUs	6,994	8,432	9,241
Stock options	2,525	3,156	3,204
Total	\$ 10,435	\$ 11,865	\$ 8,520

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Stock Options

Stock option awards are granted at the fair market value of the Company's stock price at the date of the grant and have a 10 year term. The stock option grants vest over three years from the date of grant.

Stock option transactions and related information for the year ended December 31, 2020 was as follows:

	Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding as of January 1, 2020	548,770	\$ 77.68		
Granted	233,732	\$ 25.19		
Exercised	—	\$ —		
Forfeited	(21,757)	\$ 49.53		
Expired	(19,326)	\$ 51.62		
Outstanding as of December 31, 2020	<u>741,419</u>	\$ 62.64	6.1	\$ 2,103
Exercisable as of December 31, 2020	<u>408,316</u>	\$ 78.37	5.0	\$ —

The weighted-average grant date fair value of stock options granted during the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018 was \$8.85, \$24.22 and \$36.22, respectively. There were no stock options exercised during the year ended December 31, 2020. The total intrinsic value of stock options exercised during the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 was \$243 and \$12,422, respectively.

As of December 31, 2020, unrecognized compensation expense for stock options amounted to \$2,728. Such cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 1.7 years.

The fair value of the options was estimated at the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Expected volatility was based on the historical volatility of the Company's common stock. The expected option life was calculated using the simplified method. The risk-free rate is based on the U.S. Treasury zero-coupon issues with a term equal to the expected option life on the date the stock options were granted. The fair value of each option was estimated using the following assumptions:

	2020	2019	2018
Expected volatility	33.74%	29.48% - 31.10%	27.17% - 27.19%
Dividend yield	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %
Expected option life - years	6.0	6.0	6.0
Risk-free rate	1.5%	1.8% - 2.5%	2.6%

Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units

The fair value of the restricted stock and restricted stock units is determined based on the closing price of the common stock on the date of grant. The restricted stock and restricted stock units vest over one or three years.

Restricted stock and restricted stock units transactions and related information for the year ended December 31, 2020 was as follows:

	Restricted Stock and Restricted Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Non-vested as of January 1, 2020	332,981	\$ 83.60
Granted	169,038	\$ 17.62
Vested	(86,976)	\$ 99.41
Forfeited	(29,408)	\$ 73.75
Non-vested as of December 31, 2020	<u>385,635</u>	\$ 54.10

The weighted-average grant date fair value of restricted stock and restricted stock units granted during the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018 was \$17.62, \$66.12 and \$110.34, respectively. The total fair value of restricted stock and

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restricted stock units vested during the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018 was \$7,786, \$9,859 and \$7,418, respectively.

As of December 31, 2020, unrecognized compensation expense for restricted stock and restricted stock units amounted to \$5,973. Such cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 1.2 years.

Performance-Vested Restricted Stock Units

The actual number of performance units that will vest depends on the Company's achievement of target performance goals related to the Company's ROIC and total shareholder return over a performance period, which may range from 0% to 200% of the target award amount. The PUs cliff vest at the end of their three-year performance period or vest ratably over three years after their initial two-year performance period. PUs that are expected to be settled in shares of the Company's common stock are accounted for as equity awards, and the fair value is determined based on the closing price of the common stock on the date of grant. PUs that are expected to be settled in cash are accounted for as liability awards.

A summary of activity for performance-vested restricted stock units transactions and related information for the year ended December 31, 2020 was as follows:

	Performance Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Non-vested as of January 1, 2020	194,053	\$ 93.86
Granted	130,346	\$ 10.10
Vested	(48,772)	\$ 107.50
Forfeited	(17,387)	\$ 57.57
Non-vested as of December 31, 2020	258,240	\$ 51.45

The weighted-average grant date fair value of performance units granted during the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018 was \$10.10, \$78.41 and \$110.40, respectively. The total fair value of PUs vested during the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018 was \$5,243, \$5,450, and \$8,256, respectively. Actual payout of units vested was 0% during the year ended December 31, 2020 and no cash was paid to settle PUs during the year ended December 31, 2020. Cash paid to settle PUs during the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 was \$3,345 and \$13,302, respectively.

As of December 31, 2020, unrecognized compensation expense for the PUs granted in 2020 was \$1,448. Such cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 2.0 years.

The fair value of the performance units is estimated using a Monte Carlo simulation. Expected volatility was calculated based on historical stock price volatility over the previous year. The risk-free rate was based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve, generally represented by U.S. Treasury securities, with a term equal to the expected life of the performance units. The dividend yield was assumed to be zero based on Company's historical patterns and future expectation. The fair value of the performance units granted in 2020 was estimated using the following assumptions:

	2020
Expected volatility	116.60 %
Dividend yield	0.00 %
Risk-free rate	0.10 %

22. Related Party Transactions

A summary of the material related party transactions with affiliates accounted for under the equity method was as follows:

	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
Sales ⁽¹⁾	\$ 21,736	\$ 28,925	\$ 30,826
Purchases ⁽²⁾	339	880	687
Dividends received ⁽³⁾	7,243	4,917	4,862

⁽¹⁾ Relates to transactions with Nishikawa Cooper LLC (“NISCO”)

⁽²⁾ Relates to transactions with NISCO and Polyrub Cooper Standard FTS Private Limited

⁽³⁾ From NISCO and Nishikawa Tachaplalert Cooper Ltd. inclusive of any gross up of dividend related to withholding tax

Amounts receivable from NISCO as of December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 were \$3,561 and \$4,297, respectively.

23. Contingent Liabilities

Litigation and Claims

Various legal actions, proceedings, and claims (generally, “matters”) are pending or may be instituted or asserted against the Company. The Company accrues for matters when losses are deemed probable and reasonably estimable. Any resulting adjustments, which could be material, are recorded in the period the adjustments are identified. As of December 31, 2020, the Company does not believe that there is a reasonable possibility that any material loss exceeding the amounts already accrued for matters, if any, has been incurred. However, the ultimate resolutions of these matters are inherently unpredictable and could require payment substantially in excess of the amounts that have been accrued or disclosed.

Environmental

The Company is subject to a broad range of federal, state and local environmental and occupational safety and health laws and regulations in the United States and other countries, including those governing: emissions to air, discharges to water, noise and odor emissions; the generation, handling, storage, transportation, treatment, reclamation and disposal of chemicals and waste materials; the cleanup of contaminated properties; and human health and safety. The Company may incur substantial costs associated with hazardous substance contamination or exposure, including cleanup costs, fines, and civil or criminal sanctions, third party property or natural resource damage, personal injury claims or costs to upgrade or replace existing equipment as a result of violations of or liabilities under environmental laws or the failure to maintain or comply with environmental permits required at their locations. In addition, many of the Company’s current and former facilities are located on properties with long histories of industrial or commercial operations, and some of these properties have been subject to certain environmental investigations and remediation activities. The Company maintains environmental reserves for certain of these sites. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company had \$13,302 and \$6,104, respectively, reserved in accrued liabilities and other liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet on an undiscounted basis, which it believes are adequate. Because some environmental laws (such as the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act and analogous state laws) can impose liability retroactively and regardless of fault on potentially responsible parties for the entire cost of cleanup at currently or formerly owned or operated facilities, as well as sites at which such parties disposed or arranged for disposal of hazardous waste, the Company could become liable for investigating or remediating contamination at their current or former properties or other properties (including offsite waste disposal locations). The Company may not always be in complete compliance with all applicable requirements of environmental laws or regulation, and the Company may receive notices of violation or become subject to enforcement actions or incur material costs or liabilities in connection with such requirements. In addition, new environmental requirements or changes to interpretations of existing requirements, or in their enforcement, could have a material adverse effect on the Company’s business, results of operations, and financial condition. The Company has made and will continue to make expenditures to comply with environmental requirements. While the Company’s costs to defend and settle known claims arising under environmental laws have not been material in the past and are not currently estimated to have a material adverse effect on the Company’s financial condition, such costs may be material to the Company’s financial statements in the future.

Brazil Indirect Tax Claim

In 2019, the Superior Judicial Court of Brazil rendered a favorable decision on a case challenging whether a certain state value-added tax should be included in the calculation of federal gross receipts taxes. The decision will allow the Company the right to recover, through offset of federal tax liabilities, amounts collected by the government. As a result of the favorable decision, the Company recorded pre-tax recoveries of \$8,000 in the South America segment and in cost of products sold for the year ended December 31, 2019. As of December 31, 2020, the Company had \$6,277 of pre-tax recoveries remaining. Timing on realization of these remaining recoveries is dependent upon generation of federal tax liabilities eligible for offset.

24. Business Segments

The Company's organizational structure changed on January 1, 2020, creating a global automotive business ("Automotive") and Advanced Technology Group ("ATG"). The Company's business is now organized in the following reportable segments: North America, Europe, Asia Pacific and South America. ATG and all other business activities are reported in Corporate, eliminations and other. The Corporate, eliminations and other External Sales and Intersegment Sales amounts previously reported during the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 have been reclassified from North America and Europe from the table below. The other metrics previously reported during the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 and as of December 31, 2019 have been reclassified from North America, Europe, Asia Pacific and South America from the tables below.

The accounting policies of the Company's segments are consistent with those described in Note 2. "Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies."

Effective January 1, 2019, the Company changed the measurement of its operating segments to segment adjusted EBITDA. The results of each segment include certain allocations for general, administrative and other shared costs. Segment adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

Certain financial information on the Company's reportable segments was as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2020	2019	2018
Sales to external customers			
North America	\$ 1,141,368	\$ 1,543,845	\$ 1,872,938
Europe	586,739	826,335	982,967
Asia Pacific	468,042	503,953	571,160
South America	60,754	94,535	98,063
Total Automotive	2,256,903	2,968,668	3,525,128
Corporate, eliminations and other	118,536	139,732	98,914
Consolidated	<u>\$ 2,375,439</u>	<u>\$ 3,108,400</u>	<u>\$ 3,624,042</u>
Intersegment sales			
North America	\$ 12,267	\$ 19,701	\$ 18,624
Europe	9,569	11,744	15,185
Asia Pacific	2,406	3,050	5,115
South America	72	193	103
Total Automotive	24,314	34,688	39,027
Corporate, eliminations and other	(24,314)	(34,688)	(39,027)
Consolidated	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

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	Year Ended December 31,		
	2020	2019	2018
Adjusted EBITDA			
North America	\$ 90,638	\$ 213,250	\$ 319,653
Europe	(39,004)	22,922	40,980
Asia Pacific	12,472	(27,497)	14,118
South America	(13,841)	(3,446)	(7,138)
Total Automotive	50,265	205,229	367,613
Corporate, eliminations and other	(14,588)	(3,621)	5,045
Consolidated	<u>\$ 35,677</u>	<u>\$ 201,608</u>	<u>\$ 372,658</u>
Net interest expense (income)			
North America	\$ 504	\$ 96	\$ (380)
Europe	1,082	318	616
Asia Pacific	2,205	4,139	2,355
South America	225	3	(62)
Total Automotive	4,016	4,556	2,529
Corporate, eliminations and other	55,151	39,557	38,475
Consolidated	<u>\$ 59,167</u>	<u>\$ 44,113</u>	<u>\$ 41,004</u>
Depreciation and amortization expense			
North America	\$ 60,193	\$ 62,604	\$ 61,589
Europe	36,707	38,572	41,855
Asia Pacific	31,789	31,881	28,822
South America	2,392	2,658	2,087
Total Automotive	131,081	135,715	134,353
Corporate, eliminations and other	23,148	16,238	12,345
Consolidated	<u>\$ 154,229</u>	<u>\$ 151,953</u>	<u>\$ 146,698</u>
Capital expenditures			
North America	\$ 30,921	\$ 64,887	\$ 72,315
Europe	25,369	34,587	53,104
Asia Pacific	21,809	40,214	70,672
South America	2,476	7,340	5,734
Total Automotive	80,575	147,028	201,825
Corporate, eliminations and other	11,219	17,438	16,246
Consolidated	<u>\$ 91,794</u>	<u>\$ 164,466</u>	<u>\$ 218,071</u>

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
(Dollar amounts in thousands except per share and share amounts)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2020	2019	2018
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 35,677	\$ 201,608	\$ 372,658
Impairment of assets held for sale	(86,470)	—	—
Gain on sale of business, net	2,834	191,571	—
Restructuring charges	(39,482)	(51,102)	(29,722)
Other impairment charges	(17,417)	(23,139)	(43,706)
Pension settlement charges	(184)	(15,997)	(775)
Project costs	(5,648)	(2,090)	(4,881)
Lease termination costs	(771)	(1,167)	—
Divested noncontrolling interest debt extinguishment	(3,595)	—	—
Goodwill impairment charges	—	—	(39,818)
Gain on sale of land	—	—	10,377
Amortization of inventory write-up	—	—	(1,460)
Loss on refinancing and extinguishment of debt	—	—	(770)
EBITDA	\$ (115,056)	\$ 299,684	\$ 261,903
Income tax (expense) benefit	60,847	(36,089)	29,400
Interest expense, net of interest income	(59,167)	(44,113)	(41,004)
Depreciation and amortization	(154,229)	(151,953)	(146,698)
Net (loss) income attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.	\$ (267,605)	\$ 67,529	\$ 103,601

	December 31,	
	2020	2019
Segment assets		
North America	\$ 907,652	\$ 1,040,650
Europe	465,031	553,977
Asia Pacific	587,610	614,952
South America	64,800	65,438
Total Automotive	2,025,093	2,275,017
Corporate, eliminations and other	586,851	360,565
Consolidated	\$ 2,611,944	\$ 2,635,582

The decrease in asset amounts in Europe and Asia Pacific as of December 31, 2020 was primarily attributable to the Company's recent divestitures in those regions. See Note 5. "Divestitures" for further detail on these transactions.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
(Dollar amounts in thousands except per share and share amounts)

Geographic Information

Geographic information for revenues, based on country of origin, and property, plant and equipment, net, is as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2020	2019	2018
Revenues			
Mexico	\$ 578,790	\$ 723,228	\$ 763,094
United States	518,497	729,866	883,273
China	364,207	355,667	466,119
Poland	191,530	270,197	245,853
Canada	125,729	188,652	278,349
Germany	114,221	151,441	187,374
France	97,289	159,859	305,416
Other	385,176	529,490	494,564
Consolidated	<u>\$ 2,375,439</u>	<u>\$ 3,108,400</u>	<u>\$ 3,624,042</u>
	December 31,		
	2020	2019	
Property, plant and equipment, net			
China	\$ 192,005	\$ 196,502	
United States	188,246	218,640	
Mexico	145,452	153,414	
Poland	77,789	88,162	
Germany	72,979	78,967	
France	33,087	32,938	
Canada	29,500	31,568	
Other	153,251	188,086	
Consolidated	<u>\$ 892,309</u>	<u>\$ 988,277</u>	

Customer Concentration

Sales to customers of the Company which contributed 10% or more of its total consolidated sales and the related percentage of consolidated Company sales for 2020, 2019 and 2018 are as follows:

Customer	2020 Percentage of Net Sales	2019 Percentage of Net Sales	2018 Percentage of Net Sales
Ford	24 %	25 %	27 %
General Motors	19 %	18 %	19 %
Fiat Chrysler Automobiles*	11 %	12 %	11 %

* Subsequent to December 31, 2020, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles merged with Groupe PSA.

SCHEDULE II

Valuation and Qualifying Accounts
(dollars in millions)

Description	Balance at beginning of period	Charged to Expenses	Charged (credited) to other accounts ⁽¹⁾	Deductions ⁽²⁾	Balance at end of period
Allowance for credit losses					
Year ended December 31, 2020	\$ 10.7 ⁽³⁾	0.7	0.5	(4.8)	\$ 7.1
Year ended December 31, 2019	\$ 5.6	5.5 ⁽⁴⁾	(0.1)	(1.9)	\$ 9.1
Year ended December 31, 2018	\$ 4.2	4.2	(0.1)	(2.7)	\$ 5.6

⁽¹⁾ Primarily foreign currency translation.

⁽²⁾ Includes impact of divestitures.

⁽³⁾ Includes \$1.6 adjustment due to adoption of ASU 2016-13 as of January 1, 2020.

⁽⁴⁾ Increase in 2019 relates to commercial settlements in China.

Description	Balance at beginning of period	Additions		Deductions	Balance at end of period
		Charged to Income	Charged to Equity ⁽⁵⁾		
Tax valuation allowance					
Year ended December 31, 2020	\$ 194.8	51.6 ⁽⁶⁾	7.3	(19.3) ⁽⁷⁾	\$ 234.4
Year ended December 31, 2019	\$ 171.2	24.6 ⁽⁸⁾	(1.0)	—	\$ 194.8
Year ended December 31, 2018	\$ 189.4	33.1 ⁽⁹⁾	(10.4)	(40.9) ⁽¹⁰⁾	\$ 171.2

⁽⁵⁾ Includes foreign currency translation.

⁽⁶⁾ Primarily related to 2020 losses with no benefit in certain foreign jurisdictions and U.S. states and new valuation allowances in foreign jurisdictions and U.S. states.

⁽⁷⁾ Deductions a result of the divestiture of our European rubber, fluid transfer, and specialty sealing businesses as well as our Indian operations.

⁽⁸⁾ Primarily related to 2019 losses with no benefit in certain foreign jurisdictions.

⁽⁹⁾ Primarily related to 2018 losses with no benefit in certain foreign jurisdictions.

⁽¹⁰⁾ Primarily related to release of valuation allowance in the U.S. and France.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

Not applicable.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures**Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

The Company has evaluated, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) as of December 31, 2020. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected. However, based on that evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer along with the Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective at a reasonable assurance level as of December 31, 2020.

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f). Under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the Company conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in 2013. Based on the evaluation under the framework in Internal Control—Integrated Framework, management concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2020.

The attestation report of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting is set forth in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Report under the caption "Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Internal Control over Financial Reporting" and incorporated herein by reference.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2020 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 9B. Other Information

None.

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

Directors and Executive Officers

The information required by Item 10 regarding the Company's directors is incorporated by reference from the information under the headings "Proposals - Proposal 1: Election of Directors" in the Company's definitive Proxy Statement for its 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "2021 Proxy Statement"). The information required by Item 10 regarding the Company's executive officers is incorporated by reference from the information under the headings "Corporate Governance, Board and Committee Matters - Executive Officers" in the 2021 Proxy Statement.

Audit Committee

The information required by Item 10 regarding the Audit Committee, including the identification of the Audit Committee members and the "audit committee financial expert," is incorporated by reference from the information in the 2021 Proxy Statement under the heading "Corporate Governance, Board and Committee Matters - Board Committees and Their Functions - Audit Committee."

Compliance with Section 16(a) of The Exchange Act

The information required by Item 10 regarding compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act, if any, is incorporated by reference from the information in the 2021 Proxy Statement under the heading "Corporate Governance, Board and Committee Matters - Delinquent Section 16(a) Reports."

Code of Conduct

The information required by Item 10 regarding our code of ethics is incorporated by reference from the information in the 2021 Proxy Statement under the heading "Corporate Governance." The Company's Code of Conduct applies to all of the Company's officers, directors and employees and is available on the Company's website at www.cooperstandard.com. To access the Code of Conduct, first click on "Investors" and then click on "Corporate Governance."

Item 11. Executive Compensation

The information required by Item 11 regarding executive and director compensation, Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation, and the Compensation Committee Report is incorporated by reference from the information in the 2021 Proxy Statement under the headings "Corporate Governance, Board and Committee Matters - Director Compensation," "Proposal 2: Advisory Vote on Named Executive Officer Compensation - Compensation Discussion and Analysis," "Proposal 2: Advisory Vote on Named Executive Officer Compensation - Compensation Committee Report" and "Proposal 2: Advisory Vote on Named Executive Officer Compensation - Executive Compensation."

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

The information required by Item 12 is incorporated by reference from the information in the 2021 Proxy Statement under the heading "Corporate Governance, Board and Committee Matters - Stock Ownership and Related Stockholder Matters."

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

The information required by Item 13 regarding transactions with related persons is incorporated by reference from the information in 2021 Proxy Statement under the heading "Transactions with Related Persons." The information required by Item 13 regarding the independence of the Company's directors is incorporated by reference from the information in the 2021 Proxy Statement under the heading "Corporate Governance - Board of Directors - Independence of Directors."

Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services

The information required under Item 14 is incorporated by reference from the information in the 2021 Proxy Statement under the heading "Fees and Services of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm."

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

(a) Documents Filed as Part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K:

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All other financial statement schedules are not required under the related instructions or are inapplicable and therefore have been omitted.	
3. Exhibits listed on the “Index to Exhibits”	

Index to Exhibits

Unless otherwise provided, the SEC File Number under which each document incorporated by reference herein was filed is 001-36127.

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
2.1*	<u>Debtors' Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization, dated March 26, 2010 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 24, 2010 (File No. 333-123708)).</u>
3.1*	<u>Third Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., dated May 27, 2010 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-168316)).</u>
3.2*	<u>Amended and Restated Bylaws of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016).</u>
3.3*	<u>Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. Certificate of Designations 7% Cumulative Participating Convertible Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-168316)).</u>
4.1*	<u>Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of May 27, 2010, by and among Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., the Backstop Purchasers and the other holders party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 3, 2010 (File No. 333-123708)).</u>
4.2*	<u>Indenture, dated as of November 2, 2016, by and among Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc., the guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 7, 2016).</u>
4.3*	<u>Description of Securities (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019).</u>
4.4*	<u>Indenture, dated as of May 29, 2020, by and among Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc., the Guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee and Collateral Agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 1, 2020 (File No. 001-36127)).</u>
10.1*	<u>Third Amended and Restated Loan Agreement, dated as of November 2, 2016, among Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc., Cooper-Standard Automotive Canada Limited, Cooper-Standard Automotive International Holdings B.V., and certain subsidiaries of Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc., as guarantors, CS Intermediate HoldCo 1 LLC, as Holdings, the lenders party thereto and Bank of America, N.A. as agent for such lenders (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 7, 2016).</u>
10.2*	<u>Credit Agreement, dated as of April 4, 2014, among CS Intermediate HoldCo 2 LLC, CS Intermediate HoldCo 1 LLC, Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, as administrative agent and collateral agent, and the other lenders party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed April 8, 2014).</u>
10.3*	<u>Amendment No. 1, dated as of November 2, 2016, to the Term Loan Credit Agreement, among Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc., as the borrower, certain subsidiaries of Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc., as guarantors, CS Intermediate HoldCo 1 LLC, as Holdings, Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent and other lenders party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 7, 2016).</u>

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
10.4*	<u>Amendment No. 2, dated as of May 2, 2017 to the Term Loan Credit Agreement, among Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc., as the borrower, certain subsidiaries of Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc., as guarantors, CS Intermediate Holdco 1 LL, as Holdings, Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent and the other lenders party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2017).</u>
10.5*	<u>Amendment No. 3, dated as of March 6, 2018 to the Term Loan Credit Agreement, among Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc., as the borrower, certain subsidiaries of Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc., as guarantors, CS Intermediate Holdco 1 LL, as Holdings, Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent and the other lenders party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2018).</u>
10.6*	<u>Amendment No. 1, dated as of March 24, 2020, to the Third Amended and Restated Loan Agreement and Limited Waiver by and among CS Intermediate Holdco 1 LLC, Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc., Cooper-Standard Automotive Canada Limited, Cooper-Standard Automotive International Holdings B.V., certain subsidiaries of Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc., the lenders party thereto and Bank of America, N.A. as agent for such lenders (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2020).</u>
10.7*	<u>Amendment No. 2, dated as of May 18, 2020, to the Third Amended and Restated Loan Agreement by and among Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc., as loan party agent, and Bank of America, N.A. as agent for such lenders (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2020).</u>
10.8*†	<u>Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. Executive Severance Pay Plan effective January 1, 2011 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010).</u>
10.9*†	<u>Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan, effective January 1, 2005 with Amendments through December 31, 2008 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.33 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008).</u>
10.10*†	<u>Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, effective January 1, 2011 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010).</u>
10.11*†	<u>Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. Nonqualified Supplementary Benefit Plan, Amended and Restated as of January 1, 2011 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010).</u>
10.12*†	<u>Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010).</u>
10.13*†	<u>2011 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. Omnibus Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010).</u>
10.14*†	<u>Amended and Restated 2011 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. Omnibus Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013).</u>

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
10.15*†	Amended and Restated Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2017).
10.16*†	Form of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement for key employees (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.24 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010).
10.17*†	2010 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. Management Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 3, 2010).
10.18*†	Form of 2010 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. Management Incentive Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement for directors (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 3, 2010).
10.19*†	Letter Agreement between Jeffrey S. Edwards, Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. dated October 1, 2012 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2012).
10.20*†	Letter Agreement between D. William Pumphrey, Jr., Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. and Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. dated August 16, 2011 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.30 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012).
10.21*†	Service Contract between CSA Germany Verwaltungs GmbH and Juan Fernando de Miguel Posada dated March 1, 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.26 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013).
10.22*†	International Assignment Agreement between Song Min Lee and Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. dated December 31, 2012 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.27 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013).
10.23*†	Extension Addendum dated October 28, 2016, to the International Assignment Agreement between Song Min Lee and Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. dated December 31, 2012 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.28 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017).
10.24*†	Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan, Amended and Restated effective as of January 1, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.28 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013).
10.25*†	Form of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.38 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014).
10.26*†	Form of 2015 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.40 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014).
10.27*†	Offer Letter between Jonathan P. Banas and Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. dated August 17, 2015 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 28, 2015).

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
10.28*†	<u>Form of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (Non-Employee Directors) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2015).</u>
10.29*†	<u>Form of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. Amended and Restated Indemnification Agreement for officers and directors (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.36 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018).</u>
10.30*†	<u>Form of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan Special Retention Award Agreement (stock-settled award) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2016).</u>
10.31*†	<u>Form of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan 2017 Performance Award Agreement (stock-settled award) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2017).</u>
10.32*†	<u>Form of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan 2017 Performance Award Agreement (cash-settled award) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2017).</u>
10.33*†	<u>Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.36 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019).</u>
10.34*†	<u>Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan Amended and Restated effective as of May 18, 2017 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.37 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019).</u>
10.35*†	<u>Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. Annual Incentive Plan Amended and Restated effective as of January 1, 2018 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.38 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019).</u>
10.36*†	<u>Form of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2017).</u>
10.37*†	<u>Form of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2017).</u>
10.38*†	<u>Form of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan 2017 Performance Unit Award Agreement (stock-settled award) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2017).</u>
10.39*†	<u>Form of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (Non-Employee Directors) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.42 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019).</u>

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
10.40*†	<u>Form of 2018 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2018).</u>
10.41*†	<u>Form of 2018 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan Performance Unit Award Agreement (cash-settled award).(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2018).</u>
10.42*†	<u>Form of 2018 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan Performance Unit Award Agreement (stock-settled award).(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2018).</u>
10.43*†	<u>Form of 2018 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (cash-settled award).(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2018).</u>
10.44*†	<u>Offer Letter between Jeffrey A. DeBest, Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. and Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. dated January 24, 2018 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.47 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019).</u>
10.45*†	<u>Form of 2019 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2019).</u>
10.46*†	<u>Form of 2019 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan Performance Unit Award Agreement (cash-settled award).(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2019).</u>
10.47*†	<u>Form of 2019 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan Performance Unit Award Agreement (stock-settled award).(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2019).</u>
10.48*†	<u>Form of 2019 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (cash or stock-settled award) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2019).</u>
10.49*†	<u>Form of 2019 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (cash-settled award).(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2019).</u>
10.50*†	<u>Separation Agreement between Song Min Lee, Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. and Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. dated as of December 31, 2019 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.54 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019).</u>
10.51*†	<u>Form of 2020 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2020).</u>

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
10.52*†	Form of 2020 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan Performance Unit Award Agreement (cash-settled award). (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2020).
10.53*†	Form of 2020 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (cash-settled award). (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2020).
10.54*†	Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. US Salary Deferral Program, dated April 20, 2020, with Program Term starting May 4, 2020 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2020).
10.55*†	Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. US Salary Deferral Program, as amended on May 14, 2020. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2020).
10.56*†	Cooper Standard European Salary Deferral Program, with program term beginning May 1, 2020. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2020).
10.57*†	Supplementary Agreement to the Employment Contract of Juan Fernando de Miguel Posada, dated May 14, 2020, about the Cooper Standard European Salary Deferral Program (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2020).
10.58*†	Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. Annual Incentive Plan Amended and Restated effective as of January 1, 2020 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2020).
10.59*†	Amendment to Separation Agreement between Song Min Lee, Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. and Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. dated as of June 2, 2020 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2020).
10.60*†	Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. Executive Severance Pay Plan effective January 1, 2011, amended and restated as of June 17, 2020 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2020).
10.61***†	Separation Agreement by and between Cooper Standard Europe GmbH and Mr. Juan Fernando de Miguel Posada.
21.1**	List of Subsidiaries of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.
23.1**	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
31.1**	Certification of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a). (Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002).
31.2**	Certification of Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a). (Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002).

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
32***	<u>Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>
101.SCH****	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL****	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF****	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB****	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE****	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
104****	Cover Page Interactive Data File, formatted in Inline XBRL

* Incorporated by reference as an exhibit to this Report.

** Filed with this Report.

*** Furnished with this Report

**** Submitted electronically with this Report in accordance with the provisions of Regulation S-T.

† Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

The agreements and other documents filed as exhibits to this report are not intended to provide factual information or other disclosure other than with respect to the terms of the agreements or other documents themselves, and you should not rely on them for that purpose. In particular, any representations and warranties made by us in these agreements or other documents were made solely within the specific context of the relevant agreement or document and may not describe the actual state of affairs as of the date they were made or at any other time.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

COOPER-STANDARD HOLDINGS INC.

Date: February 22, 2021

/s/ Jeffrey S. Edwards

Jeffrey S. Edwards
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this Report has been signed below on February 22, 2021 by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant in the capacities indicated.

Signature	Title
<hr/> <i>/s/ Jeffrey S. Edwards</i> Jeffrey S. Edwards	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
<hr/> <i>/s/ Jonathan P. Banas</i> Jonathan P. Banas	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)
<hr/> <i>/s/ Peter C. Brusate</i> Peter C. Brusate	Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)
<hr/> <i>/s/ David J. Mastrocola</i> David J. Mastrocola	Director
<hr/> <i>/s/ Justin E. Mirro</i> Justin E. Mirro	Director
<hr/> <i>/s/ Robert J. Remenar</i> Robert J. Remenar	Director
<hr/> <i>/s/ Sonya F. Sepahban</i> Sonya F. Sepahban	Director
<hr/> <i>/s/ Thomas W. Sidlik</i> Thomas W. Sidlik	Director
<hr/> <i>/s/ Stephen A. Van Oss</i> Stephen A. Van Oss	Director
<hr/> <i>/s/ John G. Boss</i> John G. Boss	Director
<hr/> <i>/s/ Richard J. Freedland</i> Richard J. Freedland	Director
<hr/> <i>/s/ Adriana E. Macouzet Flores</i> Adriana E. Macouzet Flores	Director

The following

Separation Agreement

is concluded

between the company

**Cooper Standard Europe GmbH
Fred- Joachim- Schoeps- Str. 55
68535 Edingen-Neckarhausen**

– hereinafter referred to as “**Company**” -
and

**Mr. Juan Fernando de Miguel Posada
Albert-Ueberle-Str. 16
69120 Heidelberg**

– hereinafter referred to as “**Employee**”.

§ 1 Termination of contract

The parties agree that the employment relationship between Company and Employee will end as of December 31, 2021. As of July 1, 2020 the employee will be on garden leave and irrevocably released from work.

§ 2 Remuneration

The employee's monthly base salary will continue to be paid until the end of the garden leave. The AIP Bonus will continue to be paid for the years 2020 and 2021, the payout will be depending on the company results and the AIP terms.

§ 3 Accommodation

The company will continue to pay the employee's current accommodation cost in Heidelberg until the end of 2021. At the end of the rental period the Company will reimburse to the Employee removal cost up to 5.000 Euro against receipt to return furniture from Germany to Spain.

§ 4 Monthly Allowance

The monthly allowance of 2,500.- Euro net will continue to be paid by the company until the end of 2021.

§ 5 Long Term Incentive Plan (LTIP)

The LTIP terms continue to apply until the end of the employment with the company. The LTIPs granted to the employee will continue to vest also during the garden leave period. No additional LTIP grants for the years 2020 or later will be made.

The minimum holding requirements for GLT members will not apply to the employee once the garden leave period has commenced.

§ 6 Company Car

The employee is entitled to a company car until December 31, 2021 at the current terms and conditions.

§ 7 Company Pension

The company will continue to pay 15% of the employee's base salary into the external pension plan with Allianz insurance until December 31, 2021. The Allianz insurance will pay directly to the employee either a lumpsum or a monthly rent after he reaches the retirement age.

§ 8 Germany State Pension

The company will continue to pay the mandatory contributions to the state pension and social security system until the end of the garden leave. Any state pension is paid directly to the employee when he reaches the retirement age.

§ 9 Health insurances

The company will pay the mandatory contributions to the German health insurance of the employee until the end of the garden leave. Additionally, the company will continue to reimburse the cost of a supplementary health insurance for the employee and his wife until the end of the garden leave.

§ 10 Business and trade secrets

The Employee undertakes to keep any matters and transactions he obtains knowledge of in the course or on the occasion of his working for the Employer strictly confidential, even after the termination of his employment, and to comply with any instructions as to secrecy given to him. This obligation shall not apply to any knowledge that has become part of the public domain, whose disclosure is clearly without detriment to the Employer or which the Employee is obliged to disclose due to legal requirements. In case of doubt, the Employee shall be obliged to obtain

instructions from the Employer as to whether a specific fact needs to be treated confidentially or not.

§ 11 Company documents

The Employee further undertakes to return, in proper condition, all and any objects made available to him or obtained by him in the course of his activities (including but not limited to access authorisations, code cards, keys, notebook and mobile phone), documents, papers and notes as well as any data and notes recorded on electronic or other data carriers and including the respective data carriers at the Employer's domicile on his/her last working day. The Employee shall not have the right to retain any of the items specified herein. The Employee permits the Employer to access his email account for official purposes.

§12 Declaration of settlement

With the exception of the financial and other claims provided for in the present agreement, any other claims of the Employee against the Employer shall be deemed to have been settled.

§ 13 Written form

Any supplements, changes and amendments to this agreement must be made in writing in order to be valid. This shall also apply to the waiver of written form. The parties did not make any verbal collateral agreements.

§ 14 Instruction

The Employee is hereby instructed that impediments or disadvantages regarding his right to receive unemployment benefits under the 3rd book of the German Code of Social Law (Sections 143, 143a, 144, 128 of the Code of Social Law III) may result from this agreement and that the competent job centre is authorised and entitled to provide information about this. In addition to this, the Employee is expressly advised that – to prevent his entitlement to unemployment benefit from being suspended for the period of disqualification because of his delayed reporting as a job-seeker – he is obliged to report personally to the job centre not later than three months prior to the termination of his/her employment and to start actively looking for a job. If less than three months lie between the Employee's being informed about the date of termination and the termination of his employment, the Employee shall report to the job centre within three days upon his being informed about the date of termination (Sections 38, 144 Subsect. 1 N. 7, 144 Subsect. 6, 128, Subsect. 1 No. 3 of the Code of Social Law III).

§ 15 Prohibition of Competition

Both parties agree and explicitly confirm that § 16 of the employee's initial service contract which commenced on March 1, 2013 (Wettbewerbsverbot / Prohibition of Competition) continues to be in force until the end the garden leave period on December 31, 2021.

§ 16 Continued validity of initial contract provisions

Both parties agree that all provisions of the employee's initial service contract which commenced on March 1, 2013 continue to be in force until the end the garden leave period on December 31, 2021 unless they have been amended in this separation agreement.

§ 17 Severability clause

Should one or several provisions contained in this agreement be or become invalid, this shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions. The invalid or unenforceable provision shall be replaced by a valid, workable or enforceable provision coming closest to what the parties originally intended. Should this agreement contain a gap, the parties shall close such gap by a valid provision containing what the parties would have agreed upon had they been aware of such gap.

Edingen- Neckarhausen, October 22, 2019

Cooper Standard Europe GmbH

<u>/s/ Klaas Uphoff</u> _____	<u>/s/ Fernando de Miguel</u> _____
Klaas Uphoff	Fernando de Miguel
VP HR Global Manufacturing & Europe	Employee

Approved:

/s/ Larry Ott _____
 Larry Ott
 SVP and Chief HR Officer
 Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc.

/s/ Jeffrey S. Edwards _____
 Jeffrey S. Edwards, Chairman and
 Chief Executive Officer
 Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc.

Subsidiaries of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. ⁽¹⁾

Subsidiary Name	Jurisdiction of Organization
Cooper-Standard Automotive (Australia) Pty. Ltd.	Australia
CSA (Barbados) Investment Co. Ltd.	Barbados
Cooper-Standard Automotive Brasil Sealing Ltda.	Brazil
Itatiaia Standard Industrial Ltda.	Brazil
Cooper-Standard Automotive Canada Limited	Canada
Cooper (Wuhu) Automotive Co., Ltd.	China
Cooper Standard (Shandong) Automotive Parts Co., Ltd.	China
Cooper Standard Automotive (Changchun) Co., Ltd.	China
Cooper Standard Automotive (Kunshan) Co., Ltd.	China
Cooper Standard Automotive (Suzhou) Co., Ltd.	China
Cooper Standard Chongqing Automotive Co., Ltd.	China
Cooper Standard Fluid Systems (Kunshan) Co. Ltd.	China
Cooper Standard INOAC Automotive (Huai'an) Co Ltd	China
Cooper Standard Sealing (Guangzou) Co. Ltd. (51%)	China
Cooper Standard Sealing (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.	China
Cooper Standard Sealing (Shenyang) Co. Ltd.	China
Cooper-Standard Dongfeng Automotive Parts Co., Ltd. (70%)	China
Cooper-Standard FAWSN Automotive Systems (Changchun) Co., Ltd. (55%)	China
Cooper-Standard Investment Co., Ltd.	China
Shanghai Jyco Sealing Products Co., Ltd.	China
Shanghai Shumi Automotive Parts Co., Ltd.	China
Yantai Leading Solution Auto Parts Co., Ltd (50%)	China
CS Automotive Costa Rica S.A.	Costa Rica
Cooper-Standard Automotive Ceska Republika s.r.o.	Czech Republic
Cooper-Standard Automotive France S.A.S.	France
Cooper-Standard France SAS	France
Cooper Standard Europe GmbH	Germany
Cooper Standard GmbH	Germany
Cooper Standard Service GmbH	Germany
Cooper Standard Technical Rubber GmbH	Germany
Cooper-Standard Automotive (Deutschland) GmbH	Germany
Metzeler Kautschuk Unterstützungskasse Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung	Germany
Cooper-Standard Services India Private Limited	India
Polyrub Cooper Standard FTS Private Ltd. (35%)	India
Cooper-Standard Automotive Italy S.p.A.	Italy
Cooper-Standard Automotive Italy Service SRL	Italy
Cooper Standard Automotive Japan Inc.	Japan
Cooper Standard Automotive Korea Inc.	Korea, Republic of
Cooper Standard Korea Inc.	Korea, Republic of
CooperStandard Automotive and Industrial Inc. (80.1%)	Korea, Republic of
Coopermex, S.A. de C.V.	Mexico
Cooper-Standard Automotive de Mexico S.A. de C.V.	Mexico
Cooper-Standard Automotive FHS, S. de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico
Cooper-Standard Automotive Fluid Systems de Mexico, S. de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico
Cooper-Standard Automotive Sealing de Mexico, S.A. de C.V.	Mexico

Subsidiary Name	Jurisdiction of Organization
Cooper-Standard Automotive Services, S. de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico
Cooper-Standard de México S de RL de CV	Mexico
Cooper-Standard Technical Services de Mexico, S. de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico
CS Mexico Holdings, S. de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico
Manufacturera El Jarudo, S. de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico
Cooper-Standard Automotive International Holdings B.V.	Netherlands
Cooper-Standard Latin America B.V.	Netherlands
Cooper Standard Polska Sp. z o.o.	Poland
S.C. Cooper-Standard Romania SRL	Romania
Cooper Standard Srbija DOO Sremska Mitrovica	Serbia
Cooper-Standard Holdings Singapore Pte. Ltd.	Singapore
Cooper-Standard Pte. Ltd.	Singapore
Cooper-Standard Automotive España, S.L.	Spain
Cooper Standard Sweden filial of Cooper-Standard Automotive International Holdings B.V. ⁽²⁾	Sweden
Nishikawa Tachaplalert Cooper Ltd. (20%)	Thailand
Cooper-Standard Automotive UK Limited	United Kingdom
Cooper-Standard Automotive Fluid Systems Mexico Holding LLC	United States (Delaware)
Cooper-Standard Canada Holdings LLC	United States (Delaware)
Cooper-Standard FHS LLC	United States (Delaware)
CS Intermediate HoldCo 1 LLC	United States (Delaware)
NISCO Holding Company	United States (Delaware)
Nishikawa Cooper LLC (40%)	United States (Delaware)
Liveline Technologies Inc.	United States (Delaware)
Cooper-Standard Foundation Inc. ⁽³⁾	United States (Michigan)
Cooper-Standard Automotive NC L.L.C.	United States (North Carolina)
Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc.	United States (Ohio)
Cooper-Standard Automotive OH, LLC	United States (Ohio)
Cooper-Standard Industrial and Specialty Group, LLC	United States (Ohio)
CSA Services Inc.	United States (Ohio)

⁽¹⁾ Subsidiaries as of January 31, 2021; wholly-owned except as otherwise indicated

⁽²⁾ This is a branch office of Cooper-Standard Automotive International Holdings B.V.

⁽³⁾ This is a Michigan non-profit corporation

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the following Registration Statements:

- (1) Registration Statement (Form S-3 File No. 333.175637) of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.,
- (2) Registration Statement (Form S-8 File No. 333-188516) pertaining to the Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan,
- (3) Registration Statement (Form S-3 File No. 333-189981) of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., and
- (4) Registration Statement (Form S-8 File No. 333-218127) pertaining to the Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan;

of our reports dated February 22, 2021, with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedule of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. included in this Annual Report (Form 10-K) of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2020.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Detroit, Michigan
February 22, 2021

COOPER-STANDARD HOLDINGS INC.
Certification of the Principal Executive Officer
Pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a)
(Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)

I, Jeffrey S. Edwards, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably like to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Dated: February 22, 2021

/s/ Jeffrey S. Edwards

Jeffrey S. Edwards
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

COOPER-STANDARD HOLDINGS INC.
Certification of the Principal Financial Officer
Pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a)
(Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)

I, Jonathan P. Banas, certify that:

- 1 I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.;
- 2 Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3 Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4 The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5 The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Dated: February 22, 2021

/s/ Jonathan P. Banas

Jonathan P. Banas
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350 AS ADOPTED PURSUANT
TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the filing of this annual report on Form 10-K of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. (the "Company") for the period ended December 31, 2020, with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), each of the undersigned officers certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to such officer's knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: February 22, 2021

/s/ Jeffrey S. Edwards

Jeffrey S. Edwards
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Jonathan P. Banas

Jonathan P. Banas
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)