

voestalpine skygate: a world championship steel construction for the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships 2013 in Schladming

voestalpine skygate is the new landmark for Schladming and the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships 2013 in Schladming. 130 tons of steel went into the construction of the 35 meter high arch. The structure is an impressive example of the versatility of steel. 45,000 LEDs provide a spectacular light show.

In honor of the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships 2013 in Schladming, voestalpine, the global steelmaking, processing and technology group, and ÖSV have erected an extraordinary steel construction. voestalpine skygate is the name of this architecturally outstanding symbol. The structure is an arch that the athletes have to pass under before they cross over the finish line. No less than 130 tons of steel were used to produce the 35 meter high arch. 890 meters of steel pipes support the construction, allowing the 35 meter arch, which is anchored on only one side of the slope, to arch out over the races' final slope. The dimensions of the structure are impressive. Even an Airbus A340 could pass under the new landmark.

"As an international company with Austrian roots, it is a special honor to cooperate in the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships 2013, a major event. This architecturally exceptional symbol will be a landmark for Schladming – before, during and long after the World Championships, a symbol that impressively demonstrates the strength and beauty of steel," states Dr. Wolfgang Eder, Chairman of the Management Board and CEO of voestalpine AG.

The design is based on the classic ancient triumphal arches. "Everyone who skis down the Planai slope with its 52 percent incline will pass under the triumphal arch. "We are very proud to cooperate on this project with one of Austria's most innovative companies," says Prof. Peter Schröcksnadel, President of ÖSV.

For the athletes at the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships, voestalpine skygate is the gateway to the finish line in the stadium. And especially for the World Ski Championships, special lights were installed along the steel arch to provide a spectacular effect – a highly varied and animated light show. 45,000 LEDs put a well-deserved spotlight on voestalpine skygate and on steel, a material with practically limitless applications.

The voestalpine Group

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