

Our guidelines for environmental protection

Apart from economic success and quality of our products, environmental protection represents a vital goal of the company. Our environmental guidelines and their explanations are to serve as orientation for our staff.

1. Development of our Products

We want to develop our products in such way that during their manufacture, transportation, application and waste disposal ecological damage can be reduced to a minimum. This means for us: even during the design phase of new products, ecological aspects are taken into account.

2. Company processes

On the basis of an economical exploitation of resources and a reduction of waste, industrial effluents and other emissions, we want to reduce as far as possible environmental impacts of our site. This means for us: Economical exploitation of resources, water, and energy. Exploit heat waste. Reduce waste by observing the following principle: avoid waste - recycle waste - eliminate waste. Improve emission protection: reduce air pollution, noise, and heat waste.

3. Promotion of Environmental Awareness and Staff Competences

Environmental awareness and competence represent essential prerequisites for an environmental management that is really practiced. Therefore we want to sensitize our staff with regard to environmental impacts of their activities and to get them actively involved in the improvement process. This means for us: information, motivation, staff training on all levels. Safe handling of all hazardous materials. Creation of safe and eco-friendly jobs/work stations.

4. Cooperation with Customers and Suppliers

During talks held with our customers and suppliers we try to create products that are eco-friendly right from the beginning. This means for us: inform customers and suppliers of the company's environmental targets and activities. Agreements concerning ecological targets must be agreed.

5. Minimize Risks

On the basis of preventive action, we want to increase problem awareness with regard to potential cases of emergency and accidents having environmental impacts as a result. This means for us: identify risks, minimize risks, take preventive action for an emergency

6. Observation of Environmental Laws

We observe environmental laws and carry out checks on a regular basis. This means for us: know about, inform on, and observe environmental laws.

7. Control of Environmental System's Existence

On the basis of internal environmental examinations carried out on a regular basis, the environmental system's efficiency is controlled. The target is a continuous improvement of environmental protection. This means for us: annual acquisition of environmental data, repeated audits and management reviews. Evaluation of results, define targets, plan measures and put them into practice.