

## Environment Policy



Thanet Plastics can now offer a recycling solution to satisfy your environmental demands. We are committed to using recycled materials whenever we can.

- 100% Committed.
- 100% of our board is made from recycled paper waste.
- 100% of our PVC is recyclable.
- Up to 90% of our board waste, paper, and cartons are sent for recycling.
- Up to 90% of our polypropylene waste is sent for recycling.

You wish to view our Environmental Statement and our latest Environment information what we have done.

## **Thanet Plastics – Environmental Statement**

We are committed to preventing pollution and to complying with all relevant environmental legislation, regulations and other environmental requirements.

We will regularly evaluate the environmental impact of our activities, products and services and we will take action to continually improve our environmental performance.

It is our policy to:

- Minimise use of energy, water and natural resources.
- Minimise waste through prevention, re-use and recycling where possible.
- Dispose of waste safely and legally.
- Avoid the use of hazardous materials, where practical.
- Work with environmentally responsible suppliers.
- Prevent environmental damage and minimise nuisance factors such as noise and air pollution.

We will define environmental objectives, targets and improvement actions that are related to this policy and to our significant environmental aspects. We will regularly evaluate progress.

We are committed to providing relevant environmental training and promoting environmental awareness to employees and, where appropriate, to suppliers and to communicating our environmental performance.

We will implement processes to prevent environmental nonconformities and to ensure that we are prepared to deal with potential environmental emergencies.

This policy will be regularly reviewed and updated to take account of organisational priorities and changes, environmental legislation and best practice.

R E A C H: Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation (and restriction) of Chemicals. As of July 2007 the European Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 entered into force.

Thanet Plastics manufactures stationery and presentation products in the form of ring binders and plastic pockets.

Our core materials are PVC & Polypropylene, grey board and metal fittings all of which are bought in as finished materials. Our main print process is screen printing and pad printing.

Thanet Plastics Ltd., does not import, manufacture or chemically transform any substances or preparations.

We have received statements from our key suppliers confirming that they have taken the necessary steps to manage the regulations within their Company. We are not aware of any potential interruptions with supply of the materials.

Our suppliers Draka & Renolit have confirmed that the PVC products we buy from them do not contain substances named on the candidate list which contains 197 substances at 02.06.2019.

We provide this product information on the basis of our current knowledge and experience without warranty or responsibility for factors outside our control or knowledge.

## **Environment Information 2018**

Action taken to reduce our Environmental Impact

PVC waste is collected and recycled by Robert Hunt Ltd.

Card & paper waste is collected recycled by MPL Waste Management Limited.

Received pallets are re-used to despatch our goods or kept for return to the supplier where possible.

We only source used pallets.

Paper waste from offices is shredded and used as packaging.

Corrugated card from packaging materials supplied to us are either reused or cut to produce new cartons for some of our products.

Unwanted binders are recycled in house by removing metal rings and boards for re-use, and the PVC is recycled.

Data sheets on Inks and screen print chemicals are recorded under COSHH & DSEAR. We print onto plastics and use proven effective inks. Lead based inks have been removed from our stock. Commercially available inks are used and selected by suitability for the printed job. Where possible we endeavour to use ink that will have the least effect on the environment.

We have 1 Company vehicles used for delivering goods. To the local area, and delivery runs are organised to minimise the distances travelled and maximise the number of drops on that route. We regularly use external carriers for multi drop & bulk country wide deliveries.

Machines and lighting are switched off at night or when not required. Only minimal electrical equipment such as computers and fridges are allowed to remain on during the night.

We have replaced our fluorescent lighting with LED lights which will reduce the electricity used for lighting by 45%. Heaters are set on timers and thermostats and are efficient for the size of building. They are only used when the premises are occupied.

We have installed Solar panels on the roof of the building which has meant a 20%-30% reduction in our electricity usage.

Board used in our products is sourced from certificated FSC Chain of Custody suppliers.

Our PVC suppliers work to decrease their environmental impact when converting the PVC to polymer films: in addition to producing good, durable long lasting materials, they do everything possible to save energy. A multiyear agreement is made with the government to reduce energy consumption each year, so contributes to reducing CO2 emissions. Also in terms of Global Warming Potential (GWP), PVC comes out as one of the best polymers, so its impact on the environment is also here lower than most plastics. Our PVC is fully recyclable and can be "up-cycled" into new products at end-of-life, meaning that PVC waste out of short term applications (life expectancy a few weeks or months) can be recycled in products with a life expectancy of 30 to 100 years or more.