



Environmental Policy

At Wyke Printers we are committed reducing our environment impact wherever possible, recognising that we operate in an industry that does have significant opportunities to improve its environmental record.

Specifically:

- We recognise our obligation of compliance with relevant environmental legislation and the duty of care that exists around pollution, emissions and waste. This duty extends to our suppliers, whom we also expect to act in a similar manner.
- We take seriously the education and training of our employees in environmental issues and the environmental effects of their activities
- We monitor our progress and review our environmental performance on an annual basis.

Environmental matters are the responsibility of John Hope, Technical Print Manager.

We ensure that all employees understand, implement, maintain and improve the environmental objectives set by the company's management team. All employees are encouraged to contribute to improving our environmental performance.

Goals and objectives and are defined and reviewed annually.

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Signed: Nick Dominey, Managing Director

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Environmental Method Statement

The areas in which we are particularly aware of potential impacts are materials usage, waste disposal, transport, energy and carbon emissions reduction. Below, we describe the current practices we undertake to reduce our impact in each of these areas. Where possible, these impacts are recorded in our MI system, Tharsten, to report our progress and to provide the basis for future improvements.

Materials Usage

The company is rightly proud of its FSC accreditation, acquired in May 2008. FSC is the Forest Stewardship Council's prestigious 'Chain of Custody' certification that promotes responsible forestry and implements a system that traces products back to their forest of origin. Certified companies are required to monitor supply chain conditions and integrate review procedures into their production operations.

We promote the benefits of the use of FSC paper to our clients, encouraging them to use this stock in preference to other, less sustainable stocks wherever possible.

Where possible we aim to reduce, re-use and recycle all materials to minimise waste. We use environmentally responsible suppliers and sub-contractors in order to minimise pollution, and we use energy as efficiently as possible.

The measures taken in this area specifically include:

Wrapping / packaging

- We minimise the amount of packaging used wherever possible
- All packing materials (i.e. brown ribbed Kraft and boxes) are supplied by a locally-based supplier and are made of recycled materials
- We operate a take-back policy on packaging materials if required by our customers.

Paper, ink and chemistry materials

- We use FSC and recycled stock
- Inks are all vegetable based
- Fount solutions are alcohol reduced
- We have amended our processes to reduce the volume of blanket wash used in the make-ready process



- Printing plates are re-used and recycled (introducing a FUJIFILM FLH-Z 125 processor and Brillia HD LH-PJE plates has reduced chemistry usage by 30%).

Waste Disposal

- All waste ink, coating solvent and processor chemicals, along with the blankets, including the empty ink tins, are collected by a licensed company called Press Chem Ltd. (Please note that copies of relevant Waste Carriers Licences, Recycling Transfer Notes and Copy of Hazardous Waste Registration Reports can be provided on request).
- We use waste paper in our 'make-ready' process
- All waste paper is recycled
- All office waste is sorted and recycled (with the exception of food waste).

Transport

- We encourage clients to adopt a digital sign-off process wherever practical, to reduce paper and mileage during this stage of production.
- We use couriers where practical, to avoid single-delivery journeys
- All our company cars are hybrid models.

Energy, water usage and carbon emissions reduction

- Investing in the Vision in Print programme has enabled us to transform our 'make-ready' process, thus creating less waste, reducing paper and ink consumption and reducing energy usage.
- We look for every opportunity to reduce our water usage through our processes and everyday practice.