

WORKING WITH THE Environment



At Tektura, our ongoing aim is to develop high performance, aesthetically pleasing and environmentally sustainable wallcoverings. All our manufacturing partners and suppliers share our goals, whilst promoting best environmental practices. We actively encourage energy efficient manufacturing, recycling, and the research and development of products, thereby ensuring our customers have a broad range of products which meet not only their design needs, but environmental demands too.

VINYL WALLCOVERINGS

Our vinyl wallcoverings are built to last, minimising the need for frequent replacement. They're lightfast, washable and scrubbable, providing a cost-effective, long-term solution.

All our vinyl wallcoverings conform to UK and/or European fire safety regulations, and contain antimicrobials to guard against mildew and mould growth.

For clients seeking alternatives to vinyl, we're launching new products in 2010, made from natural and manmade fibres. These include 30% post-consumer recycled content. All have the durability of vinyl, without compromising design.

RECYCLED CONTENT

All our vinyl wallcoverings contain recycled content; inks are recycled, vinyl compound and scrap created during manufacture are re-used. A total of 35 tonnes of recycled content was incorporated into our vinyl wallcoverings in the 12 months up to October 2009.

Vinyl waste and trim is also fabricated into alternative products, such as garden hoses, car products, matting. The heat created during manufacturing is used to drive machinery and therefore reduces energy costs.



ENERGY

By introducing energy efficient production measures, our manufacturing plant has reduced electricity used by 13%, water by 18%, and emissions by 96%*

RECYCLING

In January 2008 we introduced recycling in our London offices. To date we have recycled 22 tonnes of waste paper, cardboard, plastic and cans. This is effectively diverted from landfill and is recycled into paper newsprint packaging and plastic holders.



LIFECYCLE

Depending on traffic, all Tektura wallcoverings can last indefinitely. Typical working lifespans are:

PAPER BACKED VINYL 3 to 10 years or more

FABRIC BACKED VINYL 5 to 15 years or more

NATURAL FIBRE FINISHES 3 to 7 years or more



Guided by the Energy Efficiency Plan for 2009-2012, all our new printers are now GEEA or Energy Star labelled, and all our incandescent lightbulbs are being replaced with energy saving lighting.

In the last 10 years, our CO2 emissions have decreased by 3600 tonnes*

All our catalogues and sales literature are printed on FSC certified print stock.



ACCREDITATION

Our parent company and European manufacturing base - BN International is ISO14001 certified. ISO14001 is the best known international Environmental management system. It prescribes controls for those activities that have an effect on the environment. These include the use of natural resources, handling and treatment of waste and energy consumption.

We work with other manufacturing partners in Europe and USA, all of whom have their own environmental performance evaluation procedures. There are various organisations in Europe and USA also offering accreditation. Methods vary between Europe and USA, but all are working towards the same goals. More details are available on request

breeam A wide range of Tektura vinyl and natural fibre wallcoverings meet BREEAM requirements.

Many of our ranges are also GREENGUARD certified. This is a USA programme, aimed at improving Indoor Air Quality. VOC and formaldehyde levels are measured, and those falling below predetermined levels achieve Greenguard certification.



All our paper-backed vinyls, and 53cm wide vinyls are manufactured using PEFC approved materials. PEFC (Programme for Endorsement for Forest certification schemes) is the world's largest certification system, and is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organisation, founded in 1999 which promotes sustainably managed forests through independent third party certification. The PEFC provides an assurance mechanism to purchasers of wood and paper products that they are promoting the sustainable management of forests.

Our natural fibre ranges are made from FSC-certified and PEFC-approved materials. FSC is also an independent, non-governmental, not-for-profit organization established to promote the responsible management of the world's forests. Established in 1993, FSC is represented in more than 50 countries, and along with PEFC is regarded as one of the most important initiatives of the last decade to promote responsible forest management.

TRANSPORT
 UK Mail are our preferred UK transport provider, the largest company of it's kind in the UK, and winners of the **Green Fleet award**. We use Federal Express for delivering goods overseas. Fedex are **ISO14001 certified**, with **the largest hybrid diesel/electric fleet** in the industry.

VOC's
 Our product ranges are classed as **no / low VOC**

No heavy metals or formaldehyde are added to our products.

*figures relate to our parent company and European manufacturing base BN International