

Wick Hill Limited - Green Policy

Wick Hill recognises that as a company, our work may have a direct impact on the local, regional and global environment. We are therefore committed to minimising our negative impacts and acting in a sustainable way.

Wick Hill Ltd and the WEEE Directive: (Waste electrical and electronic equipment)

The WEEE regulations were laid before the UK Parliament on the 12th December 2006. The main requirements and obligations on Producers, distributors and resellers of EEE came into effect from the 1st of July 2007 and producer registration needed to take place by the 15th March 2007.

The WEEE regulations apply to retailers, distributors and manufacturers. Further details can be found at <http://www.netregs.gov.uk/netregs/topics/WEEE/default.aspx>

Wick Hill is defined under the regulations as a "producer" for the products that we import into the UK and put on the UK market. And we have responsibility for certain treatment and recycling obligations.

As with ROHS we take our responsibilities seriously and have registered with a government approved PCI (Producer Compliance Scheme) "Transform". Our registration number provided by the Environmental Agency: WEE/BD0066TW

More information is available on the DTI's web site.

If you have any questions concerning how products purchased from Wick Hill are covered for WEEE please email info@wickhill.co.uk

Distribution:

As a distributor, we rely on the transportation and logistics industry as part of our purchase & supply chain. It is therefore vital that we work with a leader in fuel efficiency in the package delivery sector. UPS has adopted a plan to cut the carbon emissions of its airline by an additional 20 percent by 2020, for a cumulative reduction of 42 percent since 1990. In summary, the plan extensively outlines UPS's approach to reducing its environmental impact and explains how the company intends to make improvements going forward. The report also discusses in detail how the company uses an integrated and flexible transportation network to reduce its carbon intensity and save fuel. [Read more here](#)

Information Technology:

Through the use of Unified Threat Management solutions ([UTMs and XTMs](#)), we integrate several I.T security functions into one single appliance, replacing up to five or six separate security appliances or servers, thereby saving space in the office and significantly reducing power consumption. This reduction in the power needed is felt both in the rack and in the air conditioning needed to cool products. In addition, we purchase low power demand equipment where possible.

Purchasing:

We make a conscious effort to ensure we are buying from sustainable sources, which are local if possible. This includes but is not limited to;

- All the paper we use in our printers, photocopiers and faxes is 100% recycled paper.
- Our shipping boxes are 100% recyclable made from 80% recycled material.
- We are targeting to move to a 100% recycled box with biodegradable inner packaging.

Waste and Energy Reduction:

We try to minimise waste at source, and some of the ways we achieve this is:

- Through the use of electronic communications - unless our customers request otherwise, we send all our quotes, order confirmations and most other communication via email. This saves on paper and also carbon miles for postage.
- It is company policy that any document that does need to be printed is done so where possible on re-used paper.
- We make it a business strategy to turn off relevant power consumptive equipment. This includes but is not limited to; PC's, laptops, monitors, printers, shredding machines, water machines, lights, etc. This is achieved through the use of timers to ensure equipment is not left on overnight.
- Our electric and water usage is being measured to identify if and where energy can be further saved.

Recycling:

We recycle wherever possible and all staff are encouraged to participate:

- All plastic, glass, cans, paper and cardboard are collated in appropriate recycling bins and are recycled using a reputable recycling supplier.
- At the end of its practical life, any hardware is cleared of information and passed to a local approved recycling plant, to be refurbished or used as parts.
- Any unwanted furniture is donated to local charities and not placed in landfill.

We continually strive to improve our green credentials.

For more information, or suggestions on how we can make improvements, please email:

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