

PLASTEX AND THE ENVIRONMENT



Plastex group companies include Plastic Extruders Ltd – (UK) and Plastex Matting Inc – (USA) with manufacturing plants in Wickford, Essex and Fort Payne, Alabama.

Plastex conduct an ever improving policy of reducing the environmental impact of their production. Across all three manufacturing business units; Tensional Strapping, Matting/Flooring and Tape/Flexible profile extrusion:

- We manage our production operations to comply with relevant environmental regulations.
- Our manufacturing processes are conducted in a manner that prevents pollution and conserves resources.
- We design and continually upgrade machinery used in our own manufacturing, to incorporate the latest energy efficiencies.
- We ensure the responsible design of all products so as to meet our environmental objectives.
- We use all raw materials efficiently to reduce waste and use wherever possible plastic materials that are capable of being recycled.
- We select raw materials that are environmentally approved and certified where, appropriate.
- We minimise the use of packaging on all goods and the support EC directives on packaging and packaging waste.
- We partner with vendors who demonstrate sound environmental policies and practices.
- We use at least 70% recycled material in black hand strap manufacture.
- All production scrap is reprocessed for our own use.
- The company actively encourages the shipping of palletised unboxed products - cutting down waste, time & money.
- We offer a recycle scheme for undamaged plastic reels. We supply and ship your strapping order in a wire cage, when the strap is used, the empty reels are put in the cage, and when full we collect the cage and reels. For every good reel returned, we issue a credit on the customer's next invoice.
- Strapping uses less material than other unitising materials (netting, stretch film)
- We've been a member of BV (KBV Kunststoffband Verwertungsgesellschaft) for over 20 years - a German association that has the objective to recycle PP and PET straps. We have been a member for more than 20 years.
- Plastex does not use any substances currently included on the SVHC (Substances of Very High Concern) list under R.E.A.C.H.*

This policy will be reviewed to reflect best practices and changes in legislation. Safety datasheets on all our products are available on request.

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*REACH stands for Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of Chemical substances. The 2007 European Community REACH regulation gives manufacturers the responsibility of providing high level human and environmental protection from the use of chemicals in manufacturing.

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