

Window Systems Resource Use Policy

Window Systems recognises that the efficient and appropriate use of material resources is a key factor in promoting the sustainability of building products and PVC in particular.

The European PVC industry has recently adopted a sustainability programme called "VinylPlus". This commits the industry to meaningful action over the period to 2020 in pursuit of the sustainable use of resources.

Window Systems has adopted the principles of VinylPlus for its Resource Use Policy as set out in the VinylPlus Commitment:

- a. We will work towards the more efficient use and control of PVC throughout its lifecycle.
- b. We will work to ensure that we do not use substances that are persistent and that other emissions from our plant are reduced.
- c. We will promote the use of more sustainable additive systems wherever possible.
- d. We will help to minimise climate impacts through reducing energy and raw material use, endeavouring to switch to renewable resources and promoting sustainable innovation.
- e. We will continue to build sustainability awareness across the value chain, including stakeholders inside and outside the industry, to accelerate resolving our sustainability challenges.

In particular, Window Systems will:

- a. Work with its suppliers to replace non-renewable materials with renewable materials wherever possible and to ensure that where possible, those materials are certified as renewable through recognised traceability schemes.
- b. Be as efficient as possible in the use of its materials by reducing the unnecessary use of product and packaging materials wherever possible.
- c. Where possible, re-use materials and resources that are involved in the production and transportation process.
- d. Re-use all production scrap.

- e. Work towards the inclusion of increasing amounts of post-consumer recycled materials by:
 - i. Working with customers to develop practical methods to return their process scrap and post consumer / end of life material.
 - ii. Develop methods for acquiring such material from other sources.
 - iii. Develop the production process to incorporate as much post consumer material as possible without compromising product quality.

Window Systems requires its suppliers to demonstrate their actions in regard to their environmental stewardship of production sites, production processes and the materials that are supplied to Window Systems. This is undertaken in the annual supplier assessment.



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