

Metaloffice Environmental statement 2019

Metaloffice is committed to the efficient use of energy and recycling of waste at our state of the art manufacturing facility, making every effort to minimize our environmental impact.

We hold certification in, **BS EN ISO 9001:2015, BS4875-7:2006, BS4875-8:1998, BS EN ISO 14073-2:2004, BS EN ISO 14073-3:2004 and BS EN ISO 14074:2004.** Reference to **BS EN ISO 14001:2015** working toward full accreditation.

We continually invest in new energy efficient plant and equipment to reduce our carbon footprint, which to date has reduced from 0.019 tonnes per unit to 0.007 tonnes per unit. Or WBCSD 0.00313 tCO₂e/unit - storage cabinet. (Using the methodology based on the GHG Protocol produced by the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development).

Below are some of the actions we have taken to reduce our carbon footprint and help protect the environment:

- >67% of the steel we use is produced from recycled steel.
- Our storage is designed and manufactured in Mildenhall, Suffolk. Approx. 85 miles from London.
- 90% of our products are manufactured from raw materials and whenever possible sourced from local or UK suppliers who share the same environmental values and standards as we do.
- Product packaging has been reduced by 40% since 2016.
- 92% of our packaging is recyclable and is 94% manufactured from previously recycled products.
- We recycle any recyclable waste products in our factory and offices.
- We use as much natural light as possible in both the manufacturing and office environments.
- Low energy lighting has been installed and we have a "Lights out" policy during breaks or any unused sections of the factory.
- We use the latest generation of environmentally friendly, solvent free powder coating paints.
- In 2019 we installed a new powder coating plant to reduce Gas, electric and water usage, with increased productivity and higher reclaim of powder. Approx. 20%
- 80% of our employees live within a 10-mile radius of the company, with many using green methods of transport.
- Since 2008 we have invested over £2m s in new energy efficient plant and equipment, thereby reducing energy use with cleaner and greener machines. This process is ongoing as new technology comes into the market.
- We continue to monitor expert advisors (UK Govt-Energy Advisors ETC) to help achieve our aim of reducing energy and the planets resources over the forthcoming years.

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Metaloffice Products – Recyclable Materials

In addition to keeping the environmental impact from our manufacturing activities to an absolute minimum, we take pride in the levels of recyclable content within our product ranges, meaning that if a client should decide to recycle their original products, this can be achieved knowing that the environment won't be greatly affected.

Below are the approximate recyclable contents within some of our most prestigious product offerings.

- Lateral Side Filers contain up to 97% recyclable materials.
- Lateral Two Door Hinged Cabinets contain up to 97% recyclable materials.
- Personal Locker Storage Units contain up to 96% recyclable materials.
- Pedestals and Other Desk Storage contain up to 98% recyclable materials.

If products have reached the point where by economical refurbishment is not a realistic option, we offer a service to assist with the recycling process of the units. The products can be returned to our factory for dismantling at cost and are then recycled in the proper manner. Although the exact percentages of recycle contents can vary, the above figures generally apply.

Recycling via refurbishment is also a possibility for all products, which are seen to have served their purpose initially but are in a re-useable and serviceable condition and are able to be rejuvenated by replacing particular components in order to add something new to the office. This option should be greatly considered, as the user would be demonstrating the utmost care and consideration for the environment.

Although this option is by far the more environmentally friendly, the costs involved should be carefully considered as often this will involve inspection and evaluation on site for defects, dismantling and retro-fitting of new components and testing for adequate suitability. All of which would result in labour costs along with the relevant replacement parts.

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