
Environment and Energy Policy

Our Environment and Energy Policy is established by the Management Board. It is regularly reviewed to ensure that it is relevant and appropriate, and adapted as necessary. The environmental management principles are an integral part of our company philosophy.

■ Leadership and responsibility:

As a manufacturer and supplier, we are conscious of our responsibility toward our staff, the local population, and our business partners. In the context of this integrated environmental management system, the Management Board is committed to efficient, sustainable handling of energy and limited natural resources. Our goal is to continuously reduce our consumption where possible in order to improve our environmental performance. The management system complies with DIN EN ISO 14001 and serves as a tool for reaching this goal. We ensure that all requirements under this standard are implemented correctly, and that the processes are continuously improved. The present policy provides the framework for establishing and reviewing our goals. The Management Board ensures that the necessary information and resources are available in order to achieve these goals.

■ Improving environmental performance

We are committed to:

- Promoting the environmentally conscious actions of employees by providing qualification, information, and acting as a role model,
- Rapidly implementing identified savings potential with consideration for cost-effectiveness,
- Promoting the acquisition and use of regional, environmentally friendly and energy-efficient products and services,
- The efficient use of energy, materials, and auxiliary materials,
- Continuously improving our environmental performance.

We are committed to environmental protection, so we strive to keep the environmental burdens from our business activities as low as possible, or to avoid them entirely. Consequently, our goal is to conserve natural resources, reduce carbon emissions, and save energy, also in order to reduce the impact of climate change. Waste is to be reduced and, if possible, recycled. When working with chemicals and hazardous substances, we are committed to proper handling, storage, and disposal.

We take responsibility for our products and other business activities. We are conscious of their significance, and set high standards in this area for every part of the company

■ Statutory and other requirements

Through systematic policy management and by taking the context and the interested parties into consideration, we determine all of the applicable statutory and other requirements in conjunction with environmental protection. We are committed to fulfilling these requirements and duties.

■ Risks and opportunities

Through the risk management rules, all risks and opportunities that can potentially influence our environmental performance as well as the context of the company are documented and addressed. By continuously reviewing the associated information, we ensure that our strategic orientation remains up to date and in line with the market.

■ Environmental management system

The Management Handbook and the other applicable process instructions as per DIN EN ISO 14001 document our management system. The processes established therein are used to implement our environmental policy. The effectiveness of the management system is reviewed regularly through internal and external audits. Continuous improvement of the environmental management system is a duty of the company, and thus a shared benchmark for all employees within the company.