

Environmental papers from GFSmith

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Environmental Policy

GF Smith acknowledges that in the current business climate, both large and small sized businesses alike have a big part to play in helping to protect the environment.

As part of its environmental policy and commitment to its stakeholders and customers, GF Smith has taken positive steps to minimise its environmental impact through its business operations.

Along with the co-operation and support of leading environmental organisations such as the Carbon Trust, measures have been put into place to reduce the consumption of energies and carbon emissions.

In addition to this, GF Smith will undertake to:

— Wholly comply with all legal and industry focused requirements

— Raise environmental awareness amongst GF Smith employees and provide suitable and on-going training initiatives

— Invest in new machinery and the improvement of existing machinery to aid reduction of wastage and energy consumption

— Use renewable sources of energy where possible

— Mitigate the volume of waste through recycling and waste management initiatives

— Ensure that our suppliers are using raw materials derived from sustainable sources and hold FSC / PEFC certification and chain of custody where applicable

— Provide adequate levels of information to customers and end-users about the environmental credentials of our range of products

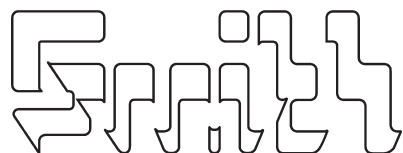
— Encourage stakeholder participation in continuous improvement initiatives

— Limit the use of non-biodegradable chemicals where appropriate

— Consider the off-setting of surplus CO₂ as a last resort after fully exhausting all other practicable and energy-saving options

GF Smith is working hard to improve the standard of its environmental performance across its operations, and aims to ensure that all of its employees are aware of both the company's environmental policy and the impact that their own performance can have on the environment.

With the aid of its dedicated Environmental Action Team, GF Smith and its Board of Directors will actively seek to improve its environmental performance for current and future operations through the implementation of its environmental policy and by constantly reviewing its environmental targets across all its activities.



Paper from GFSmith

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GFSmith now offer a wide range of papers which have environmental accreditations and carry a recognised logo or certification from the supplying paper mills.

Listed below are details of these papers but please check with your GFSmith Stockist as to which papers and colours within each range have environmental accreditation.

FSC Approved Papers

Colorplan

Bright White
China White
Claret
Digital White
Ebony
Ice White
Natural
Pristine White
Imperial Blue

Smooths

Beckett Expression
PhoenixMotion
Mohawk Options (PC 100 White Smooth only)
Monadnock PC100
Naturalis Smooth Recycled
Accent Smooth (Except Eco White)
Zen

Textures

Beckett Cambric
Caslon Text and Label
Gmund Alezan
Gmund Bier

Specials

Gmund Treasury
Peregrina Majestic

Carbon Neutral Papers

Smooths

Beckett Expression
Mohawk Options
Mohawk Navajo
Mohawk Superfine
Strathmore Elements
Strathmore Writing

Textures

Beckett Cambric
Strathmore Grandee
Strathmore Pastelle

Recycled Papers (%)

Smooths

Accent Smooth (Eco White only) (25%)
Beckett Expression (30%)
Monadnock (PC100 only) (100%)
Mohawk Options (100/30%)
Mohawk Navajo (20%)
Naturalis Smooth Recycled (50%)
Strathmore Elements (20%)
Strathmore Writing (Bright White Only) (30%)

Textures

Accent Antique (Eco White only) (25%)
Beckett Cambric (20%)
Gmund Bier (40-60%)
Strathmore Grandee (20%)

Specials

Colorflute (100% Harvest and Rye only)
Nomad (80-100%)

100% Cotton Papers

Smooths

Cranes Crest

Textures

Crane's Lettra

Windpower Papers

Smooths

Beckett Expression
Mohawk Options
Mohawk Navajo
Mohawk Superfine
Naturalis
Strathmore Elements
Strathmore Writing

Textures

Beckett Cambric
Strathmore Grandee
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Mill Information

Scheufelen

Scheufelen has been manufacturing premium coated paper since 1855 at its plant in the Lenningen valley, just outside Stuttgart. As a family-owned business Scheufelen is fully committed to environmental protection and is situated in a dedicated protected biosphere area. And there is another good reason why the team at Scheufelen are committed to the environmental preservation of the area...they live there.

Fibre for all of the grades and brands produced by Scheufelen are sourced from fully certified sources. The mill has FSC and PEFC accreditation and was one of the first paper mills to be certified to the ISO9001 international standard. Accordingly the mill is audited regularly to ensure that it upholds the highest standards of operational and environmental management.

Crane & Co.

Crane & Co., Inc. was founded in 1801 in Dalton, Mass., by Mr. Zenas Crane. The company continues to be owned and managed by members of the sixth and seventh generations of the Crane family. Crane's cotton papers for social and business correspondence have been made for more than two centuries from 100 percent recovered cotton; waste fibers generated by the textile industry. Crane manages its business and its impact on the planet not with an eye focused on the end of the quarter, but on the start of the next generation.

Monadnock Paper Mills

Monadnock Paper Mills is an independent, family owned and operated company making fine printing, packaging and technical /specialty papers – the oldest paper company in America in continuous operation since 1819.

All Monadnock printing and packaging papers are manufactured carbon neutral with 100% renewable electrical energy.

Situated along the Contoocook River in New Hampshire, the mill uses company owned, low impact, run of the river hydro-electric generators to produce approximately half the electrical energy consumed in 2007. The remaining electrical energy is purchased via Green-e certified renewable wind power certificates. Monadnock is an ISO14001: 2004 certified company having a company wide environmental management system. Monadnock is also Forest Stewardship Council certified and manufactures Astrolite PC100, a line of 100% post-consumer waste printing papers, and Envi PC80, an FSC certified 18 pt. packaging board, among other environmentally preferred papers.

Monadnock is a US Environmental Protection Agency Performance Track Company, an EPA Climate Leader, and an EPA Green Power Leader. Please visit the US EPA website at www.epa.gov to learn more about these programs. Mill awards include the EPA Environmental Merit Award, and the New Hampshire Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention.

Monadnock's purchase of post-consumer reclaimed material has tripled between 2005 and 2007, and waste sent to landfill has decreased by 85% in the same period. Monadnock is dedicated to remaining a responsible steward of the environment through the manufacture of environmentally preferable papers and boards.

Gmund

Situated in the idyllic Mangfall Valley, Germany, Gmund have been producing some of the worlds most interesting and innovative papers since 1829. Strong traditional values of quality and craftsmanship are equaled by a genuine desire to care for the environment.

Gmund sets high standards in the choice of materials used. These include chlorine-free bleached special pulps or natural cotton rags. Dyes and pigments are as lightfast as possible and naturally free from heavy metals.

The Gmund mill owns the first ozone-based water purification plant worldwide. The coloured production water is cleaned only by ozone (O3) avoiding any additional aggressive chemicals. As a result the water can be re-used several times. Water consumption has been reduced significantly, and specific effluent consumption has decreased by half in comparison to the conventional fabrication of coloured papers.

For 20 years Gmund has pursued its strict internal waste elimination program. Every piece of waste is separated and will be, wherever possible, recycled. Thanks to this process the amount of waste has been reduced by 82 % within the last 10 years.

Energy generation is exemplary in Gmund. Over 70 % of the electricity is produced by waterpower and heat recovery from the production itself. This is not only CO2 neutral, but 71% CO2 free!

All Gmund papers are produced with FSC certification.

The Gmund ECO certification logo is available for Gmund clients the use on Gmund Paper.

Mohawk Fine Papers Inc.

Known for innovation, service, and quality, Mohawk Fine Papers Inc. is the largest premium paper manufacturer in North America and is well regarded in the industry for its high environmental standards. The mill offers sustainable paper choices certified by FSC and Green Seal, independent, nonprofit organizations dedicated to environmental standard setting, product certification, claims substantiation, and public education.

Through GF Smith in the UK, Mohawk offers papers made carbon neutral within their production processes by offsetting thermal manufacturing emissions with Verified Emissions Reduction credits (VERs) and by purchasing enough renewable energy certificates (RECs) to match 100% of the electricity used in their operations. Also, Mohawk helps to reduce pressure on forest lands by using high amounts of postconsumer waste fiber in many of their ranges.

Since the mid-1990's all Mohawk virgin fiber paper has been "elemental chlorine free" (ECF). ECF pulps greatly reduce harmful byproducts. Mohawk's 100% recycled papers meet the more rigorous standards for Process Chlorine Free (PCF) coding.

James Cropper

James Cropper has been making paper in the English Lake District for 160 years and is committed to helping protect this area of outstanding natural beauty. A comprehensive mill-wide policy ensures stewardship of valuable natural resources and continual investment in this programme is aimed at protecting the countryside for generations to come.

Specific initiatives include an emphasis on environmental responsibility in the local community, stipulation that all pulps used in the Mill are obtained from sustainable managed forests and that all virgin pulp used is bleached by ECF or TCF methods.

Fresh water from the River Kent is drawn off and recycled many times through the mill's machines as paper is produced. The efficiency of the paper machines means that over 85% of water used is retained within the paper and the production process with the remainder being discharged through a pipeline link to the North West Water authority for purification before being returned into the water system.

On certain selected product lines James Cropper has been certified in compliance with the Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC). Additionally, the mill has been awarded the International Environmental Standard ISO14001.

Tullis Russell Papermakers

Tullis Russell Papermakers is based 35 miles north of Edinburgh and was founded in 1809.

In 1998 the company attained the British environmental standard BS EN ISO 14001 and FSC certification in 2005 – nearly 90% of pulps used by the mill are now FSC certified. The company's growing portfolio of FSC recycled products also carry the NAPM recycled mark.

The recent announcement of a development agreement to build a biomass power plant on site will enable the company's products to be made with a very low carbon footprint.