

Volkswagen Environmental Policy

Volkswagen develops, manufactures and markets motor vehicles worldwide with the aim of safeguarding personal mobility. The company accepts responsibility for the continuous improvement of the environmental compatibility of its products and for the increasingly conservative use of natural resources and energy, with due regard to economic aspects. Accordingly, the company makes environmentally efficient, advanced technology available worldwide and brings this technology to bear over the full life cycle of its products. At all its corporate locations, Volkswagen works hand-in-hand with society and policy-makers to shape a development process that will bring sustainable social and ecological benefits.

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It is the declared aim of Volkswagen in all its activities to restrict the environmental impact to a minimum and to make its own contribution to resolving environmental problems at regional and global level.

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It is Volkswagen's aim to offer high quality automobiles which take equal account of the expectations of its customers with regard to environmental compatibility, economy, safety, quality and comfort.

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In order to safeguard the long term future of the company and enhance its competitive position, Volkswagen is researching into and developing ecologically efficient products, processes and concepts for personal mobility.

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Those responsible for environmental management at Volkswagen shall, on the basis of the company's environmental policy, ensure that in conjunction with suppliers, service providers, retailers and recycling companies, the environmental compatibility of its vehicles and production plants is subject to a process of continuous improvement.

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The Volkswagen Board of Management shall, at regular intervals, check that the company's environmental policy and objectives are being observed and that the Environmental Management System is working properly. This shall include evaluation of the recorded environmentally relevant data.

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Providing frank and clear information and entering into dialogue with customers, dealers and the public is a matter of course for Volkswagen. Cooperation with policy-makers and the authorities is based on a fundamentally proactive approach founded on mutual trust and includes provision for emergencies at each production site.

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In keeping with their duties, all Volkswagen employees are informed, trained and motivated in respect of environmental protection. They are under obligation to implement these principles and to comply with statutory provisions and official regulations as these apply to their respective activities.