

Environmental Policy

Complete commitment to sustainability

Surteco is committed to undertaking its production, development and manufacturing activities in an environmentally responsible manner. We strive to be a leader in this area of reducing any impact our activities have on the natural and built environment.

Surteco manufacturers edgebanding in Australia only from "Eco-Friendly" ABS co-polymers. ABS is acrylonitrile butadiene styrene. Surteco Australia ceased manufacturing edgebanding in PVC in 2003 as it did not conform to the following environmental requirements.

Environmental Features of ABS (and SB):

- Non-toxic, non-corrosive and non-carcinogenic.
- Food grade material and sealed. Suitable for use in hygienic areas such as hospitals and children's furniture.
- Safe to dispose and burn. No dangerous chemicals emitted such as dioxin or HCl typical from PVC.
- No leaching of components over time.
- Completely recyclable.

Surteco's Production and in-house Processes are designed to ensure minimum waste and impact on the environment:

- All ABS is 99.9% recycled. 95% is recycled and reused internally. The balance is sold for further recycling.
- Over 95% of paper and board waste is compacted for recycling.
- Any solvent residues are collected.
- All water used within production is continuously recycled.
- Electrical power is constantly monitored and controlled for minimum use.
- All new vehicles purchased are chosen on the basis of lower fuel use and emissions.

- Carbon footprints are published annually under the Surteco SE statements.
- Instigating paperless record keeping and archiving.
- All future projects undertaken are to be assessed for their environmental impact and minimisation.

Processing and Use of ABS Edgebanding (for more detailed information please refer to Processing Information guide):

- Supplied in rolls for use on edgebanding machines in either unglued or preglued form.
- Very dimensionally stable. Does not shrink over time.
- High temperature resistance. Softening at 102°C. Highly suitable for use around high heat areas such as kitchen stoves and ovens.
- Antistatic. Reduces the need to clean up after application. Saves labour.
- Trims easily without chatter marks. Milling blades tend to last longer. Once sharp, stay sharper longer.
- High impact strength.
- Colour fast to Woolscale 6 - 7.
- Should not be cleaned with aromatic hydrocarbons. In an environmentally sensitive world, aromatic hydrocarbons should not be used anyway.

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