

II • Relationship of YKK Group business with the environment

With YKK Corporation as our mother company and architectural and fastening products as our main enterprises, the YKK Group continues developing businesses in Japan and around the globe.

As a manufacturing business, the YKK Group has promoted efforts toward environmental protection from early on, including pollution countermeasures (with strict enforcement of legal regulations related to the environment), energy conservation, and efforts to reduce waste materials. Additionally, we have implemented a full complement of tools for environmental protection and created an environmental management system to promote these efforts even further.

At present we place the value of the continuation of the company on the advancement of environmental management and on contributing to society by promoting efforts to protect the environment.

developing products that contribute greatly to the reduction of environmental impact at the stage of customer use.

For example in the architectural products industry, environmentally friendly traits include high insulation and high air-tightness, which contribute to energy reduction, long product life and ease of dismantling, which reduce waste, and suppression of harmful chemical materials. Other traits include universal design and anti-theft measures to improve safety and security. All of these traits contribute to providing for comfortable lifestyles that are easy on the environment, giving our customers a sense of liberty and peace of mind.

Contributing to society through eco products

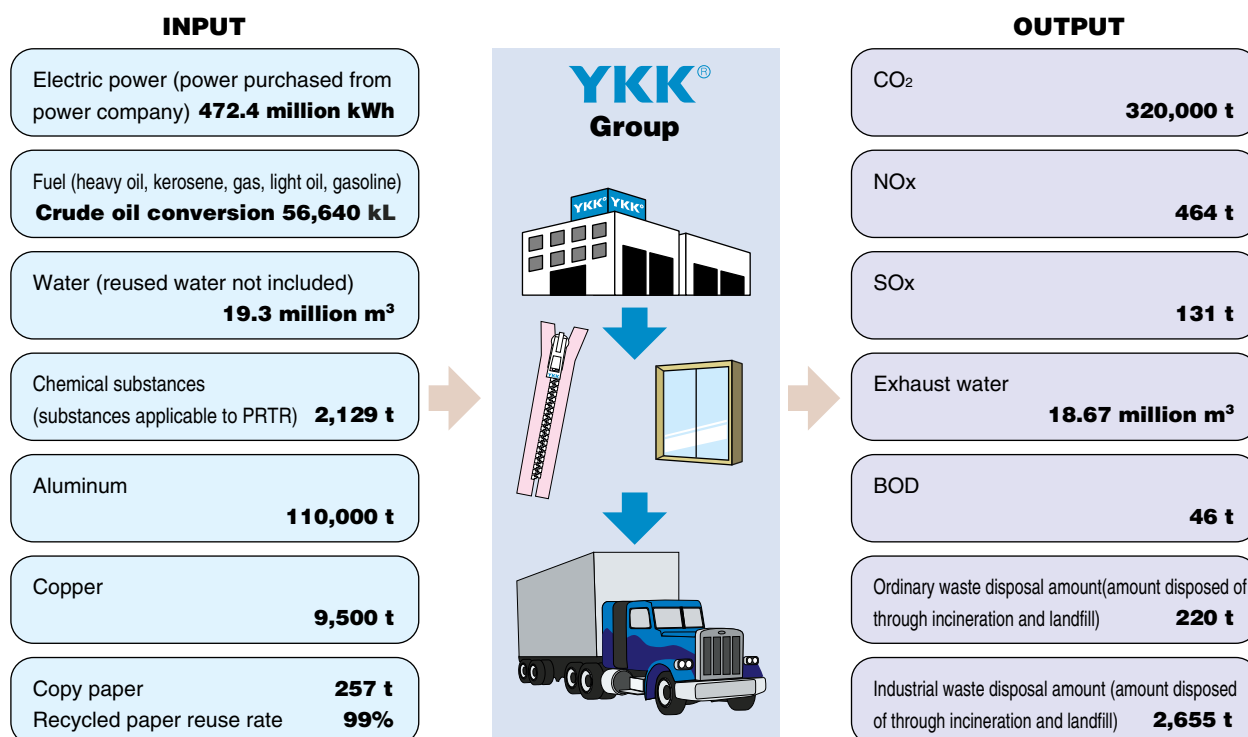
One of the features of YKK Group products is that they have long life cycles.

Reduction of the environmental impact of products themselves by conducting environmental product assessment at the design stage is now a matter of course. We are also



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Environmental impact mass-balance of YKK Group domestic plants/offices



○ Environmental impacts of our enterprises

The YKK Group undertakes the integrated manufacture of aluminum architectural products, from melting, casting, extrusion and surface treatment, to processing and fabrication.

We also use other materials, including wood architectural products, resin architectural materials and glass products as needed.

The YKK Group also manufactures a full line of fastening products, including fasteners, buttons, and fabric tape.

Production of fastening products and architectural products requires large amounts of energy and chemicals, and produces CO₂ and industrial waste.

The YKK Group is implementing the use of cutting-edge energy conservation equipment and transition to fuel that has low CO₂, NO_x and SO_x emissions. We are proactively finding substitutions for harmful chemical substances and using natural resources effectively, while promoting zero emissions (no landfill disposal).

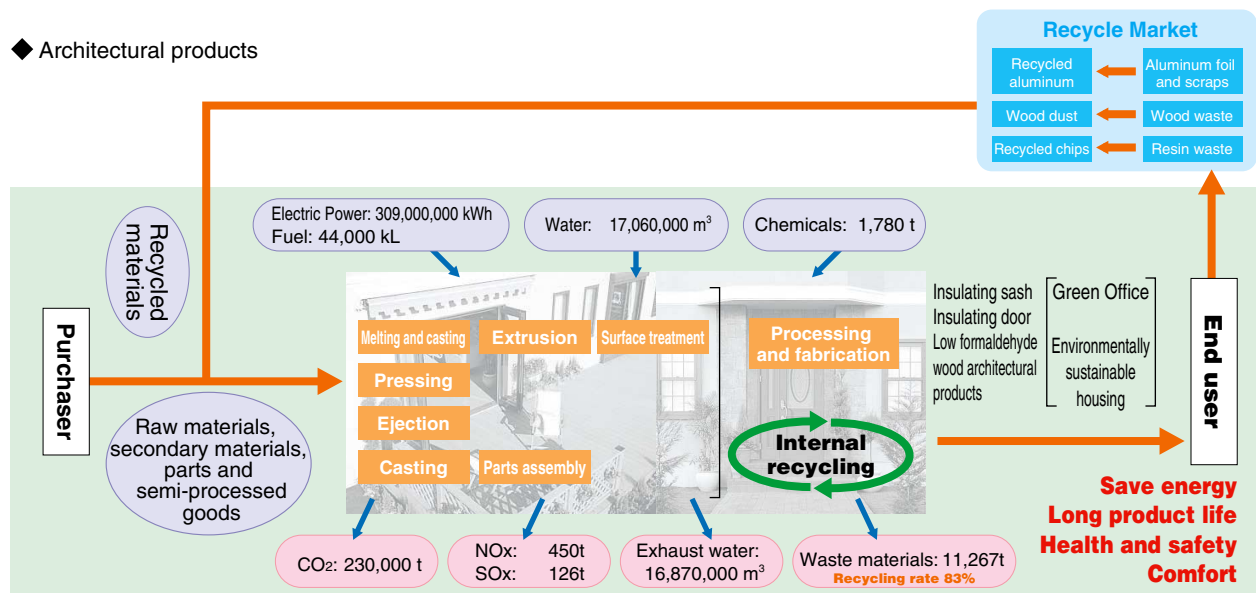
Two years ago we also began trial LCA evaluations and found that in the lifecycles of architectural products, reduction of environmental impact at the time of use makes the largest contribution to environmental protection.

We also found that the environmental impact of raw materials is large.

The YKK Group has adopted the 4 environmental themes "save energy," "save resources," "recycle," and "ecosystem-friendly". Based on these themes, we are striving to develop environmentally friendly products that are good for customer health and have low environmental impact throughout their lifecycles.

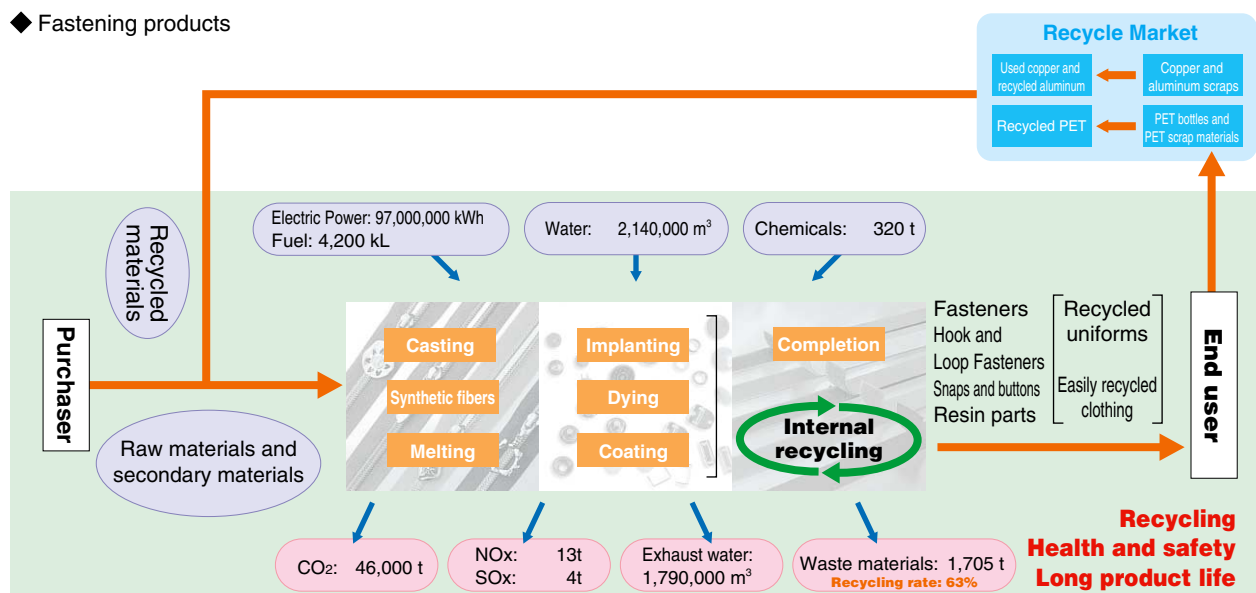
We are also making efforts to reduce the environmental impact of raw material use by promoting reuse internally in our companies and by purchasing recycled materials such as aluminum foil, aluminum door and window sashes, wood dust, recycled wood chips, and used copper.

◆ Architectural products



*These items are considered further in this Environmental Report

◆ Fastening products



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