

Our Environmental Initiatives

Environmental management is the responsibility of all who do business in our world. Guided by the YKK Group Environmental Pledge, formulated in September 1994, we are engaged in environmental activities in all areas of our business operations.

By creating new value in *monozukuri* based upon compliance, we strive to realize a low-carbon, resource recycling society in harmony with nature.

YKK Group Environmental Pledge

It is recognized today as being a most important duty for all humankind that we preserve the abundantly endowed global environment and that we transfer it to the next generation in a sound condition. The YKK Group proclaims that it will address and promote "harmony with the environment" as the highest priority of its business activities.

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YKK Group Fifth Mid-Term Environmental Management Principle (FY2017 to FY2020)

The YKK Group formulates its Mid-Term Environmental Management Principles every four years based upon its Environmental Pledge.

From FY2017, under the guidance of its new Mid-Term Environmental Management Principle, the YKK Group will undertake environmentally-friendly operations, leverage its technological capabilities, and create new value in the pursuit of a low-carbon society, to enrich people's lives and contribute to the creation of a sustainable society.

We have formulated environmental measures with the concepts "Making positive contributions to society," and "Minimizing our environmental impact (zero impact) on society." The Group will work together as one on action plans aimed at achieving these goals.

Contributing to a Sustainable Society

Creating a low-carbon society through technology oriented value creation

What the YKK Group aims to achieve by 2020 through environmental management

Make positive contributions to society



Product development



Environmental contribution



Ecosystem protection



Information disclosure

Minimize environmental impact (zero impact)



CO₂



Water



Waste



Chemicals

FY2016 Topics

YKK80 Building Wins the Top ASHRAE Award at the Global Level

In line with our belief in sustainable corporate activities, it is essential that our headquarters has a high level of environmental performance. As such, we created comfortable spaces at the headquarters and introduced an advanced system with excellent performance in energy- and resource-saving. In February 2016, YKK80 Building received a LEED-CS "Platinum" rating from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), the developers and operators of the LEED certification process. This was the first time that an office building in Japan has achieved this rating. In addition, in August 2016, the building earned the top, five-star ranking from Japan's BELS labeling system. In January 2017, the building became the first in Japan to earn the top prize (first place) at the global level in the ASHRAE Technology Awards,* reaffirming the world-class level of the building's energy-saving performance and environmentally-friendly construction. Moving forward, the YKK Group will continue to promote management and business activities that give consideration to the environment.



* The awards, operated by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), are aimed at environmental architecture of the highest caliber encompassing energy savings and comfort, harmony with the surrounding environment, and tenant health.

YKK Center Park's Furusato-no-Mori Receives SEGES Certification

At the Kurobe Manufacturing Center, YKK has established Furusato-no-Mori (hometown forest) and Furusato-no-Mizube (hometown waters), aiming to restore the disappearing natural environment. In August 2016, YKK received Excellent Stage 3 certification, the highest grade for first evaluations, from SEGES* in the Sodateru Midori (Nurtured Greenery) category, chiefly for the activities at YKK Center Park. The certification recognizes tree-planting activities at Furusato-no-Mori, which is an embodiment of the founder Tadao Yoshida's ideal of a "factory in a forest," and contributions made towards biodiversity and environmental education. Going forward, we will continue and expand environmental education for children, aiming to provide a location that adds value to the region.



* Social and Environmental Green Evaluation System (SEGES) is the only green space evaluation system established by policies of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, and the Ministry of the Environment.

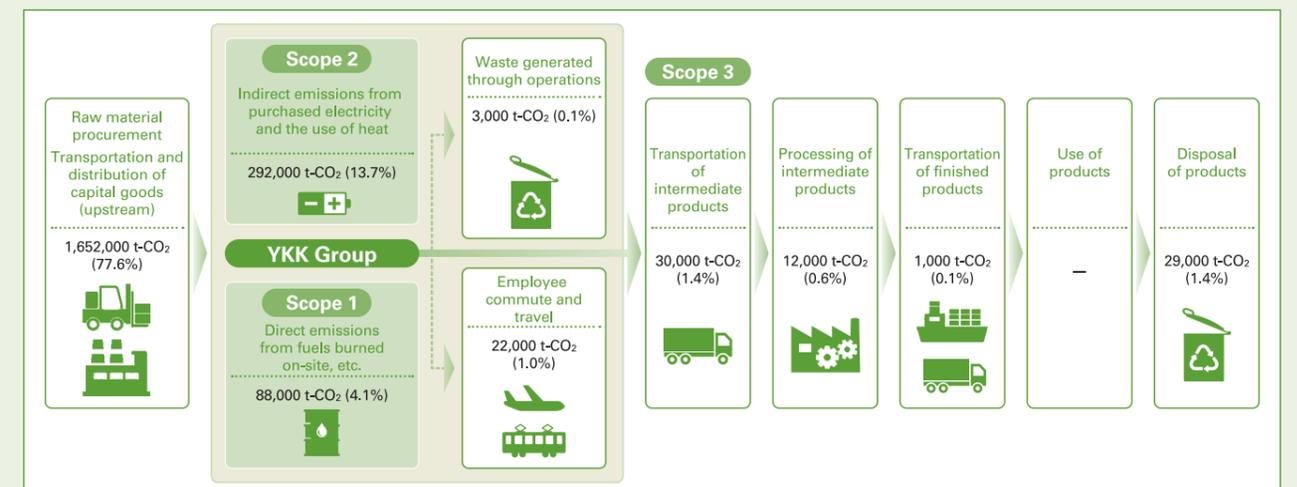
Treatment of Equipment Containing High Concentrations of PCB Waste Completed

The YKK Group understands it has environmental obligations in handling chlorofluorocarbons, asbestos, and soil contamination and PCBs, and takes appropriate measures in their management and treatment. In 2008, we commenced treatment of equipment containing high concentrations of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB), and this was completed for all 667 pieces of equipment in FY2016. We will take appropriate measures for storage and management of equipment containing minute quantities of PCBs, with the aim of dealing with all such equipment by 2020.

Control of CO₂ Emissions throughout the Supply Chain

The YKK Group calculates CO₂ emissions throughout its supply chain in an effort to reduce its environmental impact in all fields, from raw material procurement, to manufacturing, transportation, usage, and disposal. The results of our calculations for FY2016 are given below.

Moving forward, YKK will continue working to reduce CO₂ emissions through cooperation with its supply chain in order to realize a low-carbon society.



Note: For more details about the calculation method, please visit the Green Value Chain Platform website operated by Japan's Ministry of the Environment. YKK and YKK AP's initiatives are posted under the title "Individual corporations' accounting information." (http://www.env.go.jp/earth/ondanka/supply_chain/gvc/en/index.html)