



*we endeavour to achieve the very best
in functional design whilst ensuring the
minimum environmental impact*

Environment

Respect for the environment is paramount at Kvadrat. We are committed to preventing unnecessary use of resources, reducing pollution and ensuring excellent health and safety at work.

Environmentally certified ISO 14001 in 1997, we consistently review our products and processes with the aim of minimising their environmental impact. To that end, we use the latest technology to enhance the quality of our products and reduce their impact on the environment.

Products

Kvadrat textiles have an extremely long life span, thanks to our policy of using only the finest quality raw materials, innovative production processes and timeless designs.

All our textiles adhere to our strict quality and environmental guidelines whilst complying with the relevant legislation, regulations and standards.

We also adhere to the strict limits set by the Danish Environmental Protection Agency's List of Undesirable Substances. The list is focused on the 68 most damaging and harmful substances on the EU commission's List of Hazardous Substances. The complete List of Undesirable Substances can be seen www.kvadrat.dk/company/environment/

We work closely with our partners to ensure that potentially damaging substances are never present in our products and processes. For example, in 1997, we stopped mothproofing our woollen products to protect workers involved in the process and to reduce contamination of waste water.

We never use

AZO dyes, which can split off into carcinogenic acryl amines
Dyes that contain heavy metals
Bromide flame-retardants
Chemicals that require chlorine for production
PVC in base production
Moth proofing for woollen products

Eco-labels

A number of our products have been recognised for their environmental credentials and, as a result, carry eco-labels.

Pure, Molly, Hallingdal and Hacker have all been awarded the EU "Flower" eco-label. This is only awarded after the product's complete life cycle has been evaluated and confirmed to be among the best on the market in its category. (The evaluation process covers the type of fibre used, the production process, the use of chemicals and quality control). Find out more about the EU Flower eco-label www.kvadrat.dk/company/environment/

Flora, Kosmos and Helix fabrics by Fanny Aronsen have been awarded the Bra Mijloval eco-label - "Good Environmental Choice" - by the Swedish Society for Nature and Conservation and Retailers. And the yarns of Trevira CS, one of our most popular materials, are certified to Oeko-Tex 100.

It is our aim to earn many more eco-label awards in the future.

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Trevira CS

90 per cent of Kvadrat curtains are made of Trevira CS. Made from top quality yarn, this unique type of polyester is durable and economical to maintain. Produced by Trevira GmbH, a company, which is ISO 14001 certified, the yarns are hypoallergenic and are certified to Oeko-Tex 100 standard. Visit www.trevira.com to find out more about Trevira CS.

Wool

We choose the wool that best fits the design, sourcing from New Zealand, Australia and Norway. Only biodegradable detergents and spinning-oil are used in the scouring and spinning processes. As far as possible, residual fibres are gathered and recycled in other industries. The coils from the coning process are also recycled along with the plastic bags the wool is delivered in.

Cotton

We use quality cotton from Africa, Greece and South America. The different types of waste from the manufacturing process are gathered, sorted and recycled, whenever possible, whilst dye and wastewater is drained to the local water treatment plant. To further protect the environment, spinning oil is never used. Our collection includes textiles made from both organic (grown naturally, without pesticides and fertilisers) and conventionally grown cotton. Our EU Flower winning Pure is made from the 100 per cent organic cotton.

Transportation

All our forwarding agents must employ an environmental manager, have a written environmental policy and document environmental accounts.

Trucks must use an EU3 engine (which produces minimal pollution and has low fuel consumption).

Packaging

At Kvadrat we use a customised packaging machine that reduces the amount of plastic used. We only use recyclable plastic (within the limit for heavy metal content pursuant to 94/62/EEC), and we recycle packaging, whenever possible. Our fabric arrives in cardboard boxes, which are recycled if they cannot be reused.

Partners

We build long-term relationships with our partner suppliers founded on a shared commitment to maximise quality and minimise environmental impact. Annually, we hold a seminar where, together, we explore new ways to achieve these goals.

Every two years we undertake an environmental survey of our partners and re-approve contracts. All new contracts are accompanied by an environmentally focused code of conduct.

In-house

We strive to create a healthy environment and an environmentally conscious culture for our employees.

We monitor and assess our consumption of paper, electricity and heat to help us reduce it to a minimum. We only use eco-friendly cleaning agents.

Our canteen serves organic produce whenever possible. We also offer our employees a gym, fortnightly massages and a bi-annual health check.

Energy labelling - Head Office

In October 2007 we received the new statutory energy labelling for buildings. Our head office at Ebeltoft has received a rating of B1, the third highest. Our goal is to gain A-classification at the next certification in 2012. To achieve this, we are installing a Building Management System to reduce our energy consumption and are measuring our carbon footprint with a view to reducing it.

Find out more

To discover more about our environmental policies and explore the entire Kvadrat collection please visit www.kvadrat.dk

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