



On-Wood Products Ltd **Environmental Policies Statement**

Timber - the sustainable material

Timber, our main raw material, is the only truly renewable and sustainable building material - recyclable, non-toxic and bio-degradable, and far more energy-efficient than other materials.

Properly managed forests will provide a continuing supply of timber indefinitely.

Timber also helps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Growing timber removes carbon from the atmosphere, helping to combat global warming and climate change.

It is also energy-efficient to produce compared with most other building materials.

It is therefore our policy to make maximum use of responsibly-sourced timber wherever available, and to encourage our suppliers and customers to do the same.

Using responsible timber sources encourages the expansion of sustainable forestry, increasing the carbon capture effect still further, through planting of new trees.

Forest Stewardship Council®

[FSC® is an international](#), independent, non-profit non-governmental organisation.

FSC runs a global forest certification system that has two key elements: Forest Management and CoC (Chain of Custody) certification. The CoC scheme enables timber produced in certified forests to be tracked all the way from the forest to the end use, preventing the possibility that non-certified material might be substituted at some stage.

FSC certifies that products originate from forests which are managed according to internationally agreed social and environmental principles and criteria.

It has the power to endorse guarantees that the forest of origin of materials has been independently inspected and evaluated as complying with internationally agreed environmental, social and economic standards.

The FSC® Trademark

Certified products can carry the FSC trademark, which indicates that timber is known to come from an FSC forest audited by an FSC certification body. This enables specifiers and customers to choose timber and timber products with confidence that they are not contributing to the destruction of the world's forests. The FSC trademark gives an assurance of a consistent high standard of forest management and provides proof of best practice. It also discourages the use of bogus claims by less scrupulous companies.

Moreover, buying from certified sources provides an incentive for suppliers to adopt or expand good forestry practice.

Chain of Custody (CoC) certificate



On-Wood Products Ltd hold an FSC Chain of Custody (CoC) certificate (TT-COC-005184) which confirms that assessors have inspected our premises and verified that we have systems for demonstrating full traceability and control of certified material in our works.

In order to be eligible to carry the FSC trademark, products originating from certified sources have to be tracked from the forest through all the steps of the production process until they reach the end user. This tracking process must itself be independently certified.

The CoC certificate shows that the certified timber is traceable through every stage of production, manufacture and incorporation in a finished building. Substitution of a non-certified material would break the chain and invalidate the certificate.

Energy Use

Energy use in the factory

Our factory heating system operates on warm air produced from a wood burner incorporating chimney after burner. Most of the factory wood waste is burned in this system to provide us with warm air heating in winter.

Transport

Our transport is closely managed with planned deliveries to ensure that transport is used in the most efficient way. We are also able to meet customer needs by timing of deliveries to eliminate the need for storage on site; this reduces the risk of damage and wastage of finished products.

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND POLLUTION CONTROL

Waste management

On-Wood actively seeks to reduce and where possible eliminate waste through:

- More efficient use of raw materials.
- Promoting the re-use and recycling of materials in our works.
- Making use of recycled materials for packaging and stationery requirements
- Waste disposal and recycling

We undertake to maximise our systematic recycling of paper and wood materials throughout our works, office and factory production wherever possible.

Pollution control

We use an extensive local exhaust ventilation system throughout the factory to keep dust to a minimum, with regular monitoring of noise and dust emissions.

We use water-based glue lines where possible.

Our polishing workshop is designed to minimise effluent discharges and prevent accidental air and water pollution.

SOCIAL AND ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES



Local community

Our aim is to establish and maintain a responsible relationship with our local community by, for example:

- Employing local people as much as possible.