

Zero footprint, better impact



Texon Sustainability Report 2019
Executive Summary

We know where we want to be by 2025. We've set four distinct goals to get us there and a new strategy – zerofootprint – to track our progress.

Sustainability has always been key to every decision we make. Today is no different and we're constantly working to improve what we do. At Texon, our ambition towards zero waste is what is pushing us to make our impact a positive one, for our planet, our communities and our future.

Our ambition is
zero waste by 2025

"We are firm believers that approaching sustainability holistically will allow us to address our customer needs, do what is right for people and planet, and still meet our financial goals. This is the basis of our recently launched zerofootprint strategy."

Jelle Tolsma, CEO

Progress highlights



Managing sustainability at Texon

Environmental management

We've developed several systems to help us achieve our 2025 goals and ensure responsible management. For example, to help manage and improve our environmental impact, several of our sites have adopted ISO 9001 accredited quality management systems and ISO 14001 accredited environmental management systems.

Responsible sourcing and production

We work with suppliers to ensure they meet our expectations on environmental and social criteria. Each year, our suppliers must complete an assessment survey covering topics like human rights, fair employee pay and compliance with relevant regulations.

Employee experience

We have robust health and safety standards to keep our people safe at work. In February 2020, we launched a comprehensive e-learning platform, as well as the My Texon academy, to provide employees with training resources for topics from safe working practices, to diversity and inclusion, to shop floor skills.

Find out more in our
2019 Sustainability Report



Our 2025 goals

#1
Reduce our carbon footprint by 50%

CO₂

We're looking at every aspect of our business – from manufacturing processes to product design – to find ways to reduce energy use and emissions at every step.

#2
Reduce our use of virgin materials by 50%

-50%

We're scaling down our use of virgin materials, finding ways to use what we already have and to reduce our material requirements.

#3
90% of our waste to be recyclable or reusable



With a culture of zero waste innovation, we're making sure less goes to landfill and more of our materials support a circular economy.

#4
Reduce our water use and water waste by 20%

H₂O

Not only are we using less water, and reusing it where we can, we're also returning water to its source cleaner than when we got it.

43%
reduction in energy use since 2015

114%
increase in our use of recycled materials and 11% reduction in virgin material use on average since 2015

+430,000 kg
of paper scraps recovered from customers for use in our products

Just under 2 Olympic swimming pools
worth of water saved on average by each site since 2015

Leading the way

A sustainable approach to global transport

To reduce the environmental impact of our logistics, we transport most of our products by ocean shipping and make sure our factories are placed on global shipping routes and near customers and suppliers. By using freight forwarders that offer 'take-back' services, we're also ensuring containers don't make empty journeys.

Unlocking the power of plants to create pioneering materials

Texon BioForm is our first foray into biopolymer materials. This high-performance material is created from corn stover otherwise destined for landfill. Texon BioForm is constructed from at least 39% bio-based content.

Our closed-loop approach

Our Texon Ecoline insole range perfectly highlights our commitment to material reuse. The insoles contain 85% rPET and are 100% recyclable. A take-back service means customers can return waste materials to be incorporated into new products.

Giving back as much as we get from our water

At our Möckmühl, Germany, facility, we've reduced water use by 50,000 m³, finding ways to recycle it in manufacturing wherever possible. When finished, we process the water and return it to the river cleaner than when it came out.

