

Material Standard Policy

We believe that responsible material use is an essential component of sustainable business practices. By making conscious choices in design, procurement, and production, we actively contribute to reducing waste, limiting environmental harm, and extending product lifecycles. This Material Standard Policy provides guidance on how we manage raw materials within both our organization and our value chain.

1. Responsible Material Selection

We select our materials based on sustainability, origin, and environmental impact. Our guiding principles include:

- Preference for recycled, renewable, or certified raw materials
- Avoidance of harmful substances or materials with a high ecological footprint
- Limiting the use of rare or non-renewable resources
- Transparency regarding the origin and composition of materials within the supply chain

Our decisions are based on scientific insights, supply chain data, and a commitment to continuous improvement.

2. Efficient Use in Design and Production

Maximum value, minimal waste — this is our objective.

We achieve this by:

- Designing intelligently and with material efficiency in mind, minimizing waste
- Optimizing production processes, including reducing losses of intermediate products
- Reusing residual materials or applying them in secondary streams (for example for energy or other applications)

Our focus on efficiency contributes not only to sustainability but also to cost-effectiveness and supply chain resilience.

3. Quality, Durability, and Repairability

Sustainability means not only consuming less, but also using better. Therefore:

- We design and produce with long product lifecycles in mind
- We prevent overproduction and short-lifecycle products
- We consider repair, refurbishment, and maintenance as integral parts of our value chain

- Our design policy promotes modular thinking and replaceable components

4. Transparency and Collaboration in the Value Chain

Responsible material use can only be achieved when the entire value chain is involved. We:

- Work with suppliers who support our sustainability objectives
- Require transparency regarding raw material origins, production standards, and residual streams
- Involve customers, transport partners, and processors in circular initiatives
- Actively share knowledge and best practices internally and with supply chain partners

5. Circular Thinking and Action

We embrace the principles of the circular economy. This means:

- Reuse of packaging and containers (such as IBCs)
- Investment in design for recycling and closed-loop systems
- Supporting innovations in bio-based materials and alternative packaging solutions
- Continuous monitoring and adjustment of our material strategy based on data and practical insights

Future-Oriented Material Policy

By using materials responsibly, we contribute to an economy in which resources remain available for future generations. We take this responsibility seriously — not only in words, but above all in our daily actions.