

APG Environmental Policy

APG achieves ISO 14001 International Environmental Standard

Since achieving our first Environmental Award in 1996, APG has continued to make improvements to ensure that our printing company is environmentally friendly.

In June 2003, APG achieved ISO 14001, the International Environmental Management System Certification. This comprehensive and rigorous Standard encompasses a wide range of audit issues, focusing on the selection of resources (such as chemicals) and the careful disposal of waste. Achieving the standard maximises efficiency and minimises waste.

- availability to offset the effect of CO₂ in production by choosing our CarbonNeutral® option
- the use of environmentally-responsible inks, solvents and chemicals
- the setting and monitoring of environmental targets
- employing energy consultants to examine and reduce our energy consumption
- communication of an Environmental Policy Statement
- computer-to-plate technology to remove film completely from the process
- use of chemistry free printing plates is available as an optional extra
- recycling all production and office waste including paper, cardboard, plates, plastics, aerosols, rags, toner cartridges, ink tins and chemicals
- creating a Register of Legislation that identifies other environmental aspects
- conducting regular environmental audits both internally and externally
- a stringent purchasing policy with regard to paper purchasing and its manufacture
- all our suppliers are required to conform to our environmental requirements
- staff are regularly trained on using minimum resources, spillage clearance techniques and waste management
- continuing to look for further improvements to our operation and at newer technologies which can further reduce our impact on the environment

Whilst many of these practices were already in place, the ISO 14001 certification is confirmation of our commitment to the environment.



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