

Sustainability

No turning back

Sustainability might sound like the 'buzz word of the moment' but for Interpon sustainability is our immediate past, our present and our future.

For a manufacturer of products such as ours, sustainability means we need to be capable of maintaining a continuous and steady level of production without exhausting natural resources or causing severe ecological damage.

Our commitment to this interpretation has seen us work more closely with all our stakeholders, both internally and externally, to ensure we investigate all possible avenues for improvement. As a result we have dedicated significant R&D resources into areas such as raw materials, manufacturing processes and energy consumption.

Several significant achievements have come from this process. These include:

- Waste from overspray is reclaimed and recycled or reprocessed
- The development of powder coatings that are manufactured using low temperature or 'dry' cured technologies which consume less energy
- Powders based on Particle Management Technology that offer reduced film build and therefore require less raw materials
- A decrease of hazardous waste by 75% in the last decade at our Melbourne manufacturing site.

We can also state that Interpon Powder Coatings do not contain any Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) nor any toxic heavy metals such as lead or chromium (VI).

Further, our ecological footprint has been recognized as amongst the lowest in the powder coatings industry and globally, AkzoNobel remains in the top three in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index which rates companies on a range of economic, environmental and social criteria.

However, the effort we have put into developing sustainable processes and products has a far greater impact of course, due to its roll-on effect with our customer base. We have numerous examples of energy savings, reduced carbon emissions and

significant cost savings being achieved, as well as changes to work practices, all as a result of Interpon's commitment to sustainability.

Our commitment is firm. Our direction is forward. And [Every Color Is Green](#).