

Lowdown on 'Green' Products

GPS is committed to making available a choice of recycled materials as well as those originating from sources certified to be well-managed or operating accredited management systems. With so much information out there on recycled materials and the make up of those materials we have come up with a simple breakdown on the main facts that you need to know.



Brand	Range	Description	Recovered Fibre	Makeup of Balance	Material Weights	Accreditation	Price Band
Hello 	Silk & Gloss Paper & Board	The Hello range is environmentally friendly not recycled. Made from wood fibre from sustainable forests, is fully recyclable & biodegradable, is Elemental Chlorine Free and has been awarded the environmental standard ISO 14001 (Environment Management).	None Not Recycled	Up to 30% mill broke	Paper: 90, 100, 115, 130, 150, 170gsm Board: 200, 225, 250, 275, 300, 350, 400gsm	ISO 14001 accredited supplier EMAS ECF	A
9Lives 80 	Silk & Gloss Paper & Board	Range of coated woodfree papers and boards manufactured with high proportions of recovered papermaking fibre to provide an environmentally responsible alternative to traditional virgin grades.	80% (10% packaging waste, 10% best white waste, 60% de-inked waste fibre)	20% from virgin TCF fibre sourced from sustainable forests	Paper: 100, 115, 130, 150, 170gsm Board: 250, 300gsm	NAPM ISO 14001 accredited supplier TCF	C
9Lives 55 	Silk & Gloss Paper & Board	Range of coated woodfree papers and boards manufactured with a guaranteed 55% recovered fibre content. Sound environmental credentials and competitive prices make this a good choice for companies with the environment and budget in mind.	55% (25% post-consumer waste, 30% pre-consumer waste)	45% from ECF fibre sourced from sustainable forests	Paper: 100, 130, 170gsm Board: 200*, 220*, 250, 300*, 350*gsm	ISO 14001 accredited supplier ECF	B
Era Silk 	Silk Paper & Board (This range is not available in gloss)	Range of coated papers and boards are made from recycled British waste, helping reduce the pressure on UK landfill sites. This is a good choice when working on a budget while considering the impact on the environment. Recycled papers used in this grade are a combination of TCF & ECF.	50% recycled British waste (100% genuine printed waste)	50% from fibre from PEFC and FSC certified forests	Paper: 100, 115, 130, 150, 170gsm Board: 190, 250, 300, 350gsm	EMAS ISO 14001 accredited supplier ECF TCF	B
Revive Special Silk 	Silk Paper & Board (This range is not available in gloss)	Revive special silk has an extremely smooth surface accompanied by excellent whiteness and brightness. Pulps used in the production of this grade are a combination of Totally Chlorine Free and Elemental Chlorine Free. It is ideal for customers looking for a recycled paper with a high quality silk finish.	40% recovered fibre content	The remainder is made from virgin wood fibres from sawmill residues, forest thinnings and sustainable forests.	Paper: 115, 130, 150 & 170gsm Board: 200, 250, 300 & 350gsm	ISO 14001 accredited supplier TCF ECF	B
Revive 	Silk & Gloss Paper & Board	Revive is a true recycled product range with an industry beating 75% de-inked post consumer waste content. This impressive recycled content is combined with excellent whiteness and opacity. Recycled papers used in this grade are a combination of TCF & ECF.	75% made from de-inked post consumer waste.	25% mill broke	Paper: 100, 115, 130, 150, 170gsm Gloss Board: 250gsm Silk Board: 200, 250, 300gsm	NAPM ISO 14001 accredited supplier TCF ECF	C
Revive 	Uncoated	Compares well with premium uncoated grades for brightness and whiteness, while its smoothness ensures precision printing. Recycled papers used in this grade are mainly Chlorine Free.	75% made from de-inked post consumer waste.	25% mill broke	Paper: 100, 120, 150gsm Board: 225, 280, 325gsm	NAPM ISO 14001 accredited supplier ECF	D
Evolve Business 	Uncoated	With a combination of very high whiteness and smoothness, Evolve Business is guaranteed for all laser copying and inkjet printing. This is a very good alternative for stationery etc, while considering budgets and the environment at the same time.	100% recycled office waste		Paper: 80*, 90*, 100*gsm	ISO 14001 accredited supplier	B

ECF (Elemental Chlorine Free): Paper pulp bleached without the use of elemental chlorine but instead using some chlorine dioxide, along with non-chlorine agents such as oxygen. Pulps using ECF methods contain up to 0.5kg of AOX per tonne of air-dried pulp.

TCF (Totally Chlorine Free): Paper pulp that is bleached without using chlorine in any form, thus giving an AOX level of zero. The alternative bleaching agents used might be liquid oxygen, hydrogen peroxide or sodium hydroxide.

FSC (Forest Stewardship Council): Sourcing of wood fibre from well managed forests. An international organisation promoting responsible forest management. FSC has developed principles for forest management which may be used for certifying the management of forest holdings, and a system of tracing, verifying and labelling timber and wood products which originate from FSC-certified forests.

EMAS (Eco-Management and Audit Scheme): Environmentally responsible manufacturer. The European Union's regulated environmental management system. Similar to ISO14001 but also requires public reporting.

Mill Broke: Offcuts and rejected material that has not left the paper mill. Broke is routinely re-pulped and the fibre used in the production of new paper. Mill broke is not normally considered to be true recycled fibre.

NAPM (The National Association of Paper Merchants): High proportion of recycled fibre. Scheme for designating a paper as recycled. To qualify, a grade must contain at least 75% recycled fibre. Converters' waste, printers' waste and post consumer waste (from homes and offices) are all allowed (printed or unprinted) but not mill broke - the waste has to have left the mill. The remaining 25% can be mill broke or virgin fibre.

Post-consumer Waste: Waste that has reached the end user, typically homes and offices.

Pre-consumer Waste: Waste that has left the mill but has not reached the end user. Typically trimmings and rejected material from printers, envelope converters etc.

D = Most Expensive

*not available in SRA1