

PLASTEX AND THE ENVIRONMENT



Plastex Matting Inc., is a subsidiary of Plastic Extruders, Ltd. with a manufacturing plant in Fort Payne, Alabama.

Across our manufacturing Matting/Flooring business unit:

- We manage our production operations to comply with relevant environmental regulations.
- Our manufacturing processes are conducted in a manner that prevents pollution and conserves resources.
- We design and continually upgrade machinery used in our own manufacturing, to incorporate the latest energy efficiencies.
- We ensure the responsible design of all products so as to meet our environmental objectives.
- We use all raw materials efficiently to reduce waste and use wherever possible plastic materials that are capable of being recycled.
- We select raw materials that are environmentally approved and certified where, appropriate.
- We minimize the use of packaging on all goods and packaging waste.
- We partner with vendors who demonstrate sound environmental policies and practices.

Additionally:

All of our PVC matting products are made from a plasticized polyvinyl chloride formulation. We don't use any substances included in the SVHC list under REACH* in any of our matting products.

The raw materials for PVC are salt (57%) and oil or gas (43%). Due to its relatively low oil or gas content, the production of PVC involves using less of our limited oil reserves than is necessary for most other plastics.

The PVC used is CFC free and the formulation meets the RoHS Directive 2002/95/EC insofar as it does not contain lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent, chromium, PBB or PBDE DEHP, BBP, DBP or DIBP (these two are brominated flame retardants). This applies also to our non-PVC products.

In most cases our matting products are "loose laid" which means that no adhesives or solvents are used for its installation. The products are long lasting and after their effective life, they are 100% recyclable, except from Frontrunner Plus, Frontrunner Brush, Frontrunner Brush Wide, and Frontrunner SB+.

This allows us to minimize the environmental impact and avoid waste during our manufacturing process.

Our Black PVC matting (Vynagrip, Crossgrip, and Heronair) is manufactured with our post-industrial by-products. This content averages at least 30%, but we strive for 100% where possible, avoiding landfill contribution by re-using our scrap.

The USBC guidelines state that matting must allow for cleaning underneath. Our Frontrunner Entrance matting System qualifies for LEED IEQ Credit 5. Compliance for this credit refers to the mats ability to "minimize building occupant exposure to potentially hazardous particulates and chemical pollutants". The products must also be at least ten feet in length in the primary direction of travel. When produced in Black or Gray, our Frontrunner range may also qualify for LEED MR Credit 4.

This policy will be reviewed to reflect best practices and changes in legislation. Safety data sheets on all our products are available on request.

Gemma O'Sullivan
CEO

*REACH stands for Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of Chemical substances. The 2007 European Community REACH regulation gives manufacturers the responsibility of providing high level human and environmental protection from the use of chemicals in manufacturing. We do not use any substances currently included in the SVHC (Substances of Very High Concern) list under REACH in any of our products.

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