

environmental policy

The Spin Offset Group believes that responsibility to the community is one of the yardsticks of good business management. Care for the environment is a positive and logical extension of this responsibility.

It was with this in mind that we sought to achieve accreditation to ISO 14001 and were successful on our first attempt.

We also believe that it is important to take a realistic approach to environmental issues for each process within the printing industry, and share our experience in these areas with our customers from an unbiased perspective. We are happy to generate 'Environmental Impact Reports' for forthcoming projects, which detail each specific production process, material and levels of transportation involved.

The Spin Offset Group has adopted the following specific procedures to minimise the effects of our activities on the environment:

Auditing	Full environmental audit by Havering / Thurrock Borough Council on both factories to confirm that we comply with all recent legislation concerning waste disposal, specifically within the following areas: waste solvents from washing ink systems, cleaning of rags used in this process, disposal of film and aluminium printing plates, disposal of waste paper. In all areas of the audit a pass was achieved.
Suppliers	All contractors and suppliers to our business are monitored for approval to our environmental policy and are correctly licenced for all environmental requirements within their respective services.
Advice	We provide free and impartial advice and encouragement to all customers on the levels of environmental impact of the various paper types, particularly the terminology behind chlorine free and recycled papers.
Legislation	We actively discourage use of the UV varnishing process due to its environmental impact. Although there is no current legislation in place within the UK, this process has almost been banned within the USA. As an alternative we recommend other water based varnishing options.
Reasoning	Our ideal of energy conservation is born from both environmental and financial reasoning. Naturally we conserve energy by constant encouragement to staff to switch off lights, taps and motors when not in use. All company vehicles use green fuel by order and power correction units are installed throughout the organisation.
Importance	Review of the Environmental Policy is directly linked to our ISO 9002 review meetings and is considered to be of equal importance as an integral part of the business.
Development	The arrival of our new 12 colour perfecting Heidelberg 102SP press was accompanied by an Ecotrans system, the latest and most environmentally responsible method of recycling waste chemicals for sheet fed printing. Testing of new, more environmentally friendly products is undertaken as they become available.