

As one of the leading UK independent manufacturers of commercial wallcoverings, all of our own branded products are designed, manufactured and stocked within our Welshpool site. The creation of these products with useful, practical properties such as fire resistance, improved hygiene and high impact/tear resistance combined with pleasing aesthetic qualities such as colour depth, texture and design, offer a practical and attractive contribution to commercial interior spaces where people live, work and relax.

Our aim is to develop high performance wallcoverings with minimum environmental impact. We strive to balance sustainability with the evolving needs of our customers to deliver products with high design and superior properties. Newmor wallcoverings are made to last for many years (perhaps as long as 20) and this longevity enhances the life cycle benefit and reduces the environmental impact of their manufactures.

Raw Materials

Here at Newmor we operate an Environmental Management system based on ISO 14001. We ensure that all raw materials used in the manufacturing of our wallcoverings comply with all relevant industry regulations and will not be classified as very high concern under the developing REACH programme concerning chemicals. Our wallcoverings do not contain formaldehyde or any heavy metals such as lead, cadmium or mercury. All of our paper based substrates employed in our production processes are sourced from PEFC (Program for the Environment of Forest Certification schemes) accredited supplies.

Indoor Air Quality

All of our wallcovering qualities achieved the highest air quality rating of A+ when tested to the International Standard Test Method ISO 16000-10: 2006 after 28 days as prescribed by the French Arrete scheme.

Infection Control

The inclusion of an antimicrobial agent in all of our wallcoverings contributes to the provision of a hygienic surface and offers protection against harmful pathogens such as MRSA. These additives also help to guard against mildew and mould growth.

Recycling

Whilst the technology to recycle finished wallcoverings has not yet been fully developed, here at Newmor we do recycle raw materials within the production process wherever possible without compromising quality. For example, some 80 tonnes a year of ink is recycled and reused within the printing process. Also, some paper and other substrates can be reused.

Carbon Footprint

The calculation of the Carbon Footprint for our activates is complicated and based on certain assumptions. Nevertheless, a baseline calculation has been established for 2010 and will be used to monitor our progress in the coming years. In France our products have been certified to the HQE standard which is based on Carbon Footprint and its Life Cycle calculations.

Energy Usage

With the help of the Carbon Trust, we have reduced our energy usage be 15% per m2 manufactured through energy efficiency programmes from 2007-2011. Whilst we will always be a relatively high energy user due to our production process our insulation panels are regularly maintained and our oven gas burners have recently been updated to the most efficient available. Our company cars are also chosen with a view on energy efficiency and CO₂ emissions.

Water Usage

Several years ago we invested in a closed loop cooling system which dramatically reduced the use of water within our production process.

Social Responsibility

Newmor has been an important employer in the Welshpool area for several decades and given our rural position we have a responsibility to ensure that we can minimise our environmental impact within the area. Particulate emission is closely controlled and several interceptors have been introduced to prevent the possibility of any water pollution.

We ensure the health and safety of our workers through regular monitoring and effective health and safety systems.

We regularly work with local schools and participate in work experience schemes as well as providing materials for community projects and local clubs.