

Environmental & Recycling Information

1. Introduction

Vandagraph Ltd recognises that our operations – including design, manufacture, servicing, distribution and sales of oxygen monitoring equipment and accessories – can affect the environment. We aim to minimise harmful impacts wherever possible and integrate environmental management into our strategy.

2. Policy Statement

We will meet or exceed all relevant environmental legislation, codes of practice and UK guidance.

We are committed to:

- Preventing pollution and reducing waste
- Promoting reuse, repair and recycling
- Continual improvement of environmental performance

3. Communication & Responsibility

Environmental awareness is a company-wide responsibility. The Managing Director oversees policy development and review. Line managers help employees apply objectives through training and electronic 'paperless' systems.

4. Goals

4.1 Energy & Resources

(covered in our Carbon Reduction Plan)

4.2 Products & Life-cycle

We consider environmental impacts at all stages of a product's life – from design and manufacture to customer use and end-of-life – and aim to maximise repairability and recyclability.



4.3 Waste & Recycling

- We recycle paper, card, plastics, WEEE, batteries and depleted oxygen sensors.
- Hazardous waste is handled only by licensed contractors in line with the Environmental Permitting & Waste Regulations 2011.
- Customers are encouraged to return spent sensors and batteries for responsible disposal.

4.4 WEEE (Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment)

We comply with the UK WEEE Regulations (as amended).

- Producer Registration No: WEE/DJ1953ZR
- Compliance Scheme: WEE/MP3538PZ/SCH
- Products carry the crossed-out wheelie bin symbol to discourage disposal with general waste.
- Customers may return equivalent end-of-life products when purchasing new ones (return carriage at customer cost; processing is free).

4.5 Oxygen Sensors – Hazardous Waste

Lead-anode electrochemical sensors are classified as hazardous waste. We provide a free take-back service (excluding carriage). Returned sensors are processed through licensed waste contractors.

4.6 RoHS & UK RoHS

We comply with the Restriction of Hazardous Substances legislation:

- EU Directive 2011/65/EU (RoHS 2) and UK RoHS Regulations 2012 (as amended).
- Lead in oxygen sensors is subject to an authorised exemption; we monitor renewal dates and will adopt alternatives if required.

4.7 UK REACH & Supply Chain

We monitor substances of concern under UK REACH and seek supplier declarations as appropriate. We prefer suppliers with good environmental credentials.



4.8 Packaging & Sustainable Materials

Where practical we use recycled/recyclable packaging and minimise excess materials.

4.9 Pollution & Buildings

(covered in our Carbon Reduction Plan)

4.10 Transport

We consolidate deliveries where possible and work with carriers that have Net Zero or low-emission targets.

4.11 Training

Environmental responsibilities are included in staff induction and refreshed annually.

5. Policy Review

This policy is reviewed annually, or sooner if legislation or activities change. Revisions are logged in our Quality Management System.

6. Contact / Returns

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Note

This policy complements our Carbon Reduction Plan, which addresses carbon footprint, energy, packaging and supply-chain commitments.

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