

Environmental Policy and Recycling Information

Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment,
oxygen sensors and batteries.

of

Vandagraph Sensor Technology



1 INTRODUCTION

Vandagraph Sensor Technology Ltd. is concerned in the distribution and sales of diving oxygen sensors. We recognize that our operations have an effect on the environment and we wish to minimize the potentially harmful effects of such activity wherever and whenever possible. We also recognise that good environmental management must be an integral and fundamental part of our corporate business strategy.

2 POLICY STATEMENT

Our policy is to meet or exceed all environmental regulations, laws and codes of practice. We are committed to the prevention of pollution, promotion of recycling, a reduction of waste and to minimizing the impact of our operations on the environment. This environmental policy is the company's statement of environmental goals, which outline our commitment to continual environmental improvement.

3 COMMUNICATION TO STAFF

To be successful, the environmental policy statement needs to be company-wide and therefore commitment is required from the whole workforce. The Managing Director has specific responsibility for policy development, coordination and evaluation of performance. Line managers have an important role to play in helping employees to understand and implement the relevant aspects of this policy in their day-to-day work through the regular communication of objectives, action plans and achievements. This will be achieved through training programmes and electronic fully digital 'paperless' systems.

4 GOALS

4.1 Energy Use

We endeavour to use environmentally safe and sustainable energy sources to meet our needs.

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4.2 Resources

We will improve our environmental performance by conserving energy, water, wood, paper and other resources, particularly those which are scarce or non renewable, through efficient use and careful planning, while still providing a safe and comfortable working environment.

4.3 Products

We will consider the environmental impacts of our products at all stages of their life cycle - from design, to manufacturing, customer use, and finally disposal.

4.4 Recycling

We will promote recycling and the use of recycled and refurbished products and materials where such alternatives are economical and suitable, while reducing consumption of materials wherever possible.

4.5 Waste Disposal

We will minimise waste, especially hazardous waste, in all our operations and product development and will dispose of all waste through safe and responsible methods.

We meet the requirements with regard to disposal of WEEE and hazardous waste in accordance with the WEEE Directive 2006 and The Hazardous Waste Regulations 2005 through a fully licensed waste management company.

In regard to the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2006 our Environment Agency producer registration number is **WEE/DD1952ZQ**

4.6 Wildlife

We will ensure that any products used or derived from wildlife, such as timber and plants, are from sustainable sources, and comply with UK and EU and international trading rules.

4.7 Suppliers

We will work with our suppliers to ensure they recognize and reduce the environmental impact of their products and transportation through a quality purchasing policy.

4.8 Transportation

Through coordinating route planning and delivery schedules we will seek to realise the dual benefits of reduced fuel consumption and lower exhaust emissions.

4.9 Pollution

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We will monitor relevant discharges and emissions to air, land and water to assess what action is necessary to reduce pollution or the risk of pollution. We will phase out, where practical, ozone depleting substances and minimise the release of greenhouse gases, volatile organic compounds, vehicle emissions and other substances damaging to health and the environment.

4.10 Buildings

We will ensure, where practicable, that buildings occupied by us are designed, constructed and operated to optimise their environmental performance.

4.11 Training

We consider environmental issues in all company training programmes and encourage the implementation by all company staff of sound environmental practices.

5 POLICY REVIEW

This environmental policy will be reviewed regularly, triggered by an automated process generated as part of our quality management systems. If necessary it will be revised to reflect the latest developments. We will conduct on-going self-evaluation of our performance in implementing these principles and in complying with all applicable laws and regulations.

WEEE (Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment)

Vandagraph Sensor Technologies takes its responsibilities under the WEEE Regulations extremely seriously and has taken steps to be compliant in line with our corporate and social responsibilities.

We meet the requirements with regard to disposal of WEEE in accordance with the WEEE Directive 2006 and are party to a registered compliance scheme WEE/MP3538PZ/SCH.

In regard to the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment regulations the Environment Agency producer registration number is **WEE/DD1952ZQ**.

Electrical and electronic equipment should not be disposed of with general waste, but should be separately disposed of for proper treatment and recovery. The crossed-out bin symbol placed on product or labeling/packaging, reminds you of the need to dispose of the product correctly at the end of its life. In this way you will assist in the recovery, recycling and reuse of many of the materials used in the product.



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You can either dispose of WEEE in accordance with local ordinances and regulations or when buying a new product from Vandagraph Sensor Technologies you have the possibility to return another end of life product of equivalent type that has fulfilled the same functions as the supplied equipment. You are responsible for the return packaging and carriage costs, but we will process the returned WEEE free of charge on your behalf.

Return address for WEEE:

Vandagraph Sensor Technologies Ltd.
WEEE Processing
15 Station Road
Cross Hills
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With your help, it is possible to reduce the amount of electrical and electronic waste ending up in landfill and to improve quality of life by preventing the release of potentially hazardous substances into the environment.

Oxygen sensors (electrochemical)

We minimise waste, especially hazardous waste, in all our operations and product development. All waste is disposed of through safe and responsible methods.

We meet the requirements with regard to disposal hazardous waste in accordance with The Hazardous Waste Regulations 2005 through a fully licensed waste management company.

In view of this we offer a service to our customers where we will safely dispose of any returned depleted oxygen sensors through our oxygen sensor disposal service. If required, a returns bag and address label will be provided upon request. This service is offered free of charge - but excludes the return carriage costs.

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The Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances (RoHS) in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE) Directive (2011/65/EU) 8th June 2011 was transposed into UK law on the 2nd January 2013.

Under the recast RoHS, lead anodes in electrochemical oxygen sensors have been granted exemption status. The validity period for existing exemptions is a maximum of 7 years from the dates of inclusion.

Dates of inclusion under the scope of RoHS 2:

From 22nd July 2014: Medical devices and monitoring and control instruments

From 22nd July 2017: Industrial monitoring and control instruments.

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Batteries

Depleted batteries supplied with our products can be disposed in accordance with local ordinances and regulations. Alternatively you can take depleted batteries to a free of charge collection point such as offered by BatteryBack, to find the nearest collection point go to www.batteryback.org

When battery powered equipment is returned to Vandagraph Sensor Technologies Ltd. for service, repair or calibration we will test the batteries - if found to be depleted we will offer to dispose of them on your behalf.

Should you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact us on:

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NOTE: This information relates to products sold in the UK.

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