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Berger Textiles Sustainability Manifesto


bergertextiles
a Spandex Group Company



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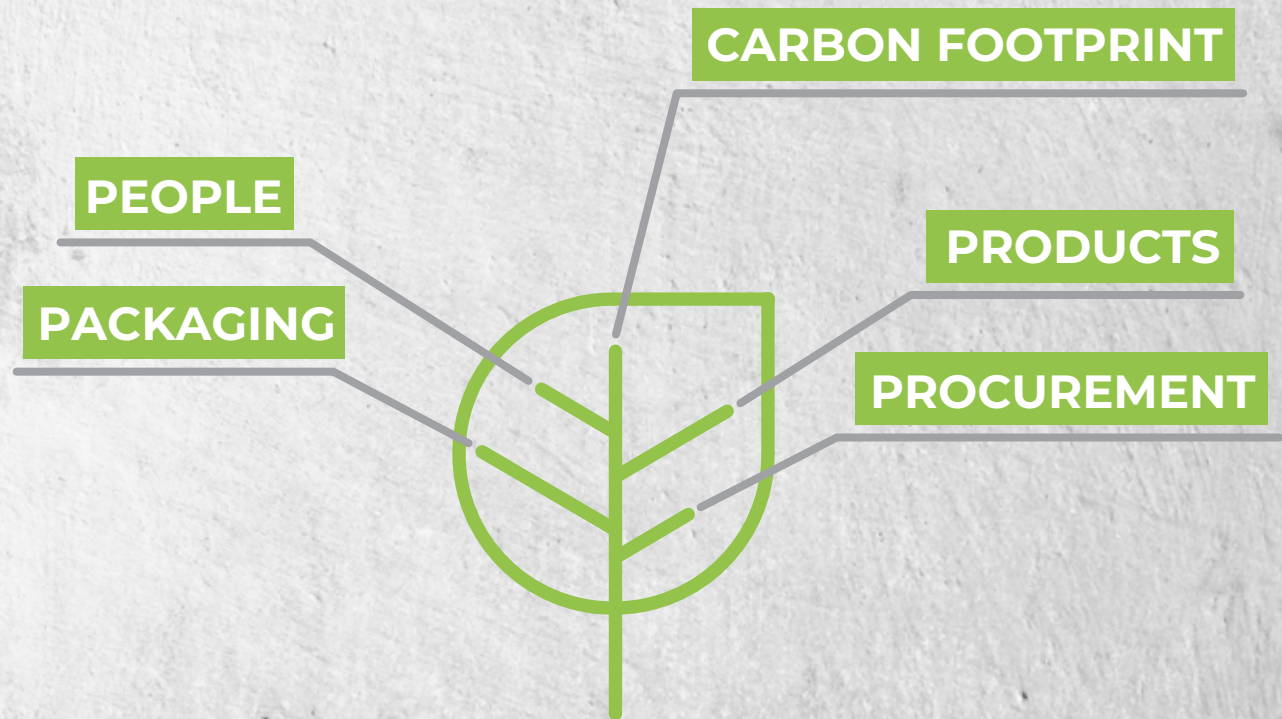
we.respect is our sustainability manifesto: Sustainability is interwoven through all aspects of Berger Textiles' operations. This journey started many years ago and has already taken us down new roads, brought new ideas and driven us to create new products. It is a road that we continue to travel on, making continual improvements as we go.

As a Spandex Group company, Berger Textiles' Sustainability Strategy is focused on five areas, aligned to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and underpinned by the high ethical standards we hold ourselves to.

- **People** | Protecting our most important asset
- **Carbon Footprint** | Reducing carbon emissions
- **Products** | Increasing recycled content and working towards a cradle-to-cradle approach for the whole range
- **Packaging** | Reducing packaging, improving recyclability and circularity
- **Procurement** | Procuring products and materials responsibly

Strategy overview

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more than products



Our employees are our biggest asset and their health and welfare is of paramount importance. Our focus areas are:

- ✓ Maintaining **high standards of health and safety**
- ✓ Improving the **gender and cultural balance of our teams**
- ✓ Ensuring all **our employees feel empowered and able to express their opinions** and viewpoints



Calculating the carbon footprint of our business will help us identify our decarbonization activities. By calculating the CO₂ footprint of our products we will know where to focus future product development



In order to improve the sustainability profile of our products we are working on three main areas.

- ✓ **Reducing the usage of new virgin material**
- ✓ Finding a solution to **close the loop**, creating a cradle-to-cradle approach for the whole range
- ✓ Sourcing from **suppliers with high ethical standards**



We have several initiatives to **reduce the quantity of our packaging and to improve its recyclability**. For example, across the full EVO range, we have substituted plastic end caps with cardboard and for tubed rolls, we offer the option of untubing the material and recycling the cardboard packaging.



An extension of our commitment to our people, procurement forms a cornerstone of our sustainability strategy. In order to uphold the principles of the UN Global Compact on responsible procurement we have joined the SEDEX platform. This allows us to continuously review our supply chain to ensure we are procuring our products and services responsibly.



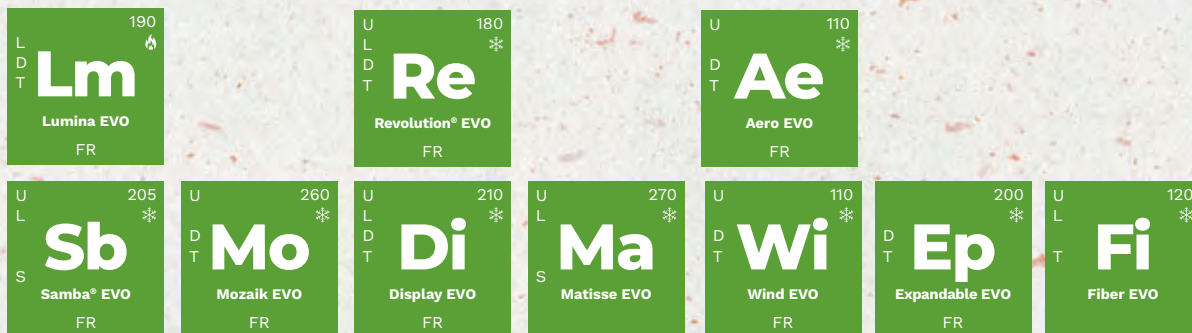
EVO

The **EVO range represents the Evolution of our products: a complete set of textiles produced using GRS* certified recycled yarn** that cover all the applications across the Soft Signage market. In line with with our vision to **close the loop with a cradle-to-cradle approach**, the EVO range reduces the use of new virgin material as it is produced using recycled PET. In addition, all the products are REACH compliant, PVC-free, phthalate-free and have a water-based coating.

The EVO range is an evolution to more sustainable materials that don't compromise on performance.

The range includes the following products:

- **Lumina Evolution / Samba Evolution:** for applications in backlit frames
- **Mozaik Evolution:** an outstanding black-back textile perfect for exhibitions
- **Revolution Evolution / Display Evolution:** display textiles for frontlit applications
- **Matisse Evolution:** for all your artistic printing needs
- **Aero Evolution / Wind Evolution:** for high performance flags
- **Expandable Evolution:** when you need some stretch
- **Fiber Evolution:** a non-woven banner also for promotional outdoor use



**Full EVO range, aside from Fiber EVO which is made from recycled PET fibers instead of PET yarn.*

Our product evolution

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ked.eco
the sustainable flat keder





ked.eco

ked.eco is the alternative to silicone or PVC keder.

lifecycle

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Polyester
textile waste.



Ked.eco is made from recycled polyester textile and it's recyclable to make **ked.eco** again and again.

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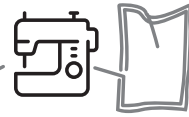
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Your textile waste becomes **ked.eco**. No matter the ink used to print your polyester textiles.

03

Sewn onto a new polyester textile.



Thanks to its innovative texture, **ked.eco** can be used in your current sewing machinery. No need to change or upgrade.

04

Recycled together.



No need to separate! Your textiles with **ked.eco** can be recycled together.

Our product evolution

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All our EVO textiles produced using recycled PET yarn are GRS certified*.

We use a worldwide recognized certification to confirm the vision we have for our future development: another little piece of the puzzle that will help us in building the complete scenario.

The Global Recycled Standard (**GRS**) sets the criteria for third-party **certification of recycled materials and chain of custody**.

The GRS includes a 50% minimum recycled content percentage and **additional social and environmental** requirements related to processing and chemical use.

**Full EVO range, aside from Fiber EVO which is made from recycled PET fibers instead of PET yarn.*

GRS

Certifications

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Our entire cotton textiles range for Home Decoration and Fashion is available with GOTS certification to ensure safe and reliable applications in real life.

The Global Organic Textile Standard (**GOTS**) is the worldwide leading **textile processing standard for organic fibres**, including ecological and social criteria, backed up by independent third-party certification of the entire textile supply chain.



Certifications



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TEX®**

**STANDARD
100**

**D21-2509
Hohenstein HTTI**

www.oeko-tex.com





Berger Textiles' portfolio offers **37 OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100 certified textiles** on a total of 59 products (62,7%).

Products bearing the OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100 label have been **scientifically tested for the presence of harmful substances** and are a better and safer choice for your health.





All our textiles are REACH compliant.

The Regulation on the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals **(REACH)** is the main EU law to **protect human health and the environment from the risks that can be posed by chemicals.**

REACH

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We are pleased to announce that we have now calculated the carbon footprint of our best-selling product Samba, in collaboration with CarbonQuota, a leading advisor for carbon measurement.

This assessment has confirmed that Samba EVO, produced using recycled PET yarn, has a lower carbon footprint (-18%) if compared to the standard version. Furthermore, the wider information gathered by this CO2 footprint assessment has been key to driving future product development and innovation.

We will continue to roll out CarbonQuota assessments throughout our entire product range in due course.

Certifications

what's next?

This is the path we're on. We know the sustainability journey may present some challenges, but we are accelerating our progress.

We started with the calculation of the carbon footprint of our best seller Samba and we will continue this analysis with the rest of our portfolio. This is the first step to understanding where we can make improvements to reduce our overall footprint.

Waste reduction is also very important to us. We are pleased to have started a project which involves the transformation of your printed fabrics at the end of their life into recycled textile pellets. We are working with a specialist recycling company located in Europe, close to our facility, to minimise the carbon impact of transporting this waste. Customers working with us on this project will receive a waste recovery certificate.

Another important topic for us is supply chain due diligence. We are now a member of Sedex and we are going through the process of auditing our supply chain to ensure our suppliers operate to the highest standards of labour and human rights.

Join us on this path to a more sustainable future.





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