

## Sustainability Brief: ISO 14001 Environmental Management System

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#### What is ISO?

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) is made up of national standards institutes from countries large and small, industrialized and developing, in all regions of the world. ISO develops voluntary technical standards, which add value to all types of business operations. They contribute to making the development, manufacturing and supply of products and services more clean, safe and efficient. ISO standards serve to safeguard consumers and users of all types of products and services.

#### ISO 14001

ISO 14001 is an international standard for environmental management systems offering a common approach for all types and sizes of organizations to achieve and demonstrate sound environmental performance. The main objective of ISO 14001 is to help organizations manage the environmental aspects and impacts of their operations while always working toward continuous improvement. ISO 14001 is recognized and accepted worldwide.

The ISO 14001 standard addresses fundamental elements of a company's operations as they pertain to the environment, including system requirements and objectives, documentation, training, communication, operational control, corrective and preventive action, and other functions. These management tools enable an organization to control the environmental impact of its activities, products, or services.

An environmental management system represents a structured approach to setting environmental objectives and targets, achieving them, and demonstrating that they have been achieved. Fulfilling these requirements demands objective evidence, which can be audited to demonstrate that the environmental management system is operating effectively in conformance with the standard. ISO 14001 is an effective means for providing assurance to all interested parties that

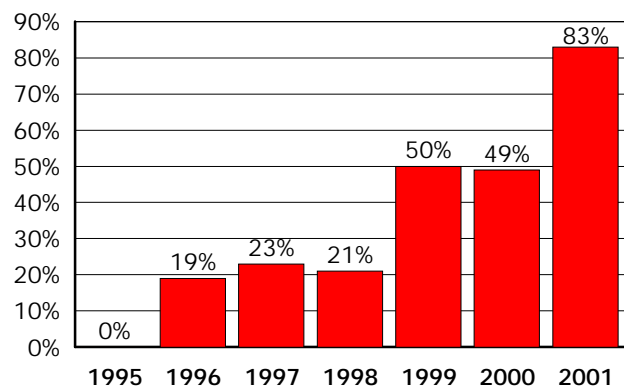
Interface is adhering to its environmental policies and procedures.

**Interface's Commitment—Confidence for Our Customers**  
Interface Flooring Systems and Interface Europe/Asia Pacific provide audited assurance that their environmental procedures, documentation and metrics meet the rigors of ISO 14001.

All Interface modular carpets worldwide are manufactured in factories that have audited and registered ISO 14001 environmental management systems.

#### Volume of Raw Materials through ISO 14001 Registered Facilities

Interface Modular Carpet Facilities - Worldwide



#### Why are We Committed to ISO 14001?

To assure ourselves and our customers that everything is being done to meet all regulatory requirements and that we are making progress toward our environmental goals.

## Commitments and Achievements

Interface Flooring Systems in Troup County, Georgia and Belleville, Ontario, Canada achieved and maintain registration to the ISO 14001 Environmental Management System. Facilities in Europe have achieved registrations under the British Standard Institute's BS 7750 in addition to ISO 14001. Interface facilities in Asia and Australia have also achieved and maintained ISO 14001 registration. Facilities in each of these locations also maintain registration to the ISO 9001 or 9002 Quality Management System standard. (See Interface Sustainability Brief on ISO 9001 for more information on this standard.)

In April, 2000 the U.S. Government issued **Executive Order 13148** - "Greening the Government Through Leadership in Environmental Management." The order requires that environmental management considerations be a fundamental and integral component of Federal Government policies, operations, planning and management. (See Interface Sustainability Brief on Executive Orders for more detailed information on Interface's work in this area). Environmental management systems, including ISO 14001, have also been endorsed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

As a further testimony and recognition of Interface's environmental efforts, the U.S. General Services Administration recognized the company in 2001 for its waste prevention, recycling and affirmative procurement policies with the **General Services Administration Evergreen Award**. Interface is pleased to carry on its strong and proactive relationship with our government customers. Interface has been an industry partner with GSA through an uninterrupted contract relationship since 1980. To date, Interface has sold more carpet tile to the Federal Government than any other supplier.

In addition to our successes with ISO registrations and our recognition by the GSA, Interface, Inc. is also proud to be the first company in the commercial interiors industry to commit to the **CERES Principles** (Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies) and to publicly issue a CERES report. CERES is a non-governmental organization that encourages corporations to be environmentally responsible and accountable. For information on CERES please visit their website: <http://www.ceres.org>, or see the Interface CERES reports (1998-2000) at <http://www.interfacesustainability.com/ceres.html>.

To learn more about Interface Flooring Systems products and services contact your local Interface Account Executive. Or visit us on the web at [www.interfaceflooring.com](http://www.interfaceflooring.com).

# Interface Flooring Systems-USA

1503 Orchard Hill Road  
LaGrange, GA 30241

with off-site facilities located at:

Kyle 1 Plant  
1503 Orchard Hill Road  
LaGrange, GA 30241

Kyle 2 Plant  
140 Glen Long Road  
LaGrange, GA 30241

1727 Shorewood Drive  
LaGrange, GA 30241

RCA Plant  
1200 O.G. Skinner Drive  
West Point, GA 31833

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## ISO 14001:1996

### ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

for the following scope of registration

The environmental management system of Interface Flooring Systems-USA associated with the production of modular floor coverings for commercial and institutional markets at 1503 Orchard Hill Road, LaGrange, GA, USA.

The off-site facility at Kyle 1 Plant, 1503 Orchard Hill Road, LaGrange, GA, USA performs: backing, cutting and packaging.

The off-site facility at Kyle 2 Plant, 140 Glen Long Road, LaGrange, GA, USA performs: backing, cutting, boxing, weaving and beck dye.

The off-site facility at 1727 Shorewood Drive, LaGrange, GA, USA performs: finished goods warehouse.

The off-site facility at 1200 O.G. Skinner Drive, West Point, GA, USA performs: warping, tufting and pre-coat.

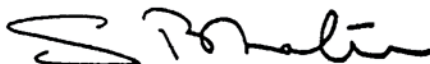
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