

Sustainability Brief: Beyond the Surface

Building a sustainable Enterprise, one innovation after another.

Interface seeks to become the first sustainable corporation on the planet and that's just the beginning.

Interface was founded in 1973 by Ray Anderson. We were pioneers from the start -- the trailblazers of the modular carpet industry across the globe. A generation later, we're pioneering products and services that will help you get more value from your facility and your time, while leaving more opportunity for future generations.

Such a visionary approach to redefining industrial systems and interiors is impossible to distill into sound bites, or to see from the surface of our products. Interface Flooring Systems has developed the attached collection of information rich **Sustainability Briefs** to give you a glimpse beyond the surface to the depth of our vision, leadership, commitment and progress.

Leadership - Interface's approach to sustainability is comprehensive, globally recognized and delivers new forms of great design. Interface and our Chairman, Ray Anderson, are creating the future through leadership in more global organizations, and have received more global awards and recognition than any other company in the commercial interiors industry; including awards and recognition from the U.S. President, the United Nations, the National Academy of Science, Fortune magazine and the Wall Street Journal.

The Journey Begins - Interface's vision is driven by our customers and our people. Learn about the history of sustainability at Interface and our globally recognized **Seven Fronts to Sustainability**.

Renewable Energy - No other commercial interiors company has invested in 4 major on-site solar power generation facilities, purchases more certified green energy and offers certified "Climate Neutral" products. Interface is creating the renewable energy future through its involvement in the Pew Center on Global Climate Change, the Green Power Market Development Group and the U.S. EPA's Green Power Partnership

ISO 14001 - No other commercial interiors company has more facilities (all global carpet tile facilities) with third party registered ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems. These systems cover all aspects of the environmental performance of our facilities

including emissions, operating procedures, EcoMetrics documentation and recycled content. Third party assessors provide our customers, communities and management with the confidence of our existing and continuously improving environmental excellence.

Bio-polymers - No other commercial interiors company has introduced products using the first commercialized biopolymer fiber, polylactic acid (PLA). Interface announces the first of a crop of contract carpets and fabrics using bio-polymer fibers made from corn. Already available in modular carpet in Europe, contract fabrics and carpets containing PLA will be available in North America in 2002.

Recycled Content - No other floorcovering company has a greater breadth of offerings containing recycled content. All Interface Flooring Systems products can be specified with high levels of recycled content. Products containing GlasBac® RE recycled vinyl composite backing contain a minimum of 39% total recycled content with a minimum of 19% post-consumer content.

LEED™ - No other commercial interiors company can provide more options for assisting clients in achieving certified green buildings as defined by the LEED Green Building Rating system. Interface offers carpets, fabrics, access flooring, carpet adhesives and floor care products designed to contribute to greener buildings.

Executive Orders: Greening the Government and a Company - No other commercial interiors company is addressing a greater breadth of the "Greening the Government" Executive Orders. These orders offer a broad framework for action for Federal, State and local government, as well as business and industry. Executive Orders 13101, 13123, 13134, and 13148 explicitly direct government to reduce waste and pollution, buy environmentally preferable products, increase energy efficiency and renewable energy, promote bio-based materials and implement rigorous environmental management systems.

Environmental Products & Services - Interface follows sustainable design principles to develop a full range of product and service solutions designed to take less from the environment while continuing to provide optimum performance and value. Refer to this Sustainability Brief for specific product and service offerings.