

## ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

**Fast Engineering Ltd practices the following activities in the implementation of its environmental & sustainability policy:**

1. We aim to follow and promote good sustainability practice, to reduce the environment impact of all our activities and to help our customers and suppliers to do the same.
2. We are committed to designing and manufacturing, to the highest quality standard, products which are used worldwide for environmental protection.
3. We endeavour to ensure that all our employees are aware of the implications of their activities on the environment. We provide training to enable them to comply with our environmental & sustainability policy.
4. We continually strive to minimise the effects of our activities on the environment particularly in the following areas:
  - 4.1 Energy
    - We are open to renewable energy sources and generate most of our own electricity to power our manufacturing plant by means of a wind turbine located in the factory forecourt and 90 solar panels on our south facing roof with a maximum output of 22.5 Kw .



- We endeavour to achieve the most efficient use of electricity/gas/water both within production and non-production areas. We use low energy LED lighting throughout our premises.
- 4.2 Air
    - We try to minimise vehicle air pollution by using the most efficient combination of carriers and our own vehicles for collection and delivery.
    - We ensure all company vehicles are correctly maintained and fuelled to minimise pollution.
    - We use a heat exchanger to ensure excess heat is utilised and heat loss minimised.
  - 4.3 Paper
    - We try to minimise our use of paper and other office consumables, for example double-siding all paper used and using recycled paper whenever practical.
    - Wastepaper and cardboard are recycled.
  - 4.4 Plastic
    - We are committed to removing plastic from our processes and have introduced aluminium in place of plastic product components.
    - The polythene we use in our liners contains at least 30% recycled materials.

#### 4.5 Packaging

- We use cartons made from recycled paper where practical.
- We further ensure that packaging is not over specified for the task it has to fulfil.
- Any plastic bags we use contain at least 30% recycled materials.
- We endeavour to use and design reusable and practical packaging like the EzeeBOX®.
- We encourage our customers to recycle any cardboard packaging.



#### 4.6 Production consumables

- We order materials of a size that ensures minimum wastage in the manufacture of our **FASTANK** and **FASTASLEEP** products, we give consideration to utilising off-cut materials so as to bring waste to absolute minimum levels; aluminium off-cuts are recycled, and fabric off-cuts are utilised to make packaging straps and smaller sized product components.
- Production procedures are regularly monitored and evaluated to ensure minimum wastage of production consumables.

#### 5. Travel

- We have reduced the number of trade shows and overseas visits we attend to reduce our carbon footprint.
- Where possible meetings are all carried out virtually via Zoom or Microsoft Teams.

5. We are committed to the continuous evaluation of our environmental & sustainability policy and to adopting new methods of improving our activities in relation to their impact on the environment. Sustainability is a living thing and we pledge to continually do more.

6. We are committed to providing the resources required to implement our environmental & sustainability policy.

7. The Managing Director is ultimately responsible for the implementation of this policy.



Approved By:

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