Environmental Statement

The Greenest Playgrounds on the Planet

SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability doesn’t mean making sacrifices. In fact, when you start looking at design and production from the viewpoint of sustainability, it’s actually an opportunity! At KOMPAN, sustainability isn’t just an added benefit, it’s built into all products, right from the very beginning.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

When the world’s leading playground provider goes the extra mile for the environment, it matters! That’s why we constantly optimize our materials and production processes to take sustainability to even higher levels. It’s not just about getting better at what we do - it’s about striving for the ultimate; creating value for our customers and the environment and innovating for a better world.

In addition, KOMPAN has implemented an environmental policy that constantly challenges the conventional ways of addressing this extremely important topic. We also require our suppliers to support us by doing the same!

As a result of our environmental policy, KOMPAN products are easy to separate into their different constituent materials and then recycle, or dispose of, when they reach the end of their life cycle.

KOMPAN uses recycled materials in more than 70% of our products and 95% can be recycled at the end of their life cycle:

- **HDPE Panels: EcoCore™**
  - 80% recycled content
  - 100% recyclable after use

- **Molded Plastic Panels**
  - (Roto-/Blow/Injection molded)
  - 100% recyclable after use

- **Steel & Stainless Steel**
  - 30% recycled content
  - 100% recyclable after use

- **Aluminum**
  - 100% recyclable after use

- **Cardboard Packaging**
  - 80% recycled content
  - 100% recyclable after use

KOMPAN Manufacturing • ISO 9001, ISO 14001 & OHSAS 18001

At KOMPAN we are proud to be the holders of the most-recognized green certificates. These designations prove our commitment to meeting the most rigorous standards for environmentally responsible manufacturing.
A Breakthrough in GREEN Playground Design - EcoCore™

**NEW EcoCore™**
- Core produced from 100% recycled material
- Recyclable after use
- Lifetime warranty

Our environmental responsibility efforts are directed into all possible areas and processes – with particular focus on areas where we can make the biggest impact and create the most value. We use FSC® certified wood as well as recyclable steel and aluminum. But it doesn’t stop here. We recently transitioned all our widely used HDPE panels to the new EcoCore™: a highly durable, eco-friendly material, which is not only recyclable after use, but also consists of a core produced from 100% recycled material! It is still, of course, covered by our lifetime warranty.

**KOMPAN Playgrounds Have Always Been PVC Free!**

Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) is a plastic that is used in making pipes for plumbing. However, many playground manufacturers use a softened form of PVC to coat metal parts, such as decks, handrails and hand rings. Not only does the production of PVC release dioxins, which are known to be linked to cancer, but the process of making the PVC soft involves the use of phthalates, which have been linked to potential health hazards. Besides being harmful to our bodies, PVC is also harmful to the environment. Recycling PVC is difficult and it usually ends up in landfills. KOMPAN is proud to say that our products have always been free of PVC and phthalates.

**Limited Use of Paint**

Powder coating is a common method of adding color to playground equipment. When the surface coating chips, however, the metal is exposed to corrosive elements and requires additional maintenance. One of KOMPAN’s philosophies is to minimize the amount of paint on our equipment and instead use solid-colored materials. The hot dip galvanization method that KOMPAN uses on its steel and aluminum parts, results in zero waste.

**Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design**

KOMPAN supports the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program and can assist in achieving LEED certification for your project. KOMPAN equipment utilizes recycled materials, which can be applied toward attaining LEED credits 4.1 and 4.2.