

Milford Industries



Australian Packaging Covenant Action Plan July 2011 – July 2016

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Milford Industries is a new signatory to the Australian Packaging Covenant and as a result have taken a 'global' approach in embracing the requirements of the covenant.

We plan firstly to setup the infrastructure needed to successfully manage this project whilst also implementing the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines in design and procurement of new packaging as part of this submitted plan.

Once baseline data has been established for current packaging we will conduct a comprehensive review of this packaging that will aim to identify areas of improvement that we have not otherwise seen.

This submitted plan underlines our ongoing commitment to optimising the packaging requirements for our products in line with the needs of our customers, suppliers and environment.

Greg Spooner
General Manager

Company summary/history

Milford Industries has always been the clear leader in vehicle load restraint devices. For more than 40 years, Milford has successfully designed, tested and manufactured its unique range of products to the highest possible standards. During this time, the Milford name has become synonymous with the Cargo Barrier product. Always the innovator and leader, we hold a vast portfolio of Australian and International patents, designs and trademarks.

Milford's commitment to quality and performance is second to none being accredited to the international quality standards of ISO9001, ISO14001 along with the highest automotive standard of TS16949. We are also certified by the peak testing authority in Australia, the National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA). We also enjoy strong industry affiliations with the Australian Automotive Aftermarket Association (AAAA), the Speciality Equipment Market Association (SEMA) and the Federation of Automotive Products Manufacturers (FAPM).

Milford products are specified by name by the vast majority of premier vehicle fleets, enthusiasts and family drivers. As a result, we have the largest range of VLR (vehicle load restraint) products worldwide with a range of more than 200 Cargo Barriers, Gear-Safes and Safety Nets to suit all manner of Passenger, Light Commercial, 4WD and Sports Utility Vehicles.

We distribute our products through a network of specialist wholesalers, fleet outfitters and stockists. Australian owned and operated, our facilities are locally positioned to ensure the best possible level of response and service is available at all times.

Milford also design, test and manufacture Cargo Barriers, Towbars and Safety Nets for all major car companies whether for OE (Original Equipment) use or for distribution by their Parts and Accessories divisions. We also develop speciality products for use in the Defence, Surveillance, Law, Mining and Mobility sectors.

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Schedule for packaging reviews

Given the vast nature of our product range with varying shapes and sizes of product there is an array of packaging used not only to supply and distribute finished goods but also packaging used by our suppliers and between Milford Industries and our subcontractors.

This can range from cartons to shrink wrap and plastic bags, all of which will be individually identified as part of this plan and scrutinized under the SPG.

Detailed Action Plan

Covenant performance goals and KPIs	Actions	Responsibility	Baseline data	Target or performance goal	Timeline/ milestones (MM/YY)
<p>Goal 1. Design – optimise packaging to achieve resource efficiency and reduce environmental impact without compromising product quality and safety</p> <p>Target: 70% of Covenant signatories with documented policies and procedures for evaluating and procuring packaging using the SPG or equivalent</p> <p>Target: 70% of Covenant signatories assessing 100% of new packaging and 50% of existing packaging against the guidelines</p>					
<p>KPI 1 Proportion of signatories in the supply chain implementing the SPG for design or procurement of packaging</p>	<p>1.1) To identify ALL current packaging categories used for ALL products in range to be used in subsequent reviews</p> <p>1.2) To review 25% of identified packaging against SPG starting with products with high turnover</p> <p>1.3) To review a further 25% of identified packaging against SPG</p>	<p>David Stanes</p> <p>Ian Garside</p> <p>Ian Garside</p>	<p>Not yet begun</p> <p>Not yet begun</p> <p>Not yet begun</p>	<p>Data uploaded onto sharepoint site</p> <p>Actions set to reduce packaging against benchmark will contribute to our next APC action plan</p> <p>Actions set to reduce packaging against benchmark will contribute to our next APC action plan</p>	<p>Feb 13</p> <p>July 15</p> <p>July 16</p>
<p>Goal 2. Recycling – the efficient collection and recycling of packaging</p>					
<p>KPI 3 Proportion of signatories with on-site recovery systems for recycling used packaging</p>	<p>3.1) To implement a measurable system for packaging recovery system</p> <p>3.2) To include recovery system into global audit schedule</p>	<p>David Stanes</p> <p>Ian Garside</p>	<p>Not yet begun</p> <p>Not Yet Begun</p>	<p>To achieve known quantities to establish baseline data and an auditable system</p> <p>To be able to report on performance of recovery system and identify areas for improvement</p>	<p>Mar 12</p> <p>May 12</p>

KPI 4 Proportion of signatories with a policy to buy products made from recycled packaging	4.1) Change the current 'Energy Conservation' document to 'Resource Sustainability' and include the commitment / policy of use of recycled products with particular attention to packaging, where practicable	Ian Garside	Complete	To embed our commitment to the APC and conservation of our natural resources in the processes of our day to day activities.	Jan 12
	4.2) To update the current 'Purchasing' process to reference the newly created document	David Stanes	Not yet begun	To be able to measure and report on proportion of recycled packaging and material	Sep 12
Goal 5. Product stewardship – a demonstrated commitment to product stewardship by the supply chain and other signatories (Target: 70% of Covenant signatories are implementing formal policies and procedures in working with others to improve design, procurement and recovery of packaging)					
KPI 6 Proportion of signatories that have formal processes for working with others to improve design and recycling of packaging	6.1) Full review of documented design and procurement processes and determine whether design improvement and recycling and recyclability is currently included	Leigh Hillier	Not yet begun	Establish if there are any current requirements and if there is an opportunity to improve our current activity	Oct 13
KPI 7 Proportion of signatories demonstrating other product stewardship outcomes	7.1) To negotiate a 'whole of business' contract with a waste management/recycling partner NOTE: This item reviewed – plan revised as existing waste management process is adequate.	David Stanes	Complete	To consolidate our waste management and recycling activities ensuring nothing gets missed.	Nov 11
	7.2) To update the current waste management procedure to include recycling with particular attention to packaging	Ian Garside	Not yet begun	To establish an auditable and measurable system of managing and recycling of waste and packaging	Nov 11
	7.3) To include 'waste management and recycling' in the global audit schedule	Ian Garside	Not yet begun		Establish baseline of customers commitment to recycling
			Not yet		Jan 15

	7.4) Investigate the % of customers that have packaging recycling programs in place	Leigh Hillier	begun		
KPI 8 Reduction in the number of packaging items in litter	8.1) Investigate range of current packaging used to determine if recycled and recyclable logo's are used	Bob Hutton	Not yet begun	To create baseline data for improvement	July 13
	8.2) Commence marking of packaging with logo's to educate customers of their responsibility to recycle	Peter Walker	Not yet begun	Fitting and user instructions include recycling requirement	Jul 14