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## Sustainability Fact sheet

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### Don't just take our word for it: Globally certified and recognised

Electrolux has a longstanding reputation for its strong commitment to sustainability. Several indices rank Electrolux highly for its social and environmental performance including the Dow Jones World Index, and its product offerings meet and exceed international standards and norms such as ECA, Gastec and EIA.

### Global Recognition

#### Dow Jones Sustainability World Index

In 2012 Electrolux has, for the sixth consecutive year, been included in the prestigious Dow Jones Sustainability World Index, the first index which comprises the world's leading companies driven by a responsible and sustainable approach. This places Electrolux within the top 10% of the 2,500 companies included in the Dow Jones Global Indexes with regard to long-term economic, environmental and social performance. Electrolux has further improved its DJSI score since last year, whilst remaining the only company in the Durable Household Products category to qualify for the DJSI World.

#### Sustainability yearbook SAM (Sustainable Asset Management)

In 2009, Electrolux received mention as Sector Leader, Silver Class and Sector Mover in the yearly reference work 'The Sustainability Yearbook' published by Sustainable Asset Management (SAM). SAM is among the world's leading institutions specialising in sustainability investment and management the foremost indexes on corporate sustainability, the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes.

#### KLD Global Climate 100

Electrolux is included in the KLD Global Climate 100 index that identifies the 100 companies in the world with the greatest potential for mitigating immediate and long-term causes of climate change. KLD, in partnership with the Global Energy Network Institute (GENI), created the KLD Global Climate 100 index to aid sustainable investments.

#### FTSE 4 Good

Since 2000, Electrolux has been included in the FTSE4Good stock index which measures and rewards the performance of companies that meet globally recognised corporate responsibility standards. FTSE is an independent company held by the London Stock Exchange and Financial Times.

#### Sustainable Energy Award

In 2007, the European Commission awarded the Sustainable Energy Award to Electrolux in the 'Corporate Commitment' category, for its ongoing efforts to reduce energy consumption in factories, products and services.

#### WWF

Since 1993 Electrolux in Italy and WWF Italia have partnered to raise awareness of the importance of sustainable practices and spur innovation. This cooperation began when alliances between non-governmental organizations and business were deemed unconventional. Together, Electrolux in Italy and WWF Italia developed an ambitious set of environmental criteria that Electrolux products must meet to earn the WWF Panda seal, which helps customers make environmentally preferable choices.

#### United Nations Global Compact

Electrolux is a participant in the United Nations Global Compact, an international initiative that brings together companies, UN agencies, labour and civil society to promote ten principles in the areas of human rights, labour, the environment and anti-corruption.



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## Worldwide Certifications

Electrolux Professional's range comprises of highly efficient and sustainable solutions, certified worldwide by international bodies and organisations. Electrolux designs and produces equipment with reduced water, energy and detergent consumption.

### UK - ECA (Enhanced Capital Allowance)

[www.eca.gov.uk](http://www.eca.gov.uk)

Certification is bestowed to the most efficient products in terms of energy savings. These products are checked and included in the ETL (Energy Technology List), which certifies their high energy efficiency. The products listed in the ETL offer significant long-term financial benefits and reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

### The Netherlands - EIA (Energy Investment Allowance)

[http://www.senternovem.nl/eia/eia\\_energy\\_investment\\_allowance.asp](http://www.senternovem.nl/eia/eia_energy_investment_allowance.asp)

This tax relief programme provides direct financial incentives to Dutch companies that invest in energy-saving and sustainable equipment.

### The Netherlands – GASTEC

<http://www.1kiwa.com>

Kiwa Gastec is a European leader in the field of testing and certification of gas related products. The Kiwa Gastec certification tests and certifies both products and quality management systems. It assesses the safety, efficiency and quality of safety and control devices, distribution, installation of pipe systems and appliances. air-o-steam® ovens by Electrolux Professional achieved a double Gastec certification, both for high efficiency and reduced pollutant emissions (CO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>).

### Denmark – GO' ENERGI

<http://www.savingtrust.dk/>

The Danish Energy Saving Label Go' Energi is an independent, public organisation under the Danish Ministry of Climate and Energy, promoting a more efficient use of electricity.

### USA - ENERGY STAR

<http://www.energystar.gov>

Joint program of the U.S. Environmental Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy, helping save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices.

### ITALY – Energy Classification Label

With the voluntary energy labeling system E.C.E. (Energy Classification Label) CECED Italia, the national committee of domestic and professional equipment manufacturers, anticipates the future European legislation for energy classification. The applicability of the protocol has been verified by IMQ Test laboratories to certify the energy efficiency.



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## From design to recycling

**The Electrolux Professional approach to sustainable development is all-encompassing and takes into consideration the environmental impact of its products throughout their life cycles, from design to recycling.**

### Design

Design focused on the entire life cycle underpins an integrated approach to safeguard the environment. The main focus is on developing and promoting water and energy efficient products; as the greatest portion of the Group's carbon footprint occurs when products are in operation. Green products must also guarantee minimum consumption of water and detergents, use eco-compatible materials and be assembled to facilitate disposal and recycling.

### Production

All Electrolux Professional factories have had the ISO 14001 environmental certification since 1995. This commits each facility to a continuous improvement process regarding quality of the environment. Since 1996, water and energy consumption for each product has been reduced by 50% and 20% respectively.

**CERTIFICATION** by the Management Health System and safety working environment BS OHSAS 18001: In 2012, the Italian Electrolux Professional production headquarters plant in Vallenoncello was certified with the BS OHSAS 18001, which recognises safety practices at all levels of the organisation, and the commitment of continuous improvement which go beyond requirements of the law.

### Materials

An important factor in our choice of materials is to eliminate and avoid adverse health, safety and environmental impacts. In order to ensure that the materials going into its products are sustainable and sound:

- Electrolux optimizes material use in the manufacturing of our products for resource efficiency and easy recyclability.
- The Restricted Materials List (RML) defines which chemicals are banned and restricted in Electrolux products.
- The chemicals management system outlines how to handle chemicals used in the production of Electrolux products. It is a part of the ISO 14001 certification process.

Electrolux strives to be a step ahead of legislation, such as EU's RoHS and similar laws in China, Japan and the US. To protect the interests of customers and employees, Electrolux must have knowledge of the substances that go into its products. The Restricted Materials List (RML) is designed to facilitate this.

**RML (restricted material list), Reach and RoHS:** The RML incorporates and implements strict internal policies which are more confining than current law provisions. The RML also rules the allowed components and materials, ensures the implementation of the European RoHS directive of the REACH ordinance (adopted in 2003 by the European Community), and prepares for the reduction of dangerous substances in compliance with European regulations and national laws on chemical safety. In abiding by, and qualifying with, the environmental policy on chemicals (more restrictive rules than that of European regulations), Electrolux Professional has been named as a prestigious exporter of "environmental sensitivity", which also includes their suppliers, who also must meet the same regulations.



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### **Suppliers**

Compliance with the Electrolux Code of Conduct and Environmental Policy is non-negotiable for Electrolux suppliers. Electrolux Professional chooses its suppliers worldwide assessing not only product quality, but also their environmental impacts and labour practices, encouraging their ethical, sustainable behaviour.

### **Recycling**

Electrolux Professional guarantees a high level of components recyclability (up to 95%).