



## Statement on Environmental Issues

Vitalograph design, manufacture and market diagnostic and therapeutic instrumentation. These activities do not, per se, create a significant risk to the Environment, and therefore it is not viewed as an issue requiring specific management, such as embodied ISO 14001:1996.

Vitalograph is certified to BS EN ISO 9001/ EN46001 /EN13485.

Vitalograph does recognize the importance of addressing environmental issues, and these are addressed in procedures or by Management Practice as appropriate.

### Products

Written Guidelines are used at each stage of a product's design, and on regular reviews following its introduction to the market, which ensure environmental issues are examined; specifically these are:

- Avoidance, wherever possible, of materials known to have a detrimental impact on the environment
- Maximum use of recycled materials in the product itself
- Avoidance, wherever possible, of the use of materials whose production processes are known to damage the environment
- Maximized use of materials that can be recycled.

### Manufacturing Processes

Vitalograph carries out manufacturing processes, primarily software, electronic and mechanical assembly, which are viewed as having negligible impact on the environment, or harmful waste products.

### Packaging

Written design guidelines on packaging are used to reduce the impact:

- Maximum use of recycled material
- Avoidance, where possible, of non recyclable materials
- Where recycled material is not suitable, the use of bio-degradable material
- Minimize as far as possible the volume of packaging used, taking into account the product requirements
- Encouragement of customers to retain packaging for re-use, or for later return of product for repair/service

### Audit

Routine audits are carried out as part of the QMS as required by ISO 9001/EN13485 – these also include examination of Environmental issues, Health and Safety as well as the Quality Management aspects.

### General

The Company Secretary has been appointed to monitor environmental developments and to take action to ensure that Vitalograph's activities impact on the environment is minimized. Actions taken include:

- all clean cardboard and paper waste is collected for recycling at Vitalograph
- program in place to improve energy efficiency through premises management
- Use of home working where suitable to minimize unnecessary travel
- the use of electronic data transmission and storage to minimize the use of paper, where this is cost effective and available.

M. J. Garbe  
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