



Brintons

sustainable development





Sustainability is something we all strive to achieve. It's on everyone's mind. Knowledge is power and knowing where something comes from can give you comfort when it's sourced properly and skillfully produced. We encourage our clients to continue to ask questions and understand where and how products are made.

Since 1783 Brintons has owned and operated its own factories producing woven Axminster and Wilton carpets for commercial and residential interiors. Owning our own facilities gives us the unique opportunity to control every aspect of the process. As an environmentally-responsible company, Brintons is continuously evaluating its procedures and integrates improvements through each manufacturing process and over all aspects of our business, including raw material and energy use reduction, manufacturing waste and harmful emissions reduction, and recyclable products.

We utilize third party accreditations to ensure we are staying on top of the regulations set forth by local governments. Our products are tested by external companies and come with certifications we can stand behind. We also align ourselves and partner with like-minded companies in hopes that together we can make a difference.

The core meaning of sustainable development is evolution that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. The broader context of sustainability has defined key aspects to integrate into business. A number of concepts exist that are marketed under various labels.

Brintons consider that the fundamental approach is to have strategic focus across Economic Practice, Social Responsibility and Environmental Protection.

Economic Practice

Efficient Use of Materials - by managing the extraction and depletion of our natural resources

- a) Energy and Water monitoring and saving initiatives within our production units:
- The implementation of photovoltaic panels to save/reduce around 30% of the actual electricity consumption – 390 MWh/year at our Portuguese factory
 - Our Indian factory invested in and has been generating its steam for the production processes via a renewable energy biomass (agriculture waste) boiler since 2013
 - Rainwater harvesting allows for water usage within our dyeing process at our India Factory
- b) Invention and development of loom technology to significantly reduce yarn waste
- d) Utilization of package dye process to optimize yarn batch size (material and water efficiency)

Waste Management

Waste segregation or minimization and responsible handling to limit disposal via land fill and identify most effective solutions in the waste hierarchy sequence (prevention, minimization, reuse, recycling, energy, and disposal).

Circular Economy

- a) Product contains renewable content:
- Brintons prioritize the use of Wool, which is a natural, renewable fibre. As an overall weight contribution, wool represents a minimum of 50% of the total carpet weight.
- b) Product materials recycled content:
- Brintons include the use of recycled synthetic backing materials within woven carpet & tile
 - Brintons include the use of recycled wool blends within our yarn manufacture
 - Brintons include the use of a 100% recycled felt backing on our comfort back tiles
 - Brintons packaging is a 100% recycled cardboard centre tube and 100% recyclable polythene wrapping for carpet rolls and 100% recycled cardboard boxes for tiles
- c) Product or material re-use potential:
- Limited re-use or recycling opportunities have been identified
 - Product is often impractical to clean and distribute for direct re-use.
 - Brintons are core funders of Carpet Recycling UK; supporting initiatives for developing re-use programmes, recycling and ensuring land fill diversion via waste to energy applications <https://carpetrecyclinguk.com/>



Social Responsibility

Staff

A comprehensive set of policies to manage employee interactions (absence, appraisal review, dignity at work, flexible working, equal opportunities, etc.) These policies are used to support and maintain our compliance with international labour standards.

Supply Chain

- a) A formal supplier evaluation process – Environmental and Ethical Performance, H&S and Equality questionnaire
- b) Suppliers sign off against Brintons Ethical Code of Conduct and Anti-bribery Policy

Community/Customers

- a) Socio-professional integration of persons with disabilities (Protocol with local Association since 1996 within our Portuguese factory). Member of the Social Network of the City Hall which aims to promote initiatives aimed at improving the living conditions of citizens within the local region of Portuguese factory.
- b) Donations policy in kind for non-profit organizations, charities and projects:
- Monthly groceries are supplied to a residential school for children with disabilities within the local community to our India Factory
 - Building additional school rooms for schools within the local community to our Indian factory (So far 6 schools have had additional class rooms built)
 - Donations of TV's and computers to local community schools close to our Indian factory
- c) Product support advice, effective complaint investigation and resolution. High customer satisfaction levels.

Environmental Protection

Environmental Management

ISO4001 Management systems and Policy in place within production sites (Portugal & India). Supports core responsibilities for environmental compliance, resource monitoring and optimization, these are built into system objectives & targets covering:

- Waste monitoring & reduction with diversion from Landfill
- Using recycled packaging materials (cardboard tubes and polythene wrapping)
- Energy & resource consumption monitoring to support targeted reduction initiatives to minimize or improve usage

Since July 2016, 370 trees provided and planted to support the Maharashtra government tree plantation programme supporting the local community to our India Factory.

Chemical Stewardship

Brintons chemical stewardship of both our production processes and manufactured products ensures compliance with legislation and the nonexistence of chemicals of concern that are often attributed to carpet manufacture. We work within the framework of the European REACH regulation, general COSHH management and we understand the chemical components of our products. Ultimately, process and product testing ensures we do not release or add environmentally or biologically harmful chemicals. Specifically, our products are compliant with Stockholm convention on POP's, California proposition 65, and REACH candidate list. There are no Phthalates, PFOS/PFOA's or PCB's in a Brintons Carpet.

Environmental Compliance

Brintons ensure compliance and maintain a register of Environmental Legislation Compliance obligations.





Brintons' manufacturing sites have environmental management systems in place; accredited to ISO 14001:2015 the International Environmental Management System, a structured framework for identification, control and improvement of environmental impacts.

For more information visit: www.iso.org



Brintons carpets contribute positively to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, which promotes global adoption of sustainable green building and development practices. Brintons products contribute to LEED certification in two categories:

- Rapidly Renewable Materials
- Low Emitting Materials

For more information visit: www.usgbc.org



Brintons' carpets are Green Label Plus certified by the Carpet and Rug Institute. This independent testing program identifies carpet with very low VOC emissions to help improve indoor air quality.

Having been members of the Green Label program for over 15 years, Brintons committed to both minimizing environmental impact and improving indoor air quality.

For more information visit: www.carpet-rug.org



Brintons is an active member of CARE (Carpet America Recovery Effort), a non-profit organization working to develop the infrastructure needed to recycle carpet efficiently across the US. We continually engage with clients about end of life for the carpet our products are replacing. We recommend contacting a local reclamation company to ensure that as much carpet as possible is diverted from landfills across the US. CARE can help find those local companies.

For more information visit: www.carpetrecovery.org

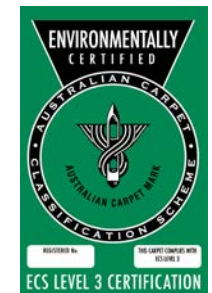
Brintons is a core founder and proud supporter of Carpet Recycling UK, an independent non-profit association working with manufacturers, distributors, contractors, retailers, fitters and the waste sector to divert carpet waste from landfill.

For more information visit: www.carpetrecyclinguk.com



Brintons carpets are certified with an ECS Level 3 certification. An extension of the Australian Carpet Classification Scheme (ACCS), the Environmental Certification Scheme provides a guide to the environmental performance of carpet. As a precondition of obtaining environmental certification, carpet manufacturers must comply with the Code of Practice for Environmental Management which provide performance standards for raw materials, carpet manufacturing, in-service use and final disposal.

For more information visit: carpetinstitute.com.au



Brintons carpets are certified Green Label in Singapore. Administered by the Singapore Environment Council (SEC) since 1999, the Singapore Green Labelling Scheme (SGLS) is Singapore's leading environmental standard and certification mark with over 3800 unique products certified across 43 countries. The scheme aims to help the public identify environmentally preferred products that meet certain eco-standards.

For more information visit: sgls.sec.org.sg



Brintons is proud to be the largest user of British wool in the UK. We source wool following ITWO sheep welfare guidelines and the majority of wool we purchase is via the British Wool auctions.

For more information visit: www.britishwool.org.uk





To support our commitment to advancing sustainability across our products and operations, our company and products are rated annually in MindClick's Sustainability Assessment Program (MSAP). We are proud to be a part of MSAP and to share our story with the A&D community through designforhealth.mindclick.com.

MSAP Rated Product Families

MSAP rates environmental and social performance throughout the product lifecycle. Brintons is rated as an MSAP Leader based on average ratings for the following product families.

Axminster 80/20 Wool/Nylon **LEADER** 180/200

Axminster 100% Nylon **LEADER** 160/200

* Product family is defined as all products which share the same material and chemical profile.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT designforhealth.mindclick.com

Average rating across all product families



Wool

Wool is the primary component of our products bringing a multitude of benefits and most importantly it's a sustainable material. Classed as Rapidly-Renewable wool carpets make a significant contribution to improve indoor living standards, conservation of energy and are ecologically friendly.

Brintons sources wool following IWTO (International Wool Textile Organization) sheep welfare guidelines. IWTO is the recognized global authority for manufacturing standards in the wool textile industry.

Brintons is a registered supporter of The Campaign for Wool which was started in 2010 by HRH The Prince of Wales with the purpose of renewing interest in and creating a greater awareness of wool's environmental credentials. Our CEO has signed The Dumfries House Declaration which is a ten-point declaration of intent to support an environmentally responsible, sustainable, and commercially viable wool industry.



THE CAMPAIGN FOR WOOL
PATRON: HRH THE PRINCE OF WALES

Naturals

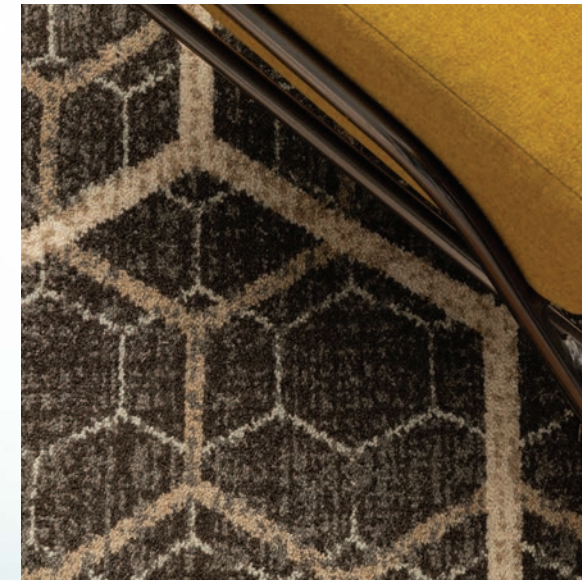
A QuickWeave Collection

In 1950 Brintons pioneered the 80% wool/20% nylon blend which is now a global industry standard. Understanding the fast paced requirements of today, along with keeping sustainability in focus, we are now offering a 100% undyed British Wool palette for our QuickWeave program. An eco-friendly alternative to synthetic or dyed yarns, 100% undyed wool is recyclable, biodegradable and uses less resources throughout the manufacturing process making it a more sustainable choice.

The special wool yarns are created by blending together fleece from different colored sheep or different parts of the sheep's body to create a set of 8 beautiful shades of neutrals.

By utilizing our QuickWeave program we are able to provide an expedited solution for fast turnaround projects combined with the beauty and eco-friendly option of 100% undyed British Wool. Some might say... *the best of both worlds.*

The Naturals collection and palette are available on our online design tool at dso.brintons.net





We acknowledge our corporate responsibility towards the environment and society. We are committed to the long-term aims of sustainable development. We aim to make a positive contribution to sustainability and will implement principles, objectives and management systems to help us achieve this aim and continuously improve our performance.



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