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WELCOME to the latest issue of the Recovynyl Newsletter including items on the success of the Recovynyl scheme and a request for information regarding products made from recycled PVC.

UK Recovynyl scheme - highly successful

The Recovynyl initiative has now been up and running in the UK for over 4 years. During this time the initiative has gone from strength to strength, building a network of accredited PVC recyclers and recruiting hundreds of collectors of post-use material across the UK. Currently there are 30 recyclers signed up to the scheme in the UK, providing coverage across the whole country.



The Recovynyl initiative was conceived to 'kickstart' PVC recycling and UK agents Axion Consulting set about organising a network of recyclers who could accept the material, publicising the scheme and recruiting collectors of post-use PVC. The past four years have seen impressive growth in the volume of PVC recycled under the scheme, from just over 6000 tonnes in 2005 to an estimated 50,000 tonnes or more in 2008 - helping to prove that PVC is a highly recyclable material. Recovynyl volumes are verified by independent auditors who provide quality, reliable data.



The success of Recovynyl has helped to improve PVC's environmental credentials, ensuring that specifiers consider PVC to be a sustainable product. Under the scheme, a range of PVC products are recycled, including windows, pipes, guttering and fascias. More recently, volumes of flexible PVC, from cabling and flooring have been on a steady rise.

Since it began in 2005, the European initiative has expanded its programme and now operates in 10 countries across the continent. The UK has made a very positive contribution by collecting and processing over 38% of the total material recycled by the scheme in Europe. As Roger Morton, Axion Director, comments: "The scheme is succeeding in ensuring that large volumes of PVC do not end up in landfill." "It has been very satisfying to see the scheme make such a positive contribution to PVC recycling and to deliver the message that this is a sustainable building material." adds Roger.

Most of the PVC recycled by the initiative is used to 'close the loop' and manufacture long life, high-grade products such as windows, pipes, conduits, flooring and safety products.

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Axion - Innovation in recycling

Alternative recycling route wanted for PVC Foil

Are you interested in recycling PVC foil? We have been contacted by a supplier in Eastern Germany who can offer 4000-5000te per year of post-industrial PVC foil.

Small surface defects mean these materials are rejects but it is still possible to use them for their original application.

Foils are supplied:

- in various colours with adhesive and a few without.
- with small quantities of PET-foils included (approx. 5-10%).
- on silicon paper rolls.

Interested?

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What happens to your plastic?

We would be very interested to hear about any examples of products made from material recycled by Recovinyl Recyclers.

Jane Gardner would like to put together a set of case studies to show that PVC is being recovered, recycled and reused to make new products.

Customer details would remain confidential as Jane only needs to know generally what the PVC is used for. We will be contacting you shortly to discuss what happens to your material.



Melba Swintex produce temporary traffic signs from recycled PVC