

■ 1976–March 2004

	The Ricoh Group's Major Activities		Society's Recognition of the Ricoh Group's Major Activities		Worldwide Trends
1976	Establishes Environmental Promotion Section			1971	Environment Agency set up Ramsar Convention adopted
1990 December	Sets up Environmental Administration Office			1977	United Nations Conference on Desertification held UNEP Conference held
1992 February March	Establishes Ricoh General Principles on the Environment FT5570 copier awarded the BAM (initial version)			1987	Montreal Protocol adopted
1993 March	Ricoh achieves total elimination of ozone-depleting substances (specific chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), specific types of halon, carbon tetrachloride, etc.).	1993 May	Ricoh UK Products' copier photosensitive drum recycling technology receives the Queen's Award in the U.K.	1991	Recovered Resource Use Promotion Law enacted
May	Announces the recycled product design basic policy and implements recyclable design level 1	September	Ricoh UK Products' power consumption reduction activities receive Business Energy Awards Grand Prize.	1992	UN Conference on Environment and Development (Earth Summit) held
May December	Launches materials labeling on plastic parts The Ricoh Group achieves total elimination of ozone-depleting substances (specific chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), specific types of halon, carbon tetrachloride, etc.).			1993	Energy Saving Law revised
1994 August November	Completes the Comet Circle concept Implements labeling of materials and grade on plastic parts	1994 May	Ricoh UK Products' copier photoconductor drum recycling technology receives the European Better Environment Award for Industry.		
1995 February October December	Holds First Ricoh Company Environment Conference Announces International Energy Star certified products Ricoh Gotemba Plant acquires ISO 14001 certification (the first certification given by a Japanese certification organization).	1995 March	Ricoh receives the Minister of International Trade and Industry Prize in resource-recovery development projects for its efforts in environment-conscious product assessment and recyclable designs.	1995	The First Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP1) held Law for Promotion of Sorted Collection and Recycling of Containers and Packaging enforced International Energy Star Program started
1996 July	Ricoh UK Products acquires BS 7750/ISO 14001 certification.	1997 March	Ricoh Corporation (the U.S.A.) wins Energy Star Copier Prize.	1996	ISO Environmental Auditing Standards of Environmental Management System established International Energy Star Award launched by EPA
1997 March	Sets management of 79 types of chemical substances	1998 December	Ricoh ranked number one in the Second Corporate Environmental Management Level Survey by the <i>Nihon Keizai Shimbun</i> newspaper.	1997	COP3 (Kyoto Conference) held Kyoto Protocol adopted
1998 April May October	Ricoh establishes the Recycling Division. Issues the <i>Ricoh Group Green Procurement Guidelines</i> Ricoh Fukui Plant achieves a 100% resource recovery rate (Zero-Waste-to-Landfill).	1999 November	Ricoh wins the IEA Demand-Side Management Award of Excellence in the recently created Copier of the Future Division for its energy-saving technology.	1998	Eco Partnership Tokyo Conference held Law concerning the Promotion of Measures to Cope with Global Warming enacted
1999 January September	Issues the <i>Ricoh Group Environmental Report 1998</i> Ricoh announces results of its first environmental accounting.	2000 March	Ricoh Corporation receives three awards from the Energy Star Program: 1) 2000 Energy Star Excellence in Consumer Education Award, 2) Labeling Partners of the Year Award, and 3) Office Equipment Partner of the Year Award (for the fifth consecutive year, the Energy Star Award).	1999	Revised Energy Saving Law enforced PRTR Law enacted
2000 January February	Ricoh acquires Eco-Mark certification for 28 copier models. Ricoh's digital multifunctional copier, the imagio MF6550, acquires Type III Environmental Impact Disclosure from BVQI (Sweden).			2000	Law Concerning the Promotion of the Procurement of Eco-Friendly Goods and Services by the State and Other Entities promulgated Basic Law for Establishing a Recycling-Based Society enacted Waste Management and Public Cleansing Law revised Law for the Promotion of Utilization of Recyclable Resources enacted Law Concerning the Promotion of the Procurement of Eco-Friendly Goods and Services by the State and Other Entities enacted
March	Holds the 1st Global Recycling Conference	June	Ricoh wins Grand Prize in the 10th Corporate Contribution to Society Awards organized by the Asahi Shimbun Foundation.		
2001 July December	Ricoh announces its participation in e-mission 55. imagio MF6550RC, an environmentally conscious digital copier, is marketed for rental use.	December	Ricoh ranks first for the third year in a row in the 4th Corporate Environmental Management Level Survey organized by the <i>Nihon Keizai Shimbun</i> .		
2002 January March	The first Ricoh Green Procurement Meeting is held. The Ricoh Group's main production sites in the world achieve a 100% resource recovery rate (Zero-Waste-to-Landfill).	2001 July	Ricoh receives the highest eco-rating of AAA in the photographic and office equipment categories from Innovest Strategic Value Advisors, a U.S.A. investment research company, and ranked first among nominees.	2001	Ministry of the Environment (Japan) established The first Conference on the Creation of Wa no Kuni held Law for Recycling of Specified Kinds of Home Appliances enacted Law Concerning the Promotion of the Procurement of Eco-Friendly Goods and Services by the State and Other Entities enforced in full scale
April September	Ricoh announces its participation in the UN Global Compact. Ricoh system acquires Type III Eco-Label certification from the Japan Environmental Management Association for Industry (JEMAI).	December	In a survey conducted by the Financial Times, a U.K. business newspaper, Ricoh is chosen by global CEOs as the world's seventh most respected company in the "most environment-conscious" category.		
November	The Noise Testing Center of Ricoh Omori Plant acquires ISO/IEC17025 certification from the NIST (the U.S.).	2002 May	Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by Ökom GmbH (Germany) .	2002	The World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Summit) held
December	The Ricoh Group implements the first commendation of the Ricoh Sustainable Development Award.	2003 April	Ricoh receives the Grand Prize in the 12th Global Environment Awards. Ricoh wins the 2003 WEC Gold Medal. Ricoh receives the Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry Award in the 6th Green Purchasing Awards.	2003	The EU Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) comes into effect. The EU Directive on the Restriction of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS) comes into effect.
2003 January June	Ricoh establishes the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Division. Ricoh establishes environmental regulations for paper products.	May November		2004	Tenth Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 10) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
2004 January	Ricoh implements Ricoh Group Code of Conduct and Ricoh Group CSR Charter.	2004 February	imagio Neo 752/602 series receives the Energy Conservation Center Chairman's Prize in the 14th Energy-Saving Awards.	2005	The Kyoto Protocol goes into force (February 16).

* For details, see Ricoh's web site. (<http://www.ricoh.com/environment/global/index.html>)

■ Fiscal 2004 (from April 2004 to March 2005)

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2004 April	A briefing on the revision to Ricoh Group's green procurement policy and certification system of the chemical management system (CMS) is held.	2004 April	<i>Ricoh Group Sustainability Report 2003</i> receives the Consistent Performance Prize at the Seventh Green Reporting Awards for the third year in a row.
April	All sales companies of the Ricoh Tohoku Group achieve Level 2 Zero-Waste-to-Landfill.	April	Ricoh Fukui Plant's fiscal 2003 environmental report wins the Prize for Site Reports at the Seventh Green Reporting Awards for the fourth year in a row.
May	Ricoh and FoE Japan sign an agreement on the Ricoh-FoE Japan Project to Conserve Taiga, the Northern Limit Habitat of Tigers, which is being carried out in the Russian Far East.	June	Ricoh ranks 19th in Businessweek's Global 500 list of the world's top companies (ranks second among Japanese companies).
June	Ricoh and JQA jointly implement a pilot program for the certification system for the information management of chemical substances contained in products.	July	Ricoh placed 11th in the Nikkei Business CSR Best 100 Company Ranking in total assessment.
June	Ricoh Group issues three interconnecting sustainability reports (<i>Environment Report</i> , <i>Corporate Social Responsibility Report</i> and <i>Annual Report</i>) for fiscal 2004 for the first time.	October	Tohoku Ricoh receives the 2004 Director's Prize for the plant with outstanding greening activities from the Tohoku Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry.
July	Ricoh Group holds the third parent-child nature school.	October	Ricoh receives the 2004 Director-General Prize for resource-recirculating technologies and systems from the Industrial Science and Technology and the Environment Bureau of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry for its recycling business involving used copiers.
August	The 15th Ricoh Company Meetings for Environmental Volunteer Leaders is held.	October	Iwate Ricoh wins the Chairman's Prize of the Reduce, Reuse & Recycle Promotion Council.
August	The Tokyo office of Ricoh Elemex Corporation achieves Zero-Waste-to-Landfill.	October	Ricoh Electronics (U.S.A.) receives the Year of the Award of the Waste Reduction Awards Program (WRAP) from the California Integrated Waste Management Board.
September	The Technology Center (Aichi Prefecture) of Ricoh Elemex Corporation achieves Zero-Waste-to-Landfill.	November	Ricoh Corporation (U.S.A.) receives the 2004 Green Contractor Award.
September	The third Ricoh Forest Seminar is held. The number of Ricoh forest conservation leaders totals 38.	December	Ricoh ranks first in the manufacturing division in Nihon Keizai Shimbun's 8th Corporate Environmental Management Level Survey for the fourth time.
September	Ricoh acquires System Certification of the Eco Leaf environmental label in the digital camera business.	December	The Ricoh Group's 2004 sustainability report (<i>Environmental Report</i> , <i>Corporate Social Responsibility Report</i> , <i>Annual Report</i>) given the Sustainability Report Excellence Award, Environmental Report Excellent Award, and Environmental Reporting Meister Award at the 8th Environmental Communication Awards.
September	The Aficio2060 ec/2075 ec, a high-speed multifunctional digital copier equipped with the HYBRID QSU energy conservation technology, is introduced. The copier achieves the world's first 10-second recovery time from energy-saving mode.	December	Ricoh Fukui Plant's fiscal 2004 environmental report awarded the Environmental Report Excellence Award at the 8th Environmental Communication Awards.
October	The Ricoh Group Environmental Principle is revised.		
October	Ricoh Ohmori Plant receives accreditation for its VOC testing laboratory for the first time as a manufacturer by the Federal Institute for Materials Research and Testing (BAM) in Germany.		
November	The Ricoh Group holds the 17th Nature Seminar. The number of Ricoh environmental volunteers totals 277.		
November	Ricoh Asia Pacific reports on the Ricoh Group's social contribution of environmental conservation at the General Meeting of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) held in Bangkok, Thailand.		
December	The Ricoh Group Participates in Eco Products 2004.		
December	The imagio Neo 350RC/450RC series of environmentally conscious digital copiers is introduced.		
2005 January	The 16th Ricoh Company Meeting for Environmental Volunteer Leaders is held.	2005 January	Ricoh selected as one of the World's Top 100 Sustainable Companies by the World Economic Forum (Davos Forum).
February	The 11th Ricoh Group's Sustainability Environmental Conference is held.	February	Ricoh given world's highest rating for corporate social responsibility in Germany's oekom research's Environmental Ranking in the category of IT/computers, peripherals, and other electronics.
February	The imagio Neo C355/285 series of digital color multifunctional copiers, which significantly reduce environmental impact based on the EU's RoHS directive, is introduced.	February	Ricoh Gotemba Plant receives the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry's Award (grand prize) in the electricity division for its outstanding energy conservation performance.
		March	Ricoh Fukui Plant receives the Excellent Sustainable Management Award of the Third Japan Sustainable Management Award sponsored by Mie Prefecture.
		March	Ricoh given AAA, the highest environmental rating, from the Tohatsu Evaluation and Certification Organization.
			Subsequent Events
		April	Ricoh receives the CRS Reporting Consistent Excellency Prize from Toyo Keizai Inc.