

The Ricoh Group's Environmental Conservation Activities

■ 1976–March 2006

	The Ricoh Group's Major Activities		Society's Recognition of the Ricoh Group's Major Activities
1976	Establishes Environmental Promotion Section	1993 May	Ricoh UK Products' copier photosensitive drum recycling technology receives the Queen's Award in the U.K.
1990 December	Sets up Environmental Administration Office	September	Ricoh UK Products' power consumption reduction activities receive Business Energy Awards Grand Prize.
1992 February	Establishes Ricoh General Principles on the Environment	1994 May	Ricoh UK Products' copier photoconductor drum recycling technology receives the European Better Environment Award for Industry.
March	FT5570 copier awarded the BAM (initial version)	1995 March	Ricoh receives the Minister of International Trade and Industry Prize in resource-recovery development projects for its efforts in environmentally-friendly product assessment and recyclable designs.
1993 March	Ricoh achieves total elimination of ozone-depleting substances (specific chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), specific types of halon, carbon tetrachloride, etc.).	1997 March	Ricoh Corporation (the U.S.A.) wins Energy Star Copier Prize.
May	Announces the recycled product design basic policy and implements recyclable design level 1	1998 December	Ricoh ranks number one in the Second Corporate Environmental Management Level Survey by the <i>Nihon Keizai Shimbun</i> newspaper.
May	Launches materials labeling on plastic parts	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.
December	The Ricoh Group achieves total elimination of ozone-depleting substances (specific chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), specific types of halon, carbon tetrachloride, etc.).	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).
1994 August	Completes the Comet Circle concept	June	Ricoh wins Grand Prize in the 10th Corporate Contribution to Society Awards organized by the Asahi Shimbun Foundation.
November	Implements labeling of materials and grade on plastic parts	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> newspaper.
1995 February	Holds First Ricoh Company Environment Conference	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.
October	Announces International Energy Star certified products	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 environmentally-friendly" category.
December	Ricoh Gotemba Plant acquires ISO 14001 certification (the first certification given by a Japanese certification organization).	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 oekom research AG (Germany) .
1996 July	Ricoh UK Products acquires BS 7750/ISO 14001 certification.	2003 April	Ricoh receives the Grand Prize in the 12th Global Environment Awards.
1997 March	Sets management of 79 types of chemical substances	May	Ricoh wins the 2003 WEC Gold Medal.
1998 April	Ricoh establishes the Recycling Division.	November	Ricoh receives the Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry Award in the 6th Green Purchasing Awards.
May	Issues the <i>Ricoh Group Green Procurement Guidelines</i>	2004 February	imagio Neo 752/602 series receives the Energy Conservation Center Chairman's Prize in the 14th Energy-Saving Awards.
October	Ricoh Fukui Plant achieves a 100% resource recovery rate (Zero-Waste-to-Landfill).	December	Ricoh ranks first in the 8th Corporate Environment Management Level Survey organized by the <i>Nihon Keizai Shimbun</i> newspaper (for the 4th time).
1999 January	Issues the <i>Ricoh Group Environmental Report 1998</i>	2005 January	Ricoh is selected as one of the Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World announced to coincide with the World Economic Forum (the Davos Meeting).
September	Ricoh announces results of its first environmental accounting.	July	Ricoh is given the world's highest rating for corporate social responsibility by oekom research AG of Germany in its Environmental Ranking of the IT industry.
2000 January	Ricoh acquires Eco-Mark certification for 28 copier models.	November	Ricoh's environmental advertisements are given the gold prize in the magazine category of the 45th Advertisement Beneficial to Consumers Contest.
February	Ricoh's digital multifunctional copier, the imagio MF6550, acquires Type III Environmental Impact Disclosure from BVQI (Sweden).		
March	Holds the 1st Global Recycling Conference		
2001 July	Ricoh announces its participation in e-mission 55.		
December	imagio MF6550RC, an environmentally-friendly digital copier, is marketed for rental use.		
2002 January	The first Ricoh Green Procurement Meeting is held.		
March	The Ricoh Group's main production sites in the world achieve a 100% resource recovery rate (Zero-Waste-to-Landfill).		
April	Ricoh announces its participation in the UN Global Compact.		
September	Ricoh system acquires Type III Eco-Label certification from the Japan Environmental Management Association for Industry (JEMAI).		
November	The Noise Testing Center of Ricoh Omori Plant acquires ISO/IEC17025 certification from the NIST (the U.S.A.).		
December	The Ricoh Group implements the first commendation of the Ricoh Sustainable Development Award.		
2003 January	Ricoh establishes the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Division.		
June	Ricoh establishes environmental regulations for paper products.		
2004 January	Ricoh implements Ricoh Group Code of Conduct and Ricoh Group CSR Charter.		
October	Ricoh Ohmori Office's VOC testing laboratory is certified by BAM in Germany, the first time such certification is ever given to a manufacturer.		
2005 May	Ricoh presents the Ricoh Sustainable Development Award at a science contest at the International Science & Engineering Fair (ISEF), which is held for high school students all over the world.		
July	Ricoh RS Products Division is given the Eco Rail Mark.		
August	Ricoh acquires China's Type I Environmental Label for the first time.		
December	Plant-based plastic is used in part of the housing for the imagio Neo 602ec/752ec, a high-speed multifunctional digital copier, which is the first time a plant-based plastic is used in the copier and printer industries.		
2006 February	Tohoku Ricoh starts resource-recirculating eco-packing, using used PET bottles as cushioning material.		
March	The Ricoh Group in Japan establishes the Management System for Chemical Substances Contained in Products.		

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

■ Fiscal 2006 (from April 2006 to March 2007)

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2006 May	Digital multifunctional color copier, imagio MP C4500/C3500, with Color QSU energy-saving technology is launched.	2006 April	The Ricoh Group receives the highest "AAA" environmental rating by the Tohatsu Evaluation and Certification Organization Co., Ltd., for two consecutive years.
May	Mr. Sakurai, president of Ricoh, gives a speech at a meeting between U.N. Secretary, Mr. Kofi Annan, and CEOs of Japanese companies participating in the United Nations Global Compact.	May	The Ricoh Group's 2005 sustainability reports (Environmental Report, Corporate Social Responsibility Report, and Annual Report) are given the Sustainability Report Excellence Award for CSR Report and Sustainability Report Excellence Award at the 9th Environmental Report Award.
May	Ricoh presents the Ricoh Sustainable Development Award at a science contest, the International Science & Engineering Fair (ISEF), which is held for high school students all over the world.	May	Ricoh Fukui Plant's 2005 Environmental Report is given a Continued Excellence Award for the Site Report at the 9th Environmental Report Award.
May	The 21st Ricoh Nature Seminar Elementary Course is held in Kyushu.	June	Ricoh is given an award as a Distinguished Contributor in Recycling by the Ecological Life and Culture Organization.
June	Ricoh Global Eco Action is held at all Group companies around the world.	June	Environmental volunteer group from Tohoku Ricoh is given an award as a Distinguished Contributor in Environmental Clean-Up from Shibata-machi in Miyagi Prefecture.
June	The first Ricoh Global Environment Month Symposium is held and is attended by companies and NPO personnel.	June	Okazaki Plant of Ricoh Elemex is given the Environmental Activity Award from Okazaki City in Aichi Prefecture.
July	The Management System for Chemical Substances Contained in Products is established in all Group companies around the world.	September	Kagawa Branch of Shikoku Ricoh is accredited as a Kagawa Prefecture Environment-Conscious Model Office.
July	Ricoh has been collecting used cartridges from GELJET printers by mail, and based on this result, gives a donation for the fourth time to the Woods of Magpies Project of the Green Earth Network.	October	Ricoh's resource-recirculating PET bottle rack wins the Large-sized Equipment Packaging Category Award at the 2006 Japan Packaging Contest held by the Japan Packaging Institute.
July	Ricoh's purchasing policy is explained at Shanghai Ricoh.	October	Toner type C2 for the imagio is given the Ecology Design Award (Minister of Economic, Trade and Industry Award) at the 2006 Good Design (G Mark) Award.
July	The fifth Ricoh parent-child nature school is held.	October	Ricoh Microelectronics is awarded the Incentive Award for Resource-Recirculating Technology & Systems by the Clean Japan Center.
September	The Ricoh Group companies in Europe participate in the European Mobility Week.	October	Digital multifunctional full-color copier, Aficio (imagio) MP C1500 series, receives the Silver Eco-Award at Eco-Products International Fair (EPIF) 2006.
September	The fifth Ricoh Forest Seminar is held in the Afan Forest in Kurohime, Nagao Prefecture. The number of Ricoh forest conservation leaders totals 56.	November	Ricoh is ranked the No. 1 company in Forest Conservation Level Ranking by S.P. farm corporation.
September	The 19th Ricoh Company Meeting for Environmental Leaders is held.	2007 January	Ricoh is chosen as one of the Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World (Global 100) by Corporate Knights Inc. of Canada for three consecutive years.
October	Completion ceremony for a factory to mass produce polymerized toner, "PxP toner," is held at Ricoh Numazu Plant.	January	Ricoh Asia Industry is given an award as the Excellent Company in Environmental Conservation by Shenzhen City.
October	The 23rd Ricoh Nature Seminar Elementary Course is held. The number of environmental volunteer leaders totals 379.	January	Digital multifunctional full-color copier, imagio MP C1500 series, receives the Energy Conservation Center Chairman's Award in the 17th Energy-Saving Awards.
October	Ricoh Asia Pacific and Ricoh Singapore participate in Eco-Products International Fair (EPIF) 2006.	February	North Plant of Ricoh Numazu Plant and Ricoh Atsugi Plant together receive the Kanto Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry Director-General's Award as excellent energy management plants.
November	Ricoh signs an official partnership contract with the National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation.	February	Ricoh Microelectronics receives the Chugoku Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry Director-General's Award as an excellent energy management plant.
December	Environmentally-friendly high-speed digital multifunctional copier, imagio Neo 751RC/601RC series, is launched.	March	Ricoh's Sustainable Environmental Management website is given an Award of Excellence in the 2006 Environment Goo Awards.
2007 February	The reforestation methodology promoted by Ricoh is approved at the United Nations CDM Executive Board.	March	Ricoh Group's 2006 sustainability reports (Environmental Report, Corporate Social Responsibility Report, and Annual Report) are given the Environmental Reporting Grand Prize (Minister of the Environment Award) in the 10th Environmental Communication Awards.
February	The 13th Ricoh Group's Sustainable Environmental Management Conference is held under the theme, "Enhancement of sustainable environment management."		
February	Environmentally-friendly digital multifunctional copier, imagio Neo 452RC/352RC series, is launched.		