

■ 1976–2009 (December)

	Ricoh Group activities
1976	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established Environmental Promotion Section
1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established Environmental Measures Section
1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established the Ricoh General Principles on the Environment FT 5570 copier obtained the Blue Angel accreditation (initial version)
1993	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designated chemical substances banned from use in our products Announced the recycled product design basic policy, implemented Recyclable Design Level 1 The Ricoh Group achieved total elimination of ozone-depleting substances (specific chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), specific types of halon, carbon tetrachloride, etc.)
1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed the Comet Circle, a concept for realizing a sustainable society Implemented labeling of materials and grade on plastic parts
1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Published the first edition of the Ricoh Environmental Management System Guidelines Announced International Energy Star certified products Ricoh Gotemba Plant acquired ISO 14001 certification (the first certification given by a Japanese certification organization)
1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Started to use Ricoh Environmental and Chemical safety Information System (RECSIS) Ricoh UK Products Ltd. acquired BS 7750/ISO 14001 certification
1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designated 79 types of chemical substances subject to control Released the Spirio 5000RM, the industry's first copier designed to be made exclusively from recycled parts
1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drew up the Ricoh Environmental Action Plan Integrated the functions of the Environmental Promotion Section and the Environmental Measures Section to establish the Social Environment Division (currently the Corporate Environment Division) Ricoh established the Recycling Division Issued the Ricoh Group Green Procurement Guidelines Ricoh Fukui Plant achieved a 100% resource recovery rate (Zero-Waste-to-Landfill)
1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Published the first issue of the Ricoh Group Environmental Report Ricoh introduced its environmental volunteer leader training program Commenced a forest ecosystem conservation project in order to preserve biodiversity (in Bangladesh) Ricoh announced its fiscal 1998 Environmental Accounting Disclosed environmental impact information for products through Type III Environmental Labels (imagioMF6550)
2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtained Eco Mark with Ricoh copiers for the first time (industry first)
2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced resource-recirculating eco packaging to the market for the first time Released the imagio Neo 350/450 series of multifunctional digital copiers equipped for the first time with resource conservation technology QSU (Quick-Start-Up) Reorganized the Social Environment Division into the Corporate Environment Division Ricoh signed the e-mission 55 Group, a petition signed by companies supporting the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieved Zero-Waste-to-Landfill at Ricoh's major production sites across the world Ricoh announced participation in the UN Global Compact Incorporated eco system conservation activities in the environmental action plan Proposed the Three Ps Balance, which characterizes Ricoh Group's ideal society Drew up the Environmental Standards for Paper Products
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Released the imagio Neo 752/602 series, the first office equipment employing resource conservation technology, HYBRID QSU (Quick-Start-Up), using next-generation capacitors Commenced the chemical substance management system (CMS) certification system Ricoh Ohmori Office's VOC testing laboratory became the world's first manufacturer to be certified by Germany's BAM (Bundesanstalt für Materialforschung und -prüfung; Federal Institute for Materials Research and Testing)
2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ricoh Americas Corporation awarded the Ricoh Sustainable Development Award at the International Science & Engineering Fair (ISEF), one of the largest science contests in the world for high school students Employed biomass plastic in parts of the chassis of the high-speed multifunctional digital copier imagio Neo 602ec/752ec, becoming the first in the copier/printer industry
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Released the imagio MP C1500 series of copiers, which realized significant reductions in maximum power consumption by employing GELJET technology Released the imagio MP C4500/C3500 series of multifunctional digital color copiers equipped with resource conservation technology Color QSU (Quick-Start-Up) Ricoh publicized its Year 2050 Long-Term Environmental Vision The Ricoh Group established a management system for chemical substances contained in products Completed soil contamination surveys at 1,022 non-production sites, on both owned and leased property, identified soil contamination risks at all of the Ricoh Group's sites including production sites. Such sites are now being managed.
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ricoh signed the UN Global Compact and became a signatory to Caring for Climate: The Business Leadership Platform Released the imagio MP C7500/6000 employing a new color PXP toner (a polymerized toner) that realizes low-temperature adherence
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ricoh participated in the Japan Business Initiative for Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity (JBIB) Ricoh signed the Leadership Declaration on the "Business and Biodiversity Initiative" at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 9) held in Germany Ricoh supported and signed the Poznan Communiqué by "CLG: Corporate Leaders' Group on Climate Change" announced at the 14th Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 14)
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drew up the Ricoh Group Biodiversity Policy Established the Ricoh Group's Medium to Long-Term Environmental Impact Reduction Goals (2020 and 2050) for the three key areas of energy conservation, resource conservation, and pollution prevention Ricoh participated in the Japan Climate Leaders' Partnership (Japan-CLP) Ricoh released its first digital full-color recycled copier, the imagio MP C3500RC/2500RC series Released the imagio MP 6001GP, the world's first multifunctional digital copier using biomass toner