

New Plastics Economy Global Commitment Report 2021-2023

As a global leader in the design and manufacture of innovative marine products, Spinlock is determined to lead from the front in terms of its use, re-use and recycling of plastics. In 2018 Spinlock was the first Marine Manufacturer and first Isle of Wight Company to sign up to the New Plastics Economy Global Commitment led by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, in collaboration with UN Environment. The Global Commitment and its vision for a circular economy for plastic are supported by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), and have been endorsed by the World Economic Forum, The Consumer Goods Forum (a CEO-led organisation representing some 400 retailers and manufacturers from 70 countries), and 40 universities, institutions and academics. The Global Commitment aims to create 'a new normal' for plastic packaging.

As part of our commitment we have pledged to:

- Eliminate problematic or unnecessary plastic packaging and move from single-use to reuse packaging models
- Innovate to ensure 100% of plastic packaging can be easily and safely reused, recycled, or composted by 2025
- Circulate the plastic produced, by significantly increasing the amounts of plastics reused or recycled and made into new packaging or products Eliminating unnecessary and problematic plastics is an essential part of the Global Commitment vision and will make it easier to keep remaining plastics in the economy and out of the environment.

In 2019 we completed a survey of our current usage to identify plastics, quantity and where used on incoming deliveries and shipments to customers. This has established our baseline from which we will further improve. We have set targets and devised an action plan on how to achieve this. We have looked at how we can eliminate plastic use and where we can't, switching material to recycled, reusable or compostable material. We trialled alternatives to single use plastic and made the switch where performance met required standards. We have found issues in the strength (being lower and the cost (being higher) with sustainable alternatives. As products come up for design review and for new products, we have made looking at materials and single use plastics part of the process and using design to eliminate plastic packaging.

In 2020 we introduced an unpackaged 'Z' option on all products. This is where customer does not require any packaging. All instructions are available to view online and download if required. We have moved from low use wooden pallets to fully recycled and fully recyclable high use pallets. While this has increased our plastics usage it is a circular economy and reduces wood use.

We reuse single use plastic received from suppliers. We are working with suppliers to source alternatives. When we purchase any consumable packaging we review sustainable alternatives, if not already switched, so we can continually reduce single use plastic in our processes. We aim to use 75% recycled content on average (by weight) across all plastic packaging used by 2025. Currently we use around 2.76 tonne of plastic per annum of which, as of end of 2020, 68.1% is from Recycled material. Of the 2.76 tone of plastic we use 98.5% is able to be recycled/composted.

We publish this document as part of the Global Commitment to share our progress and support.



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