

The **Beaufort** Range

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Our Commitment

Beaufort believe that it is vital to actively engage and promote corporate social responsibility and show how our business aligns its core values and behaviour with the expectations and needs of all stakeholders - not just customers and investors, but also employees, suppliers, regulators, communities and society as a whole.

We endeavor to meet stakeholder and supply chain expectation and manage the economic, social and environmental concerns of our operations to maximise the benefits of the products and services we offer and minimise and control their impacts.

We strongly uphold that corporate social responsibility is about fulfilling our duties to society and that we tackle key issues that include governance and legislation, environmental management, stakeholder engagement, labour standards, employee and community relations, social equality, responsible sourcing and human rights.

Our business operates to the BSEN ISO 14001:2004 Environmental Management Systems standard. This provides an ideal framework for ongoing control and continual improvement in our environmental and sustainable performance and our pledge to Corporate Social Responsibility.



Materials & Selection

As part of our sustainable approach, Beaufort upholds the principles of responsible and ethical sourcing of materials and we encourage our suppliers to adopt a similar approach. We try to source the majority of extrusions from like minded organisations and from recycled material, thus reducing our impact on the environment and helping to



conserve valuable resources. To help minimise our carbon footprint we try to source all extruded products within the United Kingdom and also utilise UK based polyester powder coaters and anodisers.

The Kyoto Agreement has had a direct impact on the construction industry by demanding that buildings become more thermally efficient to save energy and reduce carbon emissions. Longevity, thermal efficiency, sustainability and recyclability are now critical factors in building specifications. Unlike some alternative building materials, aluminium offers a highly sustainable solution with an almost unlimited life expectancy.

It does not age like other organic materials and needs no protection from ultra-violet light. Its overall lifecycle is more environmentally friendly due to the minimum energy required in maintenance, and the well-established proven design life of aluminium ensures that this material will provide a long-term solution year on year with the guarantee of 100% recyclability at the end of a building's life.

Key facts:

- Since 1888 over 700 million tonnes of aluminium have been produced.
- Over three quarters of the aluminium is still in productive use.
- 90% of the aluminium used in the construction industry is recycled.
- Recycling the aluminium currently stored would equal 15 years' primary output.
- Recycling aluminium requires 95% less energy than primary production.
- Recycling aluminium from end-of-life products saves close to 80 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions per year.
- Since the inception of aluminium recycling, we have avoided over one billion tonnes of CO2 emissions.

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Products & Conformance

Aluminium already scores highly on green credentials, being a recyclable material and having a long life-cycle and the development of our pioneering Advanced Plus window and door suites enhance these sustainable benefits further still. The range is the first of its kind to achieve an 'A' rating for the BRE



Green Guide for Specification, and Level 4 in the Code for Sustainable Homes (CSH) achieving U-values as low as 1.3 w/m²K.

Beaufort work closely with many industry bodies and have assisted with the BRE Green Guide and CSH directives to provide guidance on achieving greater sustainability in the move towards zero carbon structures. The Green Guide evaluates the performance of building materials and systems against specific environmental impacts and the Code for Sustainable Homes Directive (CSH) measures the sustainability of a new building against categories of sustainable design, rating the 'whole building' as a complete package.

The innovative design of our products makes it possible to achieve a low U-value without the need for specialist or expensive glazing, so specifiers, architects and contractors don't have to resort to more costly solutions to meet the required energy efficiency, sustainability and environmental ratings. This enables the entire supply chain to benefit from these advantages and allows the unique ability to combine high sustainability and excellent performance with exceptional cost-efficiency.

Beaufort continue to strive to push the boundaries on product use, application and performance and endeavour to ensure that products meet the overall corporate strategy for going carbon neutral.



People & Development



Our core values at Beaufort are about honesty, integrity and respect for the people we employ and how they contribute to the principle and success the organisation. We respect the individuality

and diversity of all employees and encourage them to develop their careers in a stimulating environment in keeping with corporate values.

We continue to promote both personal and professional development and assist employees with meeting their aspirations. Beaufort have many professional development support systems in place including:

- National Vocational Qualifications
- City & Guilds Qualifications
- Undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses
- Business seminars and training courses
- Management seminars and training courses
- Industry Specific professional Development Seminars

Support is Key

We understand that our customers are the reason that we exist and we constantly strive to offer the very latest in product ingenuity and design and the advantages of the many support tools that are available to ensure we help grow a mutually beneficial, profitable and responsible trading relationship.

Beaufort's support packages are designed to help customers achieve the most from our products, services and relationships and we will gladly offer :-



- Advice on product conformance to sustainability and environmental standards.
- Advice on material selection, use, performance and trace ability
- Advice on responsible sourcing through the entire supply chain.
- Strategies for longevity, lifecycle and sustainability of products.

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Activities & Processes

Beaufort regards compliance with specific environmental legislation and regulatory requirements and the promotion of environmental protection in general as a material objective of management and employees at all levels. We take practical steps in all our operations to:-

- Ensure that all activities are carried out in conformance with the relevant environmental legislation and government expectations.
- Minimise waste, promote recycling and reduce overall energy consumption.
- Establish a reputation for effective environmental management.
- Work with suppliers and contractors who have high and sound environmental performance standards.
- Undertake regular environmental audits of our activities.
- Manage and control our activities to ensure they have positive impacts on society
- Ensure that we give something back to both local and global communities



BS EN ISO 9001:2000



BS EN 14001:2004

In order to ensure we achieve the above commitments, we have implemented an environmental management system which satisfies the requirements of BS EN ISO 14001:2004.

This policy is available to the public on request.

It is our belief that we can endeavour to make our business completely carbon neutral and ensure that we continue to assist with the overall global battle against climate change.

Working Partnerships

Beaufort are committed to working with our supply chain partners, from architects through to fabricators and main contractors, to provide the most sustainable and environmentally sound solution for each project.



We actively seek partnerships with suppliers that share our sustainable and socially responsible approach to ensure that high environmental standards are maintained from initial design to final installation.

Beaufort believe that it is essential to maximise the importance of ethical and social responsibility and continues to develop products and solutions to meet the increasing demand for sustainable and environmentally friendly materials. We work very closely with a number of affiliated bodies to ensure we comply with latest regulations, assist with awareness campaigns and actively promote this importance in today's society. Beaufort hold association with and affiliation to some of the industries many guidance and legislative bodies, we would like to recognise the following:

