

Environmental Protection

While Hitachi Koki has long recognized the crucial importance of protecting the natural environment and proactively taken various environmental protection initiatives, the Company has been further strengthening its environmental protection programs in recent years.

In November 2000, Hitachi Koki comprehensively restructured its management and promotion systems for environmental protection activities, with an eye to ensuring that all units throughout the Company concertedly implement such activities. In 2001, the Company drafted an environmental action plan covering the five years through 2006, augmented its environmental protection program theme and set new environmental protection performance targets. During fiscal 2003, the Company made additional progress in improving its environmental protection systems by unifying the ISO 14001 certified environmental management systems of its three consolidated manufacturing subsidiaries in Japan.

Hitachi Koki implemented various environmental programs during fiscal 2003, including the “Ecomind & Management,” “Ecoproducts,” “Ecofactory” and “Cooperative Creation with Stakeholders” programs. As a result, the Company greatly increased the number of its products with outstanding environment friendliness, from 52 to 137, and further made considerable progress in reducing its CO₂ emissions and power consumption and zero emissions campaigns aimed at reducing waste product volumes.

Hitachi Koki will continue to position environmental protection as one of its principal management objectives. The Company is committed to ensure that all of its units strive proactively to maintain progress in environmental protection programs.

History of Certification under ISO 14001

Company []: Certified range	Date obtained	Certification organization
Domestic Plant, Subsidiaries		
Hitachi Koki Co., Ltd. [Katsuta Plant, Head Office]	Sept. 24, 1996	(JACO)
Hitachi Koki Sawa Co., Ltd.	Sept. 24, 1996	(JACO)
Hitachi Koki Haramachi Co., Ltd.	Sept. 24, 1996	(JACO)
Overseas Subsidiaries [Europe]		
Hitachi Koki Co., Ltd. Europa-Verbindunsburo	Jan. 15, 1998	Ireland (NSAI)
Overseas Subsidiaries [Asia]		
Hitachi Koki Asia Co., Ltd.	Nov. 20, 1997	Netherlands (DNV)
Hitachi Koki (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.	Dec. 25, 1998	(JACO)
Hitachi Koki (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.	July 20, 2001	U.K. (BVQI)

Certification organization: (JACO) Japan Audit Certification Organization
(NSAI) National Standards Authority of Ireland
(DNV) Det Norske Veritas
(BVQI) Bureau Veritas Quality International