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**OUR ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMITMENT**

A GREAT BRITISH MANUFACTURER



600 MILES IS THE FURTHEST WE HAVE TO TRAVEL

(Compared to importing from China, which is 5071 miles - think of the commercial benefit too!)

From our world-class manufacturing facility in Devon we design, produce and distribute products to customers throughout the UK. With the vast majority of our products made here in Britain rather than overseas, not only can we assure our customers of a high quality product, we make considerable reductions in our carbon emissions – one of the ten most harmful greenhouse gases.

THE CORE INGREDIENTS

Here at British Ceramic Tile we have a rich supply of raw materials on our doorstep. Devon has long been known for its stunning natural landscape and extensive white clay reserves. It is these multiple quarries that provide us with the highest quality raw materials for our products and keep our transport emissions to a minimum.

85%

of our tile body is made up of raw materials sourced from the UK. All glass tiles and splashbacks use only the finest British manufactured glass.

A NEGATIVE WASTE FOOTPRINT

Waste and landfill are two major considerations for manufacturers. Throughout the business we are committed to minimising waste, constantly recycling raw materials such as ceramic waste, water and cardboard.

Our ceramic waste is ground down and added to standard ceramic materials to make our tile body, with each tile featuring up to 15% recycled content. This figure ensures the high standards and quality of our finished product.

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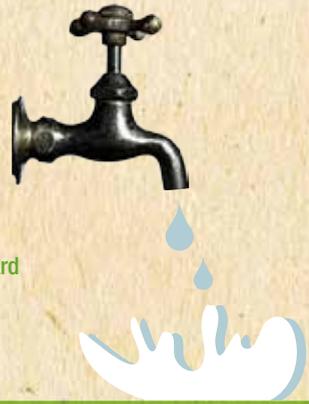
Each year we recycle 9000 tonnes of ceramic waste – that's enough to cover 1000 football pitches.



IT'S NOT JUST CERAMIC WASTE WE RECYCLE

Rainwater and all process water from the manufacturing process is captured and recycled within the factory making every drop count. All of our packaging materials are 100% recycled.

Every pallet has been previously used or repaired, while the cardboard for our boxes and packaging has 100% recycled content. Metal, wood, paper and plastic are also recycled within the factory.



MINIMISING OUR ENERGY USAGE

Carbon emissions are a cause of climate change and as a British manufacturer it is essential that we reduce our CO2 emissions. As such we've entered into the Climate Change Agreement where we have committed to reducing our electrical usage by 5% by 2020.

THE ROAD MAP TO LOWERING EMISSIONS...

Working with Gregory Distribution, we use the latest fuel-efficient transport to keep our carbon emissions low. We have invested heavily in maximizing driver efficiency with brake/acceleration software to improve miles per gallon.



WE RECYCLE
OVER 200
TONNES OF
GENERAL WASTE
PER YEAR

The majority of our fork lift truck fleet is electric. To optimise load factors, we use a range of transportation from parcel carriers to pallet couriers and full load trucks.



As a British manufacturer we have a serious commitment to our environmental responsibilities. Every product we design and manufacture, each process within our factory, every packaging and delivery decision we make to customers is done with our environmental policies front of mind.

WE'RE COMMITTED...

British Ceramic Tile is fully committed to its environmental policies and is certified to the world's most recognized environmental management standard ISO 14001.

OUR PEOPLE

Through our Energy Saving Committee, our people are challenged to be our environmental champions, continually suggesting new ways of saving energy.

Simple measures such as car sharing, reducing the way we consume energy in the offices, recycling and investing in energy efficient technology that supports the running of both sites keep us on target to reduce our consumption and CO2 emissions over the coming years.

THE FUTURE

As a company we constantly review and realign our environmental strategy, issuing new initiatives across the business each quarter. We are also one of two UK manufacturers working with the British Ceramic Confederation on the "Footpath to 2050" initiative that outlines the industry's plan to become more energy efficient and drive down their carbon footprint.

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