

Green Products: Interface's Terratex



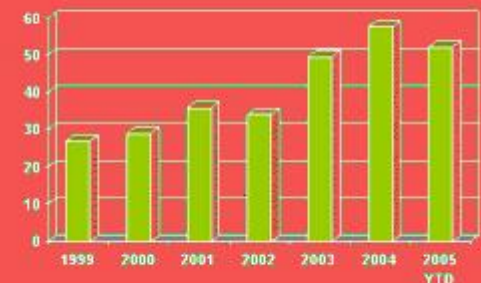
- Terratex brand is a line of products produced from 100% recyclable or renewable material, and has recently added the first fabric for commercial interiors made from 100% polylactic acid, a bio-based plastic
- Recycled material is comprised of both post-consumer and post-industrial recycled polyester; compared to virgin polyester an LCA analysis of the recycled polyester used between 1996 and 2001, over 50 million pounds, revealed energy savings equivalent to 484,150 barrels of fuel oil; approximately equivalent to the amount of energy needed to heat 22,382 U.S. homes per year; using this recycled polyester required 74 million gallons of water less than if virgin polyester had been used
- Renewable materials are made with polylactic acid polymers (PLAs); these are derived from natural, renewable resources, like corn, rice or beets; production of PLA uses a comparatively low amount of resources, less than 0.2% of the total U.S. corn production, and is #2 non food-grade corn; no antimony, 20-50% less fossil fuel resources and resultant greenhouse gas emissions; completely biodegradable into lactic acid at the end of their lifetime
- Terratex products are manufactured using increasingly sustainable processes, are designed to meet or exceed industry standards for quality and performance, and are 100% recyclable or biodegradable/compostable at the end of their useful life
- Ecometrics, Interface's initiative measures all component and process factors involved in the production of Terratex fabrics; required for all Interface operations as well as suppliers, vendors, and partners
- Terratex products also comply with Interface's Dye and Chemical Protocol (DCP); require all suppliers to disclose all ingredients contained in their products
- All Terratex products bear the Green-e logo; 2.5million kilo-watts renewable energy have been purchased
- ReSKU is the newly announced textile reclamation initiative from Interface Fabrics; taking waste fabrics and turning them into materials that will continue to feed diverse applications

Image courtesy of Green-e website: http://www.green-e.org/what_is/what_is_index.html



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Interface Fabrics North America Renewable Fiber Content (%)



Note: Baseline Adjusted for Use of Global Recycled Production