

# APCO Performance Summary

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## About the APCO Annual Report & Performance

The score above and chart below indicate your organisation's overall performance in the 2022 APCO Annual Report. With your chosen reporting period of **January, 2021 - December, 2021** you have achieved a **Beyond Best Practice** overall performance level.

1 Getting Started
2 Good Progress
3 Advanced
4 Leading
5 Beyond Best Practice

### Understanding APCO Annual Reporting performance levels:

- 1 Getting Started:** You are at the start of your packaging sustainability journey.
- 2 Good Progress:** You have made some first steps on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 3 Advanced:** You have taken tangible action on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 4 Leading:** You have made significant progress on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 5 Beyond Best Practice:** You have received the highest performance level and have made significant progress on your packaging sustainability journey.

### Packaging Sustainability Framework criteria

Criteria 1: **Governance & Strategy** This criteria considers actions to integrate packaging sustainability into business strategies.

Criteria 2: **Design & Procurement** This criteria considers actions taken to ensure that sustainability principles are considered in the design or procurement of both new and existing packaging through use of the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs).

Criteria 3: **Recycled Content** This criteria considers actions taken to increase or optimise the amount of recycled material used by your organisation.

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Criteria 4:

**Recoverability**

This criteria considers actions taken to improve the recovery of packaging at end-of-life and increase use of reusable packaging.

Criteria 5:

**Disposal Labelling**

This criteria considers the extent to which packaging has been labelled to help consumers determine what to do with packaging at end-of-life.

Criteria 6:

**On-site Waste**

This criteria considers progress in increasing the amount of on-site solid waste being diverted from landfill.

Criteria 7:

**Problematic Materials**

This criteria considers the extent to which organisations are actively phasing out problematic and unnecessary single-use plastic packaging and preventing/reducing litter.

**APCO Annual Report Criteria Performance & Responses**

Provided below are your organisation's responses to the questions within the APCO Annual Report.

Criteria 1

**Governance & Strategy**

Does your organisation have a strategy that includes goals for packaging sustainability that addresses the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs) or equivalent?

Yes  No

Supporting Evidence

We have a Policy in place - Evaluating and procuring packaging using the SPG Guide Lines - Policy Statement:  
The SPG (Sustainable Packaging Guidelines) assist the APC (Australian Packaging Covenant) signatories to review and optimize consumer packaging to make efficient use of resources and reduce environmental impact without compromising product quality and safety.

Purpose:

Four key principles need to be considered in the design or procurement of packaging to improve its

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Criteria 2

**Design & Procurement**

Do you use the SPGs to review your packaging?

Yes  No

Are you keeping records of the outcomes of your reviews using the SPGs?

Yes  No

Please provide an example of a positive outcome you have achieved.

We have reviewed our outgoing finished goods parcels to our customers. In the past, we used to strap each carton 4 times (two straps across each side). We then started to reduce the plastic strapping to 2 straps per carton. Following positive testing we then reduced the plastic strapping to zero. The only exception is if the parcel weights heavier than 20 kgs, then we still apply plastic strapping for additional transport safety to avoid any transport damaged. This new warehouse policy came into place as of October 2021 across all product ranges in the business.

How many reviews did you conduct during the reporting period?

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### Supporting Evidence

A complete new range of Systainers (plastic carry cases) has been introduced throughout 2020/21 and into 2022. This was done over a 18 months transition period where every Systainer has been replaced by the new Generation 3 Systainer range.

### Criteria 3

#### Recycled Content

Do you have a policy or procedure to buy products and/or packaging made from recycled materials?

Yes  No

Does any of your packaging contain recycled materials?

Primary

Yes  No

Secondary

Yes  No

Tertiary

Yes  No

### Supporting Evidence

#### Policy Statement:

Tooltechnic Systems Australia is committed to preventing waste whenever possible through the efficient use of natural resources. One of the ways this can be done is by buying products that are recyclable or made from recycled content material. The products should contain the highest amount of post-consumer material and be

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## Criteria 4

**Recoverability**

Have you investigated the recoverability of your packaging to look for opportunities for greater reuse or recycling?

Yes  No

## Supporting Evidence

Festool products are known for being long-lasting. This preserves resources and the environment. In order to avoid packaging material, our products are delivered in a long-lasting Festool Systainer.

Our objective is to obtain at least 80% of the cellulose content in our products and packaging as raw materials from FSC-certified sources by 2023.

By 2022, a high proportion of blister packaging is intended to be replaced by cardboard boxes. Around 80 t of

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## Criteria 5

**Disposal Labelling**

Do you provide disposal information for your packaging on-pack?

Yes  No

## Supporting Evidence

Our Festool products provide disposal information

refer to website:

<https://www.festool.com/company/typically-festool/environment#Ourvision>

## Criteria 6

**On-site Waste**

Do you have a system to collect and recycle used packaging generated at your facilities (e.g. office, warehouse etc.)

Yes  No

## Supporting Evidence

We have very little packaging waste, as most our used packaging gets recycled through our own warehouse operation. The cardboard, cartons and paper which cannot be used, is going through our cardboard shredder or is being recycled through a dedicated cardboard waste bin which gets collected from our premises twice a

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## Criteria 7

**Problematic Materials**

Which of the following activities do you undertake to help reduce the impact of litter?

- Conduct regular clean-ups on-site
- Participate in Business Clean-Up Day
- Redesign packaging to eliminate components that may have the propensity to become litter
- Other (please specify)

Please specify

Information provided by our main supplier, Festool Germany, is that by 2022, a high proportion of blister packaging is intended to be replaced by cardboard boxes. Around 80t (globally) of plastic can consequently be substituted by a more sustainable material.

- None of the above

Supporting Evidence

We have a yearly Business Clean-Up-Day, usually towards the end of the year

**Additional Information**

- No additional information

Please tell us about any innovative packaging sustainability initiatives you have implemented during your chosen 12 month reporting period.

We have heavily reduced the use of plastic strapping in our warehouse operation. Only cartons which exceed a weight of around 15 - 20 kgs get strapped using our strapping machines. The rest of the cartons only get taped. We were able to heavily reduce the usage of plastic strapping without compromising transport and product safety.

Please tell us of any constraints you may have had during your chosen 12 month reporting period that has impacted on your packaging sustainability initiatives and Covenant obligations.

Dealing with German Power Tools companies, the standards are already high in order to comply with their own local laws, requirements and own company policies as well as their company vision in terms of commitment to the environment:

Festool Germany Vision Statement:

Environmental policy is part of the company's sustainability management system.

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## Full Open Responses

### Criteria 1 - Supporting Evidence

We have a Policy in place - Evaluating and procuring packaging using the SPG Guide Lines - Policy Statement:

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Purpose:

Four key principles need to be considered in the design or procurement of packaging to improve its sustainability Sustainable packaging is:

- ☐ Fit-for-purpose
- ☐ Resource efficient
- ☐ Made from low-impact materials
- ☐ Reusable or recyclable at the end of its useful life

Adoption and Implementation of the guidelines:

- ☐ Apply the SPG guidelines to all new packaging
- ☐ Review all existing consumer packaging according to the APC Action Plan (refer to 5 year Action Plan for schedule of reviewing of existing packaging and further information)

Fit-for-purpose:

- ☐ Meet technical performance requirements
- ☐ Minimise supply chain costs
- ☐ Meet consumer needs and expectations, including for accessibility

Resource Efficient:

- ☐ Minimise materials
- ☐ Use recycled materials
- ☐ Minimise transport impacts
- ☐ Maximise water and energy efficiency

Low-impact materials:

- ☐ Minimise risks associated with potentially toxic and hazardous materials
- ☐ Use renewable or recyclable materials
- ☐ Use materials from responsible suppliers

Resource recovery:

- ☐ Design for reuse where appropriate
- ☐ Design for recovery

- ☐ Design for litter reduction
- ☐ Inform consumers about appropriate disposal

Responsible suppliers:

Packaging materials should be purchased from companies that have commitment to environmental sustainability and a documented environmental management system.

Product stewardship is a commitment to responsible environmental management at every stage of the packaging supply chain, including the manufacture of raw materials and components.

Companies can reduce the environmental impacts of their packaging by working with suppliers that have a strong commitment to responsible environmental management.

Design for transport:

Packaging should be designed to maximise the efficiency of transport through light weighting, fully utilising shipping space (cubing out) and using bulk packaging for distribution where appropriate. More efficient distribution packaging (secondary and tertiary packaging) can result in cost savings.

General Information:

The guidelines articulate the definition and principles of "sustainable packaging" so that all parties in the packaging supply chain work toward the same vision. The Guide lines assist in the design, manufacture and end-of-life management of packaging, tackling the sometimes conflicting demands of market performance and cost, consumer protection, and the environmental health, while meeting the needs of a sustainable society.

As all new product development, research and design is being carried out at supplier level in Germany, we have a limited influence in terms of decisions making of product or packaging.

Nevertheless, we will endeavor to contribute to the decision making wherever we see an opportunity for improvement.

### Criteria 3 - Supporting Evidence

Policy Statement:

Tooltechnic Systems Australia is committed to preventing waste whenever possible through the efficient use of natural resources. One of the ways this can be done is by buying products that are recyclable or made from recycled content material. The products should contain the highest amount of post-consumer material and be recyclable.

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to provide a procurement framework that will advance the sustainable use of resources. Tooltechnic Systems will demonstrate that its procurement decisions can improve markets for recycled products, enhance environmental quality and be resource responsible. Tooltechnic Systems prefers the purchase of local recycled and environmentally preferable products whenever they perform satisfactorily and when they are available at a reasonable price.

It is Tooltechnic Systems' policy to buy recyclable products whenever feasible.

General Information:

There are many recycled materials and environmentally friendly products which are fit for purpose, made to existing specifications, and supplied at realistic and affordable prices. Purchasers should adhere to the policy when any goods or services are procured. The policy not only outline that the procurers should always consider recycled products first, but also why recycled materials should be considered first.

Recycled materials are: materials that have been reprocessed from recovered

material by means of a manufacturing process and made into a final product or into a component for incorporation into a product.

Recycled products are: materials that have been recovered, processed and used as a raw material for the manufacture of a useful new product through a commercial process.

These products will contain a specified percentage of material that would otherwise have been disposed of as wastes.

Procedure:

Wherever possible and practicable, Tooltechnic Systems Purchasers (Logistics Manager, Logistics Controller, Office Manager, Marketing Department and Operations Manager) will pursue the following goals and adhere to the specified principles when procuring office supplies, packaging material, printed matters and prints, cardboard boxes and other products:

- ☐ Purchases shall be only made once it has been determined that they product or service is necessary
- ☐ Evaluate all goods and equipment requested to purchase by using the following guide lines
- ☐ Procurement decisions shall be made in the context of the waste hierarchy to reduce, reuse and recycle
- ☐ REDUCE – Using less in the first place and avoiding waste. Examples of this include purchasing in bulk to reduce packaging
- ☐ REUSE – Using the same item more than once, and extending the useful life of products and equipment before replacing an item.
- ☐ RECYCLE – Purchase products that contain recycled materials or those that have or can be re-manufactured.
- ☐ Must meet the relevant quality standards and must be fit-for-purpose. Packaging should be designed to meet market and consumer needs, while minimising net impact in a cost-effective way
- ☐ Actively promote buying recycled material

#### Criteria 4 - Supporting Evidence

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Our products are assessed for their possible risk potential for people and the environment.

Our products and packaging are developed and labelled in accordance with the global harmful substances requirements.

Our suppliers are bound to comply with our in-house environmental standard for compliance with environmental requirements.

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#### Criteria 6 - Supporting Evidence

We have very little packaging waste, as most our used packaging gets recycled through our own warehouse

operation. The cardboard, cartons and paper which cannot be used, is going through our cardboard shredder or is being recycled through a dedicated cardboard waste bin which gets collected from our premises twice a week. As for General warehouse, we have a collection of a bin once a week (mainly kitchen and office waste)

Additional Information - Please tell us of any constraints you may have had during your chosen 12 month reporting period that has impacted on your packaging sustainability initiatives and Covenant obligations.

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Festool Germany Vision Statement:

Environmental policy is part of the company's sustainability management system.

To us, sustainability means providing future generations with the same opportunities as the current generation.

Taking into consideration current global mega trends, we are convinced that there are three relevant environmental impacts for us:

Climate change

In the wake of global climate change, we consider it to be our job to help counteract it. We can do this by reducing relative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Scarcity of resources

Resources are finite worldwide. To ensure equal opportunities for future generations, resources must be protected and maintained. We do this by reducing relative material consumption.

Health protection

To preserve the health of our users in the long term, we consider it to be our responsibility to reduce emissions and avoid the use of hazardous substances.

We see compliance with legal requirements as the minimum to be done here to satisfy this. So we use the best available technology in all aspects, insofar as economically viable. The realization of environmental policy is secured by the implementation and maintenance of environmental management.

Our commitment

As a manufacturer of power tools, we are conscious of how we affect the environment. By implementing environmental policy in sustainability management, we have already been able to carry out some environmental projects. Our commitment stretches across the entire value-added chain. We face new challenges daily here and set ourselves new objectives for improving our environmental performance.