

LEES CARPETS MANUFACTURING FACILITY: ISO 14001 CERTIFIED

Lees' Glasgow Virginia manufacturing facility is ISO 14001 : 2004 certified - the most stringent environmental management system.

LEES' ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT

From supply chain through end-of-useful life carpet reclamation, Lees is vigilant in evaluating the environmental footprint of itself, its raw materials suppliers and its partners.

SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS

"Significant Aspects" identifications are activities within each manufacturing process that impact the environment in terms of:

- Energy and water usage
- Solid waste
- Emissions for each manufacturing process

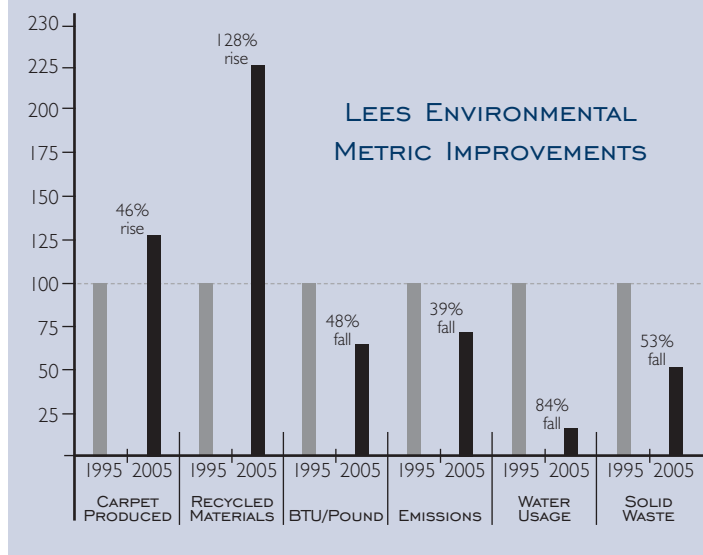
PROCESSES FOR IMPROVEMENT

To achieve these improvements Lees has made major investments in state of the art technologies that:

- Improve the environmental performance of our manufacturing facility
- Create new, higher performing, environmentally sound products
- Allow Lees to continue our commitments and principles

MEASURED IMPROVEMENT

Improvement is measured by Aspect every year, and substantial improvements of Aspects were achieved during 1995-2005.



MANUFACTURING PROCESSES

Lees carpets is committed to sustainable product design and manufacturing/operating procedures. Many fundamental practices of the sustainability concept have long been standard procedure at Lees.

Our manufacturing facility is monitored by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and federal land managers from the National Forest Service.





To create a more environmentally sustainable world, we will use more and more renewable and recycled materials; develop cleaner, more efficient manufacturing processes; create products that last longer and can be fully recycled at the end of its useful life. We know that these objectives are achievable because we see the progress we have made. We know, that as far as we have come, there is still far to go. We will continue working to realize the vision and fulfill the promise of environmental sustainability.

IN RECENT YEARS, LEES HAS

- Reduced dependence on non-renewable resources in the supply chain
- Cut fossil fuel dependence by approximately 10 million pounds annually
- Replaced non-renewable raw material with a forestry-based product purchased from a sustainable forester
- Received more than 11% of its electrical energy from renewable hydroelectric sources in 2001
- Invested in manufacturing upgrades that promote sustainability

SAVING WATER, ENERGY AND TIME

Lees has made great strides in reducing water consumption during the manufacturing process, while recovering and recycling post-industrial yarns and dye stuffs. Lees has also been quite successful in reducing total solid waste by-products. Listed below are the other ways we're striving for better sustainability.

LEES ADVANCED TUFTING TECHNOLOGY

- Produces a denser carpet pile using fewer raw materials
- Reduced energy use by 10%, despite a dramatic increase in manufacturing volume

LEES RECOVERED YARN PROGRAM

- Recycles post-industrial fiber waste back into face fiber
- Contributes to Lees' promise of environmental responsibility

LEES ACCELERATED DESIGN SYSTEM™

Lees' virtual carpet simulation system provides designers with large scale, highly accurate digital prints of their designs before ordering samples. This smart use of technology reduces the turnaround time and environmental impact of the design process.

- Significantly reduces energy and raw materials used in sample production
- Decreases fuel consumption on sample shipments
- Improves overall manufacturing efficiency by reducing small quantity runs
- Substantially reduces the waste associated with rejected samples

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