



The Hoover Candy Group Environment Policy:

In November 2003, after many years of work, Hoover Candy Group adopted the following updating to its Environmental policy: (The Hoover Candy Group Environmental Policy):

"Hoover Candy Group considers the protection of the environmental resources as one of the fundamental elements in the management of its own activities. From the point of view of the constant improvement of the environmental performances, it is willing to operate by aiming at progressively reducing the consumption of natural resources and of energy, at reducing the emissions in water and air and at limiting waste material produced in all phases of its activity or consequential from the use of its own appliances.

Hoover consequently adopts the following guidelines:

- To manage its production activities in compliance with the existing laws as a minimum requirement in all the countries where it operates, by continuously implementing improvements whose efficiency is going to be monitored by following the trend of the most significant environmental parameters;
- It considers, when evaluating company's projects, the possible environmental impact, by privileging all those interventions having a positive impact on environmental variables;
- it promotes the development of products with a limited impact on natural resources on every phase: production, use and end of life;
- it contributes to save natural resources by particularly promoting the reuse and the recovery of materials and energies;
- it privileges the use of materials having a low impact on the environment, by involving its suppliers in this process.
- it constantly fosters the improvement of the working environment, by allocating significant financial resources through the yearly defined investment plans."
- Production processes are designed to reduce emissions not only up to the limits imposed by the norms existing in the various countries, but well beyond, thus achieving a very prestigious result, perfectly in line with the environmental philosophy of The Hoover Candy Group.
- The Hoover Candy Group, for its products and packaging, uses recyclable material for each component and has actively participated to the definition of the WEEE, Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive.



The use of new technologies for the products has allowed the combination of two important values and evident growth parameters of the Group: customer satisfaction and environment respect.

Among the most evident advantages are the reduction of energy and of natural resources consumption that characterise the electrical appliances manufactured by the Group with the different brands: Candy, Hoover, & Rosieres offering significant saving and reductions. Modern technology has contributed to reach this objective, by allowing the use of these electrical appliances in the time bands with lower energy requirements and has also contributed to reduce washing times and temperatures for laundry or dishes and to significantly reduce water consumption or cooking times.

One of the Hoover Candy Group's aims has been to anticipate legislation, particularly with regard to safety and environmental protection. An example is the Non-CFC gases used in our refrigerators since 1999. Despite being considerably more expensive than CFC gases used historically, the Group is committed to a programme of environmental consideration. These gases neither destroy the ozone layer, nor contribute to the greenhouse effect.

In addition, ongoing research by the Hoover Candy Group into the subject of resource consumption has led to numerous innovations that save our customers effort and money. Since the beginning of the 1960s, Hoover Candy have led the way: as the first company to introduce oval tanks in washing machines, designed to reduce water consumption; and as the first to introduce the "half load" concept, aimed at saving both water and electricity.

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