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## protecting planet

To help raise awareness of its commitment to achieving increased sustainability, uvex has developed the **protecting planet** icon.

For uvex, **protecting planet** is more than a label. Based on the brand claim, **protecting people**, our sustainable approach integrates 3 core interlinked pillars — **ecology**, **economy** and **social responsibility**, that are incorporated throughout the business to improve our sustainability performance.

This explains the comprehensive audit, measurement and evaluation management process uvex undertakes along the entire value chain to ensure its products are as sustainable as possible.







The **uvex 1 G2 planet** is an example of the **planet series** product system.



The upper part of the safety shoe is made from 100 percent recycled polyester made from PET bottles. The penetration resistant midsole is also made from 100 percent recycled materials. 40 percent recycled TPU is used for the TPR scuffcap. The shoe's distance mesh lining is made from 52 percent recycled polyester and 18 percent bamboo fibres. The replaceable comfortable climatic insole is also made of 100 percent recycled PU foam and polyester. The entire safety shoe is manufactured without using any harmful substances as listed in the banned hazardous substances list created by uvex and goes beyond that of REACH.



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by using environmentallyfriendly packaging

All uvex shoe boxes are made from 90 percent recycled cardboard. 100 percent recycled tissue paper is used and the instructions for use are also 100 percent recycled paper.



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by reducing waste //
by reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

The uvex plant in Ceva, Italy, was already completely converted to green electricity and green gas a few years ago and hasbeen certified according to the environmental management system ISO 14001 since 2017. In addition, the plant uses renewable energy with a photovoltaic system. uvex places a special focus on waste prevention. For example, some years ago, the shape of the soles were redesigned and as a result significantly reduced the amount of waste. The cleaning and injection process is also continuously optimised. For some time now, all PU waste is collected and processed into granuals ready for reuse. For example, it is used to create our shock absorbing insoles. Up to 10 percent recycled PU waste from uvex's production is used for the TPU outsole of the uvex 1 G2 planet.

### uvex 1 G2 planet

100% Performance. 25% recycled.\*



For the first time, we have calculated the  $CO_2$  footprint for a uvex safety shoe. This tells us how much  $CO_2$  is emitted during the production of a pair. To calculate this, we measured the emissions from the raw materials to the first use\*\*.

The result is that the  $\rm CO_2$  footprint of the uvex 1 G2 planet is 7.8 kg. This is roughly equivalent to a 35 km car journey.

By using recycled and bio-based materials, we were able to reduce the  $CO_2$  footprint by 1.3 kg or 14.3% compared to our regular uvex 1 G2 (art. no. 68342,  $CO_2$  footprint 9.1 kg).

Calculations based on Sima Pro 9.2.0.1, ecoinvent 3.6 database

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#### uvex i-PUREnrj technology

Shock-absorbing. Stabilising. Energy-returning.

- outstanding shock absorption and energy return
- foamed heel basket provides excellent stability and reduces the risk of injury





2010

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uvex restricted substances list includes over 167 harmful substances 2011

Installation of photovoltaic system for power generation

2013

First projects to reduce waste: Mould change reduces PU waste

uvex 1 as the first safety shoe with ecolabel certification 2014

Start of use of water-based release agents

2017

Certified environmental management system in accordance with ISO 14001

- Continuous improvement of environmental performance
- Reduction of environmental impact
- Sustainable economic activity

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2013

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2017





#### 2018

Purchase of green electricity for production

Exclusive use of water-based release agents

#### 2019

Purchase of green gas for production

Less waste generated by switching raw material deliveries to tankers instead of using IBCs

#### 2020

Use of recycled components in uvex safety shoes

#### 2021

First shoe made from recycled materials

85% of all uvex shoes have at least one recycled component

Calculation of the CO<sub>2</sub> footprint, investment in software

### **Projects**

Projects to further reduce waste

Sustainable shoe collection

Circular shoe concept

2021 · · · · · PROJECTS





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## Made in uvex

# uvex competence center for safety footwear in Ceva (CN), Italy

The production in Italy, which is one of the most modern production facilities for safety shoes in Europe, ensures efficient, resource-saving production and short distances from manufacturer to user.

#### Sustainability

- uses 100% green energy and green gas
- uses environmentally friendly solar energy (photovoltaic system installed since 2011)
- · PUR waste management for recycling and saving polyurethane waste
- uses water-based release agents (numerous approvals in the automotive and supplier industries)

#### Certifications

- ISO 9001-certified quality management system (since 2003)
- ISO 14001-certified environmental management system (since 2017, first certificate in the uvex safety group)
- ISO 45001-certified occupational health and safety management system (since 2020, replacement for OHSAS 18001 certification)

### Expertise at uvex headquarters in Fürth, Germany

- product design and development
- biomechanics
- · model building and prototyping
- · quality and international manufacturing support
- supply chain management
- · commercial processing
- process engineering
- · training, product management and marketing









