

# IPG Sustainable Solutions:

# STRETCH FILMS

# DEEPENING OUR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY IN PACKAGING AND PROTECTIVE SOLUTIONS

IPG's sustainability journey is growing in importance in all facets of the company's products and operations as well as with its stakeholders. Our corporate strategy and vision statement now includes the commitment to embrace sustainability as one of our four primary pillars. To view IPG's most recent Sustainability Report, click here.

This report highlights how we have approached sustainability as it pertains to our StretchFLEX® and SuperFLEX® stretch film business. IPG is proud of our record, as it demonstrates a positive contribution to the global community in which we live, work, and serve.

## CRADLE TO CRADLE CERTIFIED™

Cradle to Cradle Certified is a globally recognized measure of safer, more sustainable products made for the circular economy. Cradle to Cradle® design principles have been established by William McDonough and Dr. Michael Braungart. In 2019, IPG engaged William McDonough as a strategic advisor in the design, manufacture, and delivery of sustainable packaging and protective solutions.

Cradle to Cradle Certified Assessment categories include Material Health, Material Reutilization, Renewable Energy and Carbon Management, Water Stewardship and Social Fairness.

In October 2020, IPG's StretchFLEX and SuperFlex performance stretch films were Cradle to Cradle Silver Certified. IPG's StretchFLEX and SuperFLEX stretch films are the first Cradle to Cradle certified stretch films in the world.

# RECYCLABILITY

IPG has partnered with the Sustainable Packaging Coalition and How2Recycle® program in an effort to ensure we are communicating recycling instructions to our customers in the most effective manner. As a result of this partnership, StretchFLEX and SuperFLEX stretch films are store drop-off recyclable per the How2Recycle guidelines.

Film recovered from the store drop-off program can be recycled into other products including: packaging films, construction materials, decking, automotive parts, toys, consumer products, and much more.













# IPG SUSTAINABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN MANUFACTURING & SUPPLY CHAIN

#### **ENERGY STAR® PARTNER OF THE YEAR - SUSTAINED EXCELLENCE**

IPG has been an ENERGY STAR partner since 2009, recognized for energy-saving accomplishments, including reduction in energy intensity year-over-year, raising employee engagement and energy saving opportunities, working with local communities to raise awareness about energy efficiency, and developing a "playbook" of best practices in energy management to enhance and sustain energy efficiency throughout operations. Ultimately, these accomplishments have led to decreased energy needs in our facilities.

#### **ENERGY STAR CHALLENGE FOR INDUSTRY**

As of April of 2020, IPG has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) ENERGY STAR program for hard work and commitment to saving energy. This is a huge accomplishment and demonstrates our company goals and our continued commitment to a sustainable future.

#### **EPA SMARTWAY**

IPG is part of the US EPA's SmartWay Program. SmartWay helps companies advance supply chain sustainability by measuring, benchmarking, and improving freight transportation efficiency.

#### SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING COALITION

The Sustainable Packaging Coalition® is a membership-based organization that believes in the power of industry to make packaging more sustainable. As a leading voice on sustainable packaging, they are passionate about creating packaging that is good for people and the environment.

# **IPG SAFE MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS**

### INDUSTRYWEEK BEST PLANTS AWARD WINNERS

Each year, IndustryWeek celebrates a handful of manufacturing facilities that embody operational excellence. IPG Danville, Virginia in 2017 and IPG Tremonton, Utah in 2018 were recognized as manufacturing plants that demonstrate excellence across a broad swath of indicators, from safety and employee engagement to quality, productivity, supply chain management and customer care.

## ISO 9001:2015

Quality Management System is internationally recognized as the world's largest quality management standard. StretchFLEX® and SuperFLEX® customers appreciate the advantages of working with an ISO 9001:2015 certified company, including: better quality products and service, more reliable production scheduling and delivery, and standards maintained by annual assessments.

















# IPG SAFE MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS

#### ISO 14001:2015 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Certification practices in this program allow us to assess the impact of our products, services, and activities upon our world. The system drives focused investment in technologies that preserve natural resources and provide for a cleaner environment. The system standardizes training and education to our employees to enhance their awareness, commitment, and capability to demonstrate excellence in environmental stewardship.

# 14001

#### ISO 50001:2018 ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

This standard was developed for organizations committed to addressing their impact, conserving resources and improving the bottom line through efficient energy management. The IPG Danville, Virginia Manufacturing Facility and Danville Regional Distribution Center recently achieved ISO 50001 certification of their Energy Management System. This certification represents their commitment to energy efficiency and sustainability.



## **SUMMARY**

IPG will continue to focus on enhancing our existing programs including energy efficiency, waste reduction, and supply chain sustainability. For more information please call 888-898-7834 or visit our website, <a href="https://www.itape.com">www.itape.com</a>.





