

DETERMINED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

About Us

Catalyst Paper manufactures diverse specialty printing papers, newsprint and pulp, and is headquartered in Richmond, British Columbia, Canada. Its customers include retailers, publishers, commercial printers and paper manufacturers in North America, Latin America, the Pacific Rim and Europe. With four facilities strategically situated in British Columbia (B.C.) and Arizona, Catalyst has a combined annual production capacity of 1.9 million tonnes.

Catalyst has earned a reputation for environmental leadership, based in part on extensive recycled capacity, energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reductions. This is the basis for the Catalyst Cooled™ manufactured carbon-neutral and certified-fibre chain-of-custody product offerings. Combined with cost discipline and production efficiency, these sustainability attributes have enhanced Catalyst's competitive position.

Business is being held to a higher standard than ever before. For us, that standard runs right from the forest floor to the customer's door.

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For Catalyst Paper, sustainability is about the way we do business all the time – being honest and forthright, treating people with dignity and respect, continually improving environmental performance and being a responsible neighbour in our operating communities. While others talk about sustainability, we're doing something about it.

CLEANER fuels

By increasing our use of biomass fuels and improving our energy efficiency, we are exceeding our commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from our Canadian mills by 70% from 1990 levels. We set this target – equivalent to taking 250,000 vehicles off the road permanently – as part of our membership in World Wildlife Fund's Climate Savers program. Our achievements have been noticed, and are an important part of the reason for recognition such as our inclusion on influential "50 best" lists published by sustainability experts Jantzi-Sustainability and Corporate Knights.

LIGHTER paper

Catalyst was one of the first companies to engineer and manufacture lighter basis weight papers. Why does that matter? Lighter paper uses less fibre, fewer chemicals and less energy in the manufacturing process and requires less energy to transport to printing presses as well as requiring less postage if used in direct mailing applications. Makes sense – environmentally and economically.

SMARTER approach

The essence of sustainability lies in finding a balance between environmental, social and economic concerns. Our employees are partners in achieving this balance; together we tackle challenges and find innovative ways to improve performance. Like making progress on workplace safety or boosting the bottom line by streamlining operations, driving down costs and working smarter.

SOFTER footprint

Our aim is to soften our environmental footprint by conserving, sustaining and making efficient use of resources. One of the ways we do this is by harvesting the "urban forest" – recycling old newspapers and magazines and using them to make new products. And with FSC and PEFC chain of custody systems at our mills, we offer select paper products that contain 100% certified fibre.

We believe in wise resource use, and the large majority of the fibre we use to make paper is either leftover or recovered: 74% is wood chips that are residuals at sawmills, 16% is paper collected for recycling, and 11% is pulp logs unsuitable for other uses.