

Brief

Indoor air quality matters

How Original HP ink cartridges make a difference



Did you know...

- HP Officejet printing systems—printers, ink cartridges, and paper—are designed for the environment and for high operating performance?
- HP consistently considers and tests the entire HP Officejet printing system under extreme operating conditions?
- HP Officejet printing systems—using Original HP ink cartridges—meet a high level of air safety in a variety of indoor environments?
- HP Officejet printing systems—using Original HP ink cartridges—are designed to produce emissions far below mandatory occupational exposure limit values?
- HP Officejet printing systems are tested by competent, independent labs before market entry for all relevant emissions?

In addition to high operating performance and product reliability, many organizations are also including indoor air quality (IAQ) as an essential factor in their imaging and printing purchase decisions. HP puts forth significant effort to maximize the IAQ performance of HP Officejet printing systems—printer, ink cartridges, and paper—to meet a high level of safety in a variety of indoor environments.

Choose HP printing systems to meet IAQ expectations

Original HP ink cartridges—when tested together with Original HP printers and HP paper—meet or exceed IAQ criteria established by specific eco-labels like Blue Angel and EPEAT.^{1,2} Replacing the Original HP ink cartridge with a remanufactured cartridge could significantly impact the results of the eco-label certification or registration. If you have questions about IAQ, be sure to ask your ink cartridge supplier what processes they use, and which eco-labels their products meet.

Rely on products designed for the environment

Numerous HP Officejet printing systems carry internationally recognized eco-labels not just for their emissions performance, but also because of their low noise emissions and energy consumption, materials used, and recyclable design. These factors are all part of HP's Design for Environment program, established in 1992. Original HP ink cartridges are also part of this program, and offer the following benefits to organizations.

- Reducing environmental impact without compromising quality—many Original HP ink cartridges have been engineered to use recycled plastic, helping meet HP's demanding standards for quality and reliability.
- Responsibly recycled—return Original HP ink cartridges to the HP Planet Partners ink cartridge recycling program. It's free to use, and available in more than 48 countries, territories, and regions worldwide.³ No Original HP ink cartridges returned through HP Planet Partners are ever sent to a landfill, and HP never refills or resells them.

Air quality, optimized

HP Officejet printing systems are designed to meet or exceed IAQ expectations and criteria

Mandatory occupational exposure limit values

- U.S. Permissible Exposure Limits⁴
- EU Indicative and Binding Occupational Exposure Limit Values⁵
- German Occupational Exposure Limit Values⁶
- Australian National Exposure Standards⁷
- Singapore Occupational Exposure Levels of Toxic Substances⁸

General IAQ safety

- Californian Chronic Reference Exposure Levels⁹
- U.S. Reference Concentration for Chronic Inhalation Exposure¹⁰
- WHO Indoor Air Quality Guidelines¹¹
- German Guide values for Indoor Air¹²

IAQ testing efforts

- ISO/IEC 28360:2012¹³
- Blue Angel RAL-UZ 122/RAL-UZ 171¹

Voluntary international eco-label standards

- Blue Angel in Germany¹
- EPEAT in the United States²
- EcoLogo in Canada¹⁴
- Nordic Ecolabel in Scandinavia¹⁵
- EcoMark in Japan¹⁶

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¹ The Blue Angel criteria for printers, copiers, and multifunction devices (RAL-UZ 122) of the German Federal Environmental Agency are in effect as of 2007 and were valid until the end of December 2013. Since January 2013, the RAL-UZ 171 is in effect including a new particle number guide value for laser printers which supplements the established weight-based fine dust guide value of the Blue Angel.

² Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT), managed by the Green Electronics Council of the International Sustainability Development Foundation (ISDF). For printing systems, the IEEE Standard for Environmental Assessment of Imaging Equipment (IEEE Std 1680.2-2012) is applied.

³ Program availability varies. Original HP ink cartridge return and recycling is currently available in more than 48 countries, territories, and regions in Asia, Europe, and North and South America through the HP Planet Partners program. For more information, visit hp.com/recycle.

⁴ U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), PELs-TWA, 29 CFR 1910. 1000-1/Z-2, 20016.

⁵ European Commission, Binding Occupational Exposure Limit Values (BOELV), EU Directive 2004/37/EC.

⁶ The revised German Ordinance of Hazardous Substances (GefStoffV) defines the workplace limits (AGW). AGWs are stated in the TRGS 900, 2006, as amended.

⁷ Australian National Occupational Health and Safety Commission (NOHSC), National Exposure Standards (NES), NOHSC:1003, 1995/2005.

⁸ Singapore Occupational Exposure levels of Toxic Substances, Workplace Safety and Health (General Provisions) 2006 (S 134 2006), as amended.

⁹ Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), California, Chronic Reference Exposure Levels (CREL), February 2005.

¹⁰ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), Reference Concentration for Chronic Inhalation Exposure (RfC), 2005.

¹¹ World Health Organization (WHO), Air Quality Guidelines for Europe, 2nd edition, 2000.

¹² German Federal Environmental Agency (UBA), Guide values for indoor air, 2005.

¹³ ISO/IEC 28360:2012 is a standard measurement procedure for determining chemical emissions and requires testing under high-use operating conditions.

¹⁴ The EcoLogo Program, founded by the Government of Canada, Type I eco-label, as defined by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

¹⁵ Nordic Ecolabelling of imaging equipment, version 5.4. The Nordic Ecolabel or Nordic Swan is the official sustainability eco-label for the Nordic countries, introduced by the Nordic Council of Ministers.

¹⁶ EcoMark, Japan Environment Association (JEA), printers criteria, version 2.11.

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