

Environmental Policy

Nikon made its official stance regarding environmental management activities in 1992, when it created and implemented the “Nikon Basic Environmental Management Policy”, and has continued to be active in environmental conservation. In March 2000, we devised the corporate strategy called “Vision Nikon 21”, which describes the direction of Nikon Group activities. Nikon also

redefined its corporate philosophy for the new century, using the keywords “Trustworthiness and Creativity”. Guided by our new philosophy, we will continue to pursue the goals of the “Nikon Basic Environmental Management Policy”.

Corporate Philosophy

Trustworthiness

Nikon:

- Is trusted and loved by people worldwide.
- Exists and prospers in harmony on all levels throughout the world.

Creativity

Nikon:

- Creates new values by maintaining pride and faith in our business and by encouraging entrepreneurial spirit.
- Appeals to people all over the world and satisfies them with efficient and useful products and services.

The Nikon Basic Environmental Management Policy

Purpose of the Policy

Nikon enacted the “Nikon Basic Environmental Management Policy” in 1992 in order to express its commitment to improvements in its local environment as well as globally, and to act as the foundation for its environmental management activities. Nikon believes that pollution prevention measures and the efficient use of resources are vital steps that must be taken, in order to be able to hand on to the next generation a healthy environment that is capable of supporting the continued development of society.

Main Points of the Policy

- We are committed to adhering to stringent self-imposed standards so that we do not in any way violate environmental conservation treaties, national or regional laws or regulations.
- Our design and development processes will accommodate environmental and safety concerns. We will meet preservation objectives at every stage from manufacturing and distribution to use and disposal.
- We will develop and improve technologies for environmental preservation at each phase, while introducing materials and equipment to aid us in achieving our goals.
- We will make every effort to promote energy and resource conservation in all activities. We will also promote recycling, waste reduction and practise proper disposal methods.
- We are conducting environmental awareness education on an ongoing basis to improve our employees’ knowledge of environmental issues.
- In order to implement the aforementioned policies on as large a scale as possible, we will also require our Group companies and suppliers to work with us on environmental issues.



The Nikon Environmental Symbol

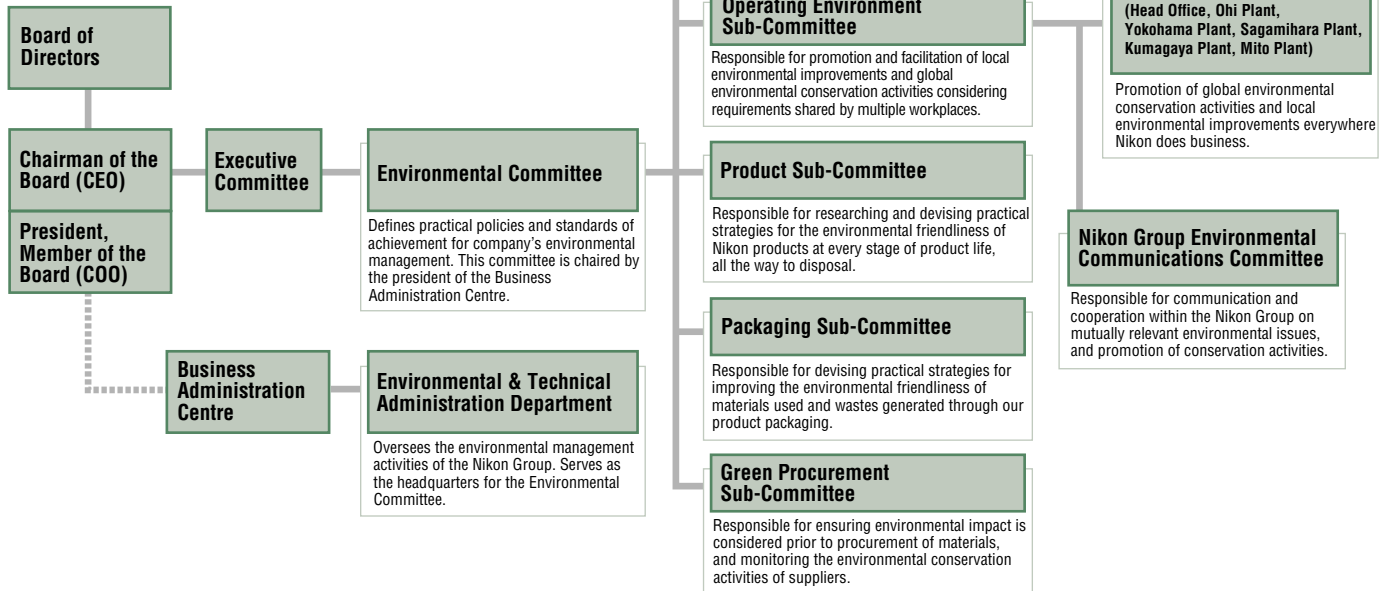
This symbol was created and introduced in 1998 to represent the environmental conservation and improvement activities being undertaken by the Nikon Group.

Environmental Management Organisation

Nikon first entered into environmental protection activities in 1970, when it formed its “First Pollution Response Committee”. This committee was renamed the “Pollution Prevention Committee” in 1971, and again in 1973 to be known as the “Environmental Improvement Committee”. This gave birth to our programme of more practical environmental conservation activities.

The environmental management organisation was restructured in 1992 with the enactment of the “Nikon Basic Environmental Management Policy”, and in 1999, as part of the expansion and adjustments to the system, we established an “Environmental &

Technical Administration Department” within the company. The current environmental management organisation ensures that we are constantly kept abreast of new domestic or international laws, treaties or regulations, or modifications to existing ones, as well as the ever-changing needs of society.



Environmental Management System

In September 1996, an international standard on environmental management systems (ISO 14001) was officially introduced by the International Standards Organisation. The intention of the standard is to promote the self-improvement of environment-related aspects of corporate activities, with the United Nation’s policy for ensuring the sustainable development of the human race as its foundation.

The Nikon Group’s current track record for obtaining ISO certification is shown below, along with each facility’s main activities. The organisation that performed the evaluation for each location was BVQI (Bureau Veritas Quality International, based in the UK).

Through earning this certification and our dedication to our environmental activities, we have not only achieved improved levels of environmental management, but have also become stricter in our classification of waste, significantly increased our recycling rate for paper, reduced our output of paper and other forms of refuse, and intensified our promotion of energy-conserving measures.

This Environmental Management System functions together with the quality standards set forth in ISO 9000 guidelines — for which each business unit has received certification — allowing us to meet our customers’ needs while showing consideration for the environment, and at the same time supplying high-quality products.

Location	Date of Approval	Primary Activities
Ohi Plant	July 1998	Development of basic technology, development and design of Imaging Company products
Kumagaya Plant	August 1998	Development, design and manufacture of IC steppers
Sagami Plant	August 1998	Manufacture of optical glass, research and development of lenses
Yokohama Plant	October 1998	Development, design and manufacture of Instruments Company products and LCD steppers
Mito Plant	April 1999	Development of manufacturing technology, production of customised products
Sendai Nikon Corporation	March 1997	Manufacture of cameras and LCD steppers
Zao Nikon Co., Ltd.	March 1999	Manufacture of component devices for IC/LCD steppers, surveying instruments
Tochigi Nikon Corporation	September 1999	Manufacture of IC/LCD steppers, various optical lenses
Nasu Nikon Co., Ltd.	December 1999	Manufacture of ophthalmic lenses
Aichi Nikon Co., Ltd.	December 1999	Manufacture of ophthalmic lenses
Kurobane Nikon Co., Ltd.	December 1999	Manufacture of lenses for microscopes, profile projectors and surveying instruments
Mito Nikon Corporation	December 1999	Manufacture of component devices for IC/LCD steppers, cameras
Sagami Optical Co., Ltd.	January 2000	Processing of optical-glass products, other glass items



The Certificate of Approval awarded to the Ohi Plant