

Recycled and Virgin Fibers

At Ahlstrom-Munksjö we differentiate through products that purify and protect, delivered with enhanced circularity. We want to be part of supporting the transition to a more circular economy, actively working with our products to extend applications for renewable, bio-based raw materials and increase the share of circular industry solutions for more durable products.

We source all our fibers sustainably through Chain of Custody, ensuring that regardless of the source of our fibers, we can be sure they originate from well managed and sustainable forestry. Furthermore, we support the use of both virgin and recycled fibers, which are needed and complement each other to enable a circular material flow. Ahlstrom-Munksjö carefully selects and sources the recycled fibers from reliable suppliers.

We believe that using more recycled fibers in the future is an important part of delivering our products with strong purposes and enhanced sustainability features. It is widely known that the use of recycled materials is beneficial and has an overall positive environmental impact. Regarding the carbon footprint of recycled fibers, it can in certain cases be considered higher than virgin fibers¹. However, this should be considered case by case.

We use recycled fibers to optimize sustainability and support a circular economy. We actively work with trusted suppliers and our own processes, not only to use the recycled fibers in products where they are a good match, but also to reduce the environmental impacts and carbon footprint along the value chain.

We are continuously evaluating our products' suitability, whilst considering their performance, technical feasibility and remaining food and product safety compliant.

Being part of the circular bioeconomy is a key way to help our customers deliver on their sustainability ambitions. We actively support through associations such as CEPI, 4Evergreen and CELAB to boost the contribution of fiber-based products that minimize climate and environmental impact.



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¹ This could be due to several reasons, such as the scope and boundaries of the calculation, production country, energy mix in production, access and quality of data used in the calculation, biogenic carbon allocation, etc.

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