

#### INTERFACE



# Innovative Strategies to Reduce GHG Emissions from Mobile Sources

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# ① Interface, Inc.

- Global manufacturer of floorcoverings and fabrics, service provider for product installation, maintenance and reclamation
- ~1 billion in sales (2002)
- 5,500 employees
- Manufacturing sites in: U.S., Canada, UK,
   Netherlands, Thailand, Australia
- Sales offices in 100 countries

## Our Vision

To be the first company that, by its deeds, shows the entire industrial world what sustainability is in all its dimensions: people, process, product, place and profits – by 2020; and in doing so we will become restorative through the power of influence.



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# Impacts from Mobile Sources

#### **Business Air Travel**



#### **Product transportation**





**Company cars** 

Commuting

# **Busin** Travel

## Trees for Travel

- Offsets the CO<sub>2</sub> impact from business air travel for all business units globally
- Travel agency col<sup>-</sup> submits data on air miles
- 3 trees planted per ton of CO<sub>2</sub>
- Partner w/ American Forests





## **1** Trees for Travel

**2002**:

10 million miles2,000 metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>

• Since 1997:

>38,000 trees

- Obstacles:
  - Data collection
  - Easy to implement once data are available





# **Company Cars**

# **①** Interface Cool Fuel™

- Offsets the CO<sub>2</sub> impact from company car fuel purchases
- Rebate from BP Fuel Card funds purchase of CO<sub>2</sub> offsets
  - Rebate based on gallons purchased
     3.0 4.5¢
- Climate Neutral Network certified program







## **①** Interface Cool Fuel™

- Cumulative 141,000 gallons of fuel
- Offset 1,600 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>

#### **Additional Benefits:**

- Climate Neutral AND Cost Neutral
- Centralized billing
  - No more gas receipts to submit
  - Cost management/accountability
- Challenges:
  - BP stations are not available throughout the U.S. (e.g. California)







## **Interface Europe:**

- 7 bands allocated by job level
- Life cycle cost = pence per mi lease, fuel, service, and insurance ÷ 75,000 mi
- UK Tax scheme changed in 2002 based on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and list price
- Cash allowance for choosing lower band

# Company Car Policy - Interface Europe

Band	Emissions	Life Cycle Cost	Typical cars
Eco-Band	145 grams/km	18 – 23.99 ppm	VW Lupo SDi
Band 1	155 grams/km	24 – 26.99 ppm	Ford Focus
Band 2	165 grams/km	27 – 29.99 ppm	Audi A3 TDi
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Band 6	>185 g/km	41 – 46 ppm	BMW 525



**Employ** muting

# O Clean CO<sub>2</sub>mmute

- Interface Research Corporation
- Each employee calculates annual commuting mileage
- Voluntary contribution to offset emissions
- IRC matches employee contribution
- Nearly 100% participation, average cost ~\$6 per employee

## **Product** ortation

# O Product Transportation

- 100% of product transport is contracted out
- Partnerships:
  - EPA SmartWay Transport
  - BSR's Green Freight working group
  - Internal working group



# O Product Transportation

### Objectives:

- Metrics for calculating transportation footprint
- Strategies to reduce footprint
- Improve on-site o
- Environmental performance of carriers

# O Product Transportation

#### Activities:

- Meeting with top 5 carriers, July 2003
- Collecting internal best practices
  - Scheduling deliven non-rush hour
  - Reduce size and weight of packaging and product, more product per pallet
  - Backhaul raw materials

#### Obstacles:

Shipment size driven by customer order
 25% of shipments are 4 boxes of carpet or less
 (215 sq ft)

# ① Example facility

- Transportation impact is significant
- Product transport emissions:
   ~4,100 MT CO<sub>2</sub>
- Scope 1 & 2:9,500 MT CO<sub>2</sub>



# **Questions?**