



Criteria on Toxic Chemicals

Greenpeace wants to see electronics companies clean up their act.

Substituting harmful chemicals in the production of electronics will prevent worker exposure to these substances and contamination of communities that neighbour production facilities. Eliminating harmful substances will also prevent leaching/off-gassing of chemicals like brominated flame retardants (BFR) during use, and enable electronic scrap to be safely recycled. The presence of toxic substances in electronics perpetuates the toxic cycle – during reprocessing of electronic waste and by using contaminated secondary materials to make new products.

The issue of toxicity is overarching. Until the use of toxic substances is eliminated, it is impossible to secure 'safe' recycling. For this reason, the points awarded to corporate practice on chemicals are weighted more heavily than criteria on recycling.

Although there are five criteria on both chemicals and waste, the top score on chemicals is 18 points, as double points are awarded for vinyl plastic-free (PVC) and BFR-free models on the market, whereas the top score on e-waste is 15 points.

The criteria on Precautionary Principle and Chemicals Management remain the same. The criterion: BFR-free and PVC-free models on the market, also remains the same and continues to score double points.

The two former criteria: Commitment to eliminating PVC with timeline and Commitment to eliminating all BFRs with timeline, have been merged into one criterion, with the lower level of commitment to PVC or BFR elimination determining the score on this criterion.

A new criterion has been added, namely Phase out of additional substances with timeline(s). The additional substances, many of which have already been identified by the brands as suspect substances for potential future elimination are:

- (1) all phthalates,
- (2) beryllium, including alloys and compounds and
- (3) antimony/antimony compounds

Criteria on e-waste

Greenpeace expects companies to take financial responsibility for dealing with the electronic waste (e-waste) generated by their products, to take back discarded products in all countries with sales of their products and to re-use or recycle them responsibly. Individual Producer Responsibility (IPR) provides a feedback loop to the product designers of the end-of-life costs of treating discarded electronic products and thus an incentive to design out those costs.

An additional e-waste criterion has been added and most of the existing criteria have been sharpened, with additional demands. The new e-waste criterion requires the brands to report on the use of recycled plastic content across all products and provide timelines for increasing content.

Criteria on energy

The five new energy criteria address key expectations that Greenpeace has of responsible companies that are serious about tackling climate change. They are:

- (1) Support for global mandatory reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions;
- (2) Disclosure of the company's own GHG emissions plus emissions from two stages of the supply chain;
- (3) Commitment to reduce the company's own GHG emissions with timelines;
- (4) Amount of renewable energy used
- (5) Energy efficiency of new models (companies score double on this criterion)

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Ranking criteria explained

As of the 8th edition of the Guide to Greener Electronics, Greenpeace scores electronics brands on a tightened set of chemicals and e-waste criteria, (which include new criteria) and on new energy criteria.

The ranking criteria reflect the demands of the Toxic Tech campaign to electronics companies. Our two demands are that companies should:

- (1) clean up their products by eliminating hazardous substances; and
- (2) take-back and recycle their products responsibly once they become obsolete.

The two issues are connected: the use of harmful chemicals in electronic products prevents their safe recycling once the products are discarded.

Given the increasing evidence of climate change and the urgency of addressing this issue, Greenpeace has added new energy criteria to encourage electronics companies to:

- (3) improve their corporate policies and practices with respect to Climate and Energy

Ranking regrading: Companies have the opportunity to move towards a greener ranking as the guide will continue to be updated every quarter. However penalty points will be deducted from overall scores if Greenpeace finds a company lying, practicing double standards or other corporate misconduct.

Disclaimer: Greenpeace's 'Guide to Greener Electronics' aims to clean up the electronics sector and get manufacturers to take responsibility for the full life cycle of their products, including the electronic waste that their products generate and the energy used by their products and operations.

The guide does not rank companies on labour standards, social responsibility or any other issues, but recognises that these are important in the production and use of electronics products.

Changes in ranking guide: We first released our 'Guide to Greener Electronics' in August 2006, which ranked the 14 top manufacturers of personal computers and mobile phones according to their policies on toxic chemicals and recycling.

In the sixth issue of the Guide, we added the leading manufacturers of TVs – namely, Philips and Sharp – and the game console producers Nintendo and Microsoft. The other market leaders for TVs and game consoles are already included in the Guide.

In the eighth edition, we sharpened some of the existing ranking criteria on toxic chemicals and e-waste and added a criterion on each issue. We also added five new energy criteria.

From this version of the Guide, Fujitsu Siemens Computers will no longer be scored. Fujitsu will acquire the Siemens share in Fujitsu Siemens Computers (FSC). The new company will operate under the brand Fujitsu from April 1, 2009. Fujitsu will be evaluated in the next Guide due in June 2009.

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In this version of the Guide, PC manufacturers HP, Lenovo and Dell have been served a penalty point for backtracking on their commitment to eliminate vinyl plastic (PVC) and brominated flame retardants (BFRs) from their products by the end of 2009.

NOKIA Ranking = 7.5/10

Nokia stays in 1st place with an improved total score of 7.5. Nokia now scores maximum points for its comprehensive voluntary take-back programme, which spans 84 countries providing almost 5000 collection points for end-of-life mobile phones. However, its recycling rate of 3-5% is very poor and more information is needed on how Nokia calculates these figures. It also needs to start using recycled plastics beyond just packaging.

Nokia scores very well on toxic chemical issues, launching new models free of PVC since the end of 2005 and aiming to have all new models free of brominated flame retardants and antimony trioxide by the end of 2009.

Nokia improves its energy score by committing to reduce absolute CO₂ emissions by a minimum of 10% by 2009 and 18% by 2010, from a baseline year of 2006 and providing a third party verification certificate for its disclosed CO₂ emissions. Its score is boosted by sourcing 25% of its total energy needs from renewable sources in 2007 and by having a target to increase use of renewable energy to 50% by 2010. Top marks (doubled) are given for product energy efficiency as all but one of its mobile phone chargers exceed the Energy Star requirements by 30-90%.

NOKIA Overall Score

	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)
Precautionary Principle				
Chemicals Management				
Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout				
Timeline for additional substances phaseout				
PVC-free and/or BFR-free models <small>(companies score double on this criterion)</small>				
Individual producer responsibility				
Voluntary take-back				
Information to individual customers				
Amounts recycled				
Use of recycled plastic content				
Global GHG emissions reduction support				
Carbon Footprint disclosure				
Own GHG emissions reduction commitment				
Amounts of renewable energy used				
Energy efficiency of new models				

NOKIA Detailed Scoring

Chemicals

Precautionary Principle	Chemicals Management	Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout	Timeline for additional substances phaseout	PVC-free and/or BFR-free models (double points)
GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)
Nokia's definition of the precautionary principle earns them top points.	Nokia has already phased out some harmful chemicals and identified future substances for elimination. More information. New version (2009) of Nokia's substance list.	Nokia has eliminated remaining uses of PVC. See PVC elimination case study. More information. Nokia aims to have all new products across its global product range launched from 2010 free of restricted flame retardants and has a new commitment to eliminate all brominated and chlorinated compounds, not just those in PVC and flame retardants. More information.	Nokia has banned the use of beryllium and its compounds in all new products developed from 1/1/09. The intentional addition of phthalates is also banned in new products. More information. All products from 2010 will be free of antimony trioxide. However, there is no target to phase out other antimony compounds. More information.	New models are PVC-free since the end of 2005. As from January 2007, the first products without components containing BFRs have been introduced. Nokia aims to have all new products launched after the end of 2009 free of these substances. More information. Eco-declarations provided for all Nokia products.

E-Waste

Support for Individual Producer Responsibility	Provides voluntary take-back where no EPR laws exist	Provides info for individual customers on take-back in all countries where products are sold	Reports on amount of e-waste collected and recycled	Use of recycled plastic content in products - and timelines for increasing content
PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	BAD (0)
Nokia supports and lobbies for IPR. To regain top marks, Nokia will need to explore options for operationalising IPR. It also needs to continue to lobby for IPR, inter alia to ensure the revised WEEE legislation sets clearer requirements (enforcement criteria) for the implementation of IPR and prevents the indefinite use of the Visible Fee. More information.	Take-back is offered in 85 countries, including in Africa and Latin America, with almost 5000 Nokia collection points globally. More information here and here and here. Nokia has announced on their Argentine website that they will soon roll out a take-back programme in Argentina.	The information provided is very good, with addresses, phone numbers and directions to Nokia Care Centres and updates about the development of new take-back programmes. For full marks Nokia needs to resolve some minor problems with its provision of information. More information.	Nokia states that it gets back just 3 percent of redundant phones. But it is unclear if this is as a percentage of all Nokia sales, or all brands of mobiles returned – and over which period and geography. More information here and here. Nokia's consumer survey to identify the fate of end-of-life mobile phones.	Nokia is actively researching the use of recycled plastics, which are currently used only in packaging. More information.

Energy

Support for global mandatory reduction of GHG emissions	Company carbon footprint disclosure	Commitment to reduce own direct GHG emissions	Amount of renewable energy used	Energy efficiency of New Models (double points)
PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)
Nokia has signed the Bali Communiqué. For full marks, Nokia needs to support specific targets (numbers) and industrialised countries cutting emissions by at least 30% by 2020. More information.	Nokia reports on energy consumption as well as direct and indirect CO2 emissions. More information. Nokia has published a verification statement.	Nokia is committed to reducing CO2 emissions by a minimum of 10% by 2009 and 18% by 2010, from a baseline year of 2006. More information. Nokia is to set energy efficiency and CO2 emission reduction targets for key global suppliers by 2009. More information. To stay on 3 points, Nokia needs to provide projections on GHG reductions to the year 2012, to show commitment to continued improvement.	Nokia's target for renewable electricity is to cover 25% of its total needs during 2007 – 2009, increasing to 50% in 2010. The 2007 target has been achieved. But, it is unclear where there is additionality in all of Nokia's purchasing of renewables and which sources of renewable energy Nokia considers 'renewable'. More information.	All Nokia's new models of chargers meet or exceed the EPA's Energy Star requirements. All except one of the currently available chargers exceed the requirements in no load mode by between 30 and 90%. More information.

SAMSUNG Ranking = 6.9/10

Samsung leaps to 2nd place, up from 4th in v.10 and increases its score from 5.9 to 6.9, scoring relatively well on all criteria.

Since November 2007, all new models of LCD panels are PVC-free, important in driving the market to phase out PVC, with Samsung being the #1 supplier globally. The company has launched partially BFR-free models of mobile phone and developed halogen-free memory chips and semiconductors for certain applications. It gains an extra point for committing to eliminate phthalates and beryllium and compounds by the end of 2012 from all its products, not just from PCs, TVs and mobile phones.

Samsung scores well on e-waste; it reports recycling rates of 137% for TVs (based on past sales 10 years ago, the average life span, since when Samsung's TV sales have increased 10-fold), 12% for PCs (based on 7 year lifespan) and 9% for mobile phones (based on 2 year lifespan). However to score top marks, Samsung needs to put a reality check on the EU figures of e-waste recycled. It also scores top marks on its use of recycled plastic, which is 16.1%, though only 0.2% is post-consumer plastic, with a goal to increase to 25% by 2008 and use a majority of post-consumer plastic.

Samsung boosts its score on energy, by supporting the levels of cuts required globally and by industrialised countries to keep dangerous climate change in check and for providing a certificate of verification of its GHG emissions in Korea. Samsung scores double points on the energy efficiency of its battery chargers, all of which meet and 94% of which exceed the latest Energy Star standard.

SAMSUNG Overall Score

	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)
Precautionary Principle				
Chemicals Management				
Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout				
Timeline for additional substances phaseout				
PVC-free and/or BFR-free models <small>(companies score double on this criterion)</small>				
Individual producer responsibility				
Voluntary take-back				
Information to individual customers				
Amounts recycled				
Use of recycled plastic content				
Global GHG emissions reduction support				
Carbon Footprint disclosure				
Own GHG emissions reduction commitment				
Amounts of renewable energy used				
Energy efficiency of new models				

SAMSUNG Detailed Scoring

Chemicals

Precautionary Principle	Chemicals Management	Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout	Timeline for additional substances phaseout	PVC-free and/or BFR-free models (double points)
GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)
Samsung scores top marks on its support for and understanding of the Precautionary Principle. More information.	Samsung scores full marks on this criterion, by also identifying future chemicals to be targeted for elimination. More information. SEC Standard (version 11.1). Eco-Partner Certification Program.	Full marks for providing a timeline of end of 2010 for phasing out PVC. More information. Timeline for phasing out BFRs in all new models is January 2010. More information.	Samsung has set a timeline for the phase out of phthalates and beryllium and compounds from new models of all products of 31st December 2012. Antimony trioxide is to be phased out from new models of PCs, TVs and mobile phones only, by 31st December 2012, but with 2 exemptions. For full marks, Samsung needs a similar restriction on all uses of antimony in all new product. More information.	Since 1st November 2007, all new models of LCD panels are PVC-free. Samsung has developed halogen-free memory chips and semiconductors for certain applications. Since 1st July 2007 all new models of mobile phones use BFR-free materials in most if not all circuit boards. The housings of all mobile handsets and peripherals are BFR-free. In June 08, Samsung released the SGH-F268 model of mobile phone which is totally free of BFRs and PVC in both the phone and its accessories. More information.

E-Waste

Support for Individual Producer Responsibility	Provides voluntary take-back where no EPR laws exist	Provides info for individual customers on take-back in all countries where products are sold	Reports on amount of e-waste collected and recycled	Use of recycled plastic content in products - and timelines for increasing content
PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)
Samsung supports and lobbies for IPR. More information. Samsung is advocating a stronger role for IPR in the EU. More information. To gain top marks, Samsung will need to explore options for operationalising IPR and to continue to lobby for IPR, inter alia to ensure the revised WEEE legislation sets clearer requirements (enforcement criteria) for the implementation of IPR and prevents the indefinite use of the Visible Fee. But to stay on 2 points it will first have to be more positive on how to make IPR feasible, rather than questioning it.	Samsung now provides voluntary take-back for its consumer electronics (except home appliances) in the US. In other countries voluntary take-back is provided for mobile phones and printer cartridges, a small part of Samsung's product portfolio. For more points Samsung needs to extend its voluntary take-back for all products to non-OECD countries. Voluntary initiatives. Global mobile phone recycling.	Samsung provides accessible information to consumers on what to do with their discarded products, especially for mobile phones and for the Recycling Direct programme in the US. More information here, here and here. Mobile phone take-back.	Samsung estimates its 2007 recycling rates, based on sales and recycled amounts from Korea, Japan, Europe and North America: TVs – 137% (based on average life-span of 10 years, since when Samsung's TV sales have increased 10-fold). Computers – 12% (7 years) Mobile phones – 9% (2 years). For top marks, Samsung needs to provide EU figures from own brand sampling of return rate, undertaken in at least one Northern EU country, one Southern EU country and one new Member State – and provide indications of how it intends to expand this sampling in the future. More information.	Samsung's current use of recycled plastics across all products is some 15.9% post-industrial plastic and only 0.2% post-consumer plastic. Samsung has set a target of 25% recycled plastic content out of total plastics used by 2025 and will maximise the use of post consumer recycled plastics over post industrial plastics. More information.

Energy

Support for global mandatory reduction of GHG emissions	Company carbon footprint disclosure	Commitment to reduce own direct GHG emissions	Amount of renewable energy used	Energy efficiency of New Models (double points)
GOOD (3+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	BAD (0)	BAD (0)	GOOD (3+)
Samsung Electronics supports global mandatory cuts of Greenhouse Gas emissions of at least 50% by 2050 (from 1990 levels) and cuts by industrialised countries of at least 30% as a group by 2020. More information.	Samsung reports on total GHG emissions from its operations in Korea (the majority of its operations) of 8,21million tonnes/year. There is no reporting of product supply chain emissions. The Korea GHG Certification Office has verified the measurements. More information.	Samsung has revised its GHG reduction target. The previous target was to cut GHGs by 30% from 2001 levels by 2010 (per unit revenue basis). The revised target is to cut GHGs by 45% from 2001 levels by 2010 (per unit production basis). However, the basis of the target is still relative reductions in energy intensity. There is no target for absolute reduction of GHG emissions. More information.	Samsung reports that in the US, Samsung Austin Semiconductor purchases 6% of its electricity from renewable sources. In Europe, several subsidiaries use renewable energy, comprising approximately 15% of their annual electricity consumption. However, no figures for use of renewable energy as a percentage of the total fuel mix are given. Samsung also states that it is seeking to increase its use of renewable energy by investing in fuel and solar cells; however no target or timeline is given. More information.	Since November 2008 100% of Samsung models of mobile phone External Power Supplies (EPS) globally have met the latest Energy Star requirements, and 94% of these exceed the Energy Star requirements by 50% or more in no-load mode. All EPS (chargers) already comply with California's Amended Appliance Efficiency Regulations effective from July 1st, 2008. 100% of all flat TV models globally have met the latest Energy Star requirements and 43% exceed them for standby mode by 50% or more. 87% of PCs meet the latest Energy Star standard; 8% exceed the standby requirements by 50% or more and 8% exceed sleep mode requirements by 50% or more. More information.

SONY ERICSSON Ranking = 5.7/10

Sony Ericsson drops one place to 3rd with a reduced score of 5.7. It loses a point for its limited definition of the principle of Individual Producer Responsibility; it also needs to increase its lobbying for IPR, continue to extend its take-back and recycling programmes and provide information on its take-back programme for more of its customers.

It is the first company to score almost top marks on the chemicals criteria, missing this target by having unreasonably high threshold limits for brominated flame retardants in products that are allegedly BFR-free. All SE products are already PVC-free. SE has already met the challenge of the new criterion on chemicals, by banning antimony, beryllium and phthalates from new models launched since January 2008.

The company scores relatively well on energy criteria because all of its products meet and exceed the Energy Star standard. It is now reporting CO₂ emissions from its own manufacturing and product transportation.

SONY ERICSSON Overall Score

	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)
Precautionary Principle				
Chemicals Management				
Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout				
Timeline for additional substances phaseout				
PVC-free and/or BFR-free models <small>(companies score double on this criterion)</small>				
Individual producer responsibility				
Voluntary take-back				
Information to individual customers				
Amounts recycled				
Use of recycled plastic content				
Global GHG emissions reduction support				
Carbon Footprint disclosure				
Own GHG emissions reduction commitment				
Amounts of renewable energy used				
Energy efficiency of new models				

SONY ERICSSON Detailed Scoring

Chemicals

Precautionary Principle	Chemicals Management	Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout	Timeline for additional substances phaseout	PVC-free and/or BFR-free models (double points)
GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2.5+)
Sony Ericsson scores top marks for defining the Precautionary Principle and its commitment to it. More information.	Sony Ericsson is ahead of many companies by already eliminating substances from its new products that others have only identified for future action. More information. SE's pdf List of Banned & Restricted Substances.	All SE products are PVC free – except for cables in a few early models of chargers and accessories, and these are being phased out. All models placed on the market after 1 January 2008 are BFR free, older models may still contain BFRs in circuit boards and substrates. More information. Banned & Restricted Substances.	Antimony, beryllium and phthalates are banned with a few exemptions for products placed on the market before 1 January 2008. In addition, antimony and its compounds are exempted in solder alloys and when bound in a ceramic matrix. SE needs to overcome the exemptions on antimony and beryllium. More information.	SE scores 2.5 points (doubled) on this criterion. All SE products are already PVC-free, with the exception of cables in early models of chargers. Since January 2008, all new SE models are BFR-free, but SE's threshold of 900ppm is still too high and needs to be lowered if it is to score full points on this criterion. Older models may still contain BFRs in circuit boards and substrates. More information. Environmental product declarations for phones and mobile broadband devices.

E-Waste

Support for Individual Producer Responsibility	Provides voluntary take-back where no EPR laws exist	Provides info for individual customers on take-back in all countries where products are sold	Reports on amount of e-waste collected and recycled	Use of recycled plastic content in products - and timelines for increasing content
PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	BAD (0)
Sony Ericsson has launched an individual product 'environmental warranty' as part of its commitment to Individual Producer Responsibility, by which it commits to recycle its products in an environmentally sound way when any SE product is taken to any designated collection point globally, regardless of where the product was originally purchased. More information. For full marks, SE needs to provide details of operationalisation of IPR.	Sony Ericsson has initiated its new 'environmental warranty' programme that includes take-back and recycling in India, Taiwan, China, Thailand, Singapore USA and Mexico, with a total of 500 collection points; Sony Ericsson intends to complete this rollout by 2009 in all the countries in which it operates. More information. Product (Environmental) Declaration. (eg. J110).	Sony Ericsson intends to provide information to customers in all the countries in which it operates by 2009. More information. Currently, full information is accessible only to customers in 8 European countries, the USA, Australia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Taiwan.. Declarations direct customers to local Service Centres. However, product take-back for recycling isn't mentioned in the information about Service Centres. More information. (eg. J110).	Sony Ericsson provides estimates of the amount of mobile phones recycled as a percentage of current (not past) sales: 2 - 13% based on sales volume and 1 - 5% based on the number of subscribers. Although this information is collected only for Europe, it is based on data from those countries where mobile phones are collected or reported separately – i.e. Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. More information.	No information.

Energy

Support for global mandatory reduction of GHG emissions	Company carbon footprint disclosure	Commitment to reduce own direct GHG emissions	Amount of renewable energy used	Energy efficiency of New Models (double points)
PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	BAD (0)	BAD (0)	GOOD (3+)
Sony Ericsson signed up in support of the Bali Communiqué, which calls for binding cuts of 50%. It identifies that industrialised countries need to make the greatest effort; however, no targets are specified. For full marks, SE needs to commit to concrete numbers and to industrialised countries cutting emissions by at least 30% by 2020. More information here and here.	Sony Ericsson reports 2007 CO ₂ emissions from its own manufacturing and product transportation processes of 15 200 tonnes and 228 800 tonnes respectively. More information.	Sony Ericsson's goal to reduce is relative, namely to cut the carbon footprint from its own activities by 15% per unit of production by 2009 and 20% by 2011, based on 2007 figures. No target for reducing absolute emissions is given. More information.	No information on the use of renewable energy is given.	All new models after 2005 meet the requirements of Energy Star, and "... 67% are better than the EU CoC power requirements. The standby power is not more than 0.1 W for all new charger models after 2005." More information.

PHILIPS Ranking = 5.7/10

Philips soars up the ranking from 15th place to 4th, scoring 5.7, because the penalty point incurred a year ago (v.7) has now been lifted; this was incurred for regressive lobbying against the principle of Individual Producer Responsibility (IPR) initially in the US and then in an EU consultation on the revision of the WEEE Directive. Philips now supports IPR and is committed to actively work towards developing IPR based recycling systems and their supporting financial mechanisms; it doesn't score more points on this criterion yet, because it now has to put this commitment into practice. Philips also scores a point for its voluntary take-back and for reporting on the recycling rate of the e-waste it collects in Europe and now needs to demonstrate its commitment to taking responsibility for its own e-waste by expanding its take-back programme and improving the information that it provides to its customers.

Philips scores well on both toxic chemical and energy issues. On chemicals, Philips has committed to eliminating all phthalates and antimony by December 31 2010. Beryllium and its compounds are already restricted and arsenic is to be phased out of TV glass and other display products from 2008. But Philips has yet to put on the market products free from PVC vinyl plastic and brominated flame retardants (BFRs).

Philips' score on energy increases by a point because it reports that the proportion of renewable energy used has increased to 15% of all electricity used in 2008. The company supports mandatory cuts in greenhouse gases by industrialised countries of at least 30%. It scores one of the highest marks of all the ranked brands on energy criteria (beaten only by Nokia), disclosing externally verified carbon dioxide equivalent emissions and committing to absolute cuts in its operational carbon footprint by 25% by 2012 (using a baseline year of 2007). Although Philips scores well on energy efficiency, reporting that all models of TVs exceed the ES requirements for standby power consumption by at least 70%, it needs to explicitly state that it is reporting to the latest Energy Star standards for TVs and external power supplies.

PHILIPS Overall Score

	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)
Precautionary Principle				
Chemicals Management				
Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout				
Timeline for additional substances phaseout				
PVC-free and/or BFR-free models <small>(companies score double on this criterion)</small>				
Individual producer responsibility				
Voluntary take-back				
Information to individual customers				
Amounts recycled				
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Carbon Footprint disclosure				
Own GHG emissions reduction commitment				
Amounts of renewable energy used				
Energy efficiency of new models				

PHILIPS Detailed Scoring

Chemicals

Precautionary Principle	Chemicals Management	Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout	Timeline for additional substances phaseout	PVC-free and/or BFR-free models (double points)
GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	BAD (0)
Philips' definition of the Precautionary Principle identifies the need to take preventative measures without full scientific certainty. More information.	Philips scores top marks for providing Product and Process Specs, criteria for identifying 'future substances' for elimination and examples, namely 'reported' substances. More information. Restricted substances in Products list. Restricted substances in Processes list. Criteria for identifying 'future' substances for phase out. List of "reported" substances.	Philips had a goal to have certain models of consumer products free of PVC and BFRs by the end of 2008 and aims to phase out PVC and all BFRs in new models by the end of 2010. Philips has eliminated BFRs in TV housings for the EU market. More information.	All phthalates and antimony will be eliminated by December 31 2010. Arsenic is to be eliminated from TV glass and other displays from 2008. More information. Beryllium and its compounds are already restricted with a threshold of 1000 ppm, but include exemptions. More information. Philips needs to overcome the exemptions on beryllium.	Green Flagship products are listed but there are no examples of BFR free or PVC free products. More information here and here.

E-Waste

Support for Individual Producer Responsibility	Provides voluntary take-back where no EPR laws exist	Provides info for individual customers on take-back in all countries where products are sold	Reports on amount of e-waste collected and recycled	Use of recycled plastic content in products - and timelines for increasing content
PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	BAD (0)
Philips supports the principle of Individual Producer Responsibility (IPR) and has pledged to actively work towards developing IPR based recycling systems and their supporting financial mechanisms. More information. To gain top marks, Philips will need to explore options for operationalising IPR and continue to lobby for IPR, inter alia to ensure the revised WEEE legislation sets clearer requirements (enforcement criteria) for the implementation of IPR and prevents the indefinite use of the Visible Fee.	It is Philips' intention to help establish global collection and recycling systems. More information. Philips has set up a pilot project in India encompassing 8 cities with 27 service centres. More information. Pilot projects have also started in Brazil and Argentina, otherwise, there is no voluntary take-back offered by Philips, although in the US Philips lists local recyclers for customers to contact. More information.	Philips provides general advice to customers on recycling, contacts for recyclers in the EU, and a search tool to locate recyclers courtesy of the Consumer Electronics Association in the US. More information. Information for customers in India.	Philips reports amounts (in tons) of end-of-life displays recycled in EU with a recycling rate of 65% in 2007, 47% in 2006, and 26% in 2005, based on an average lifespan of 10 years. Philips scores 1 point, as the data is at least partly based on sampling return rates in some EU countries, although in other countries this data is based on current market share. To earn more points, Philips needs to extend the geographical coverage of its reporting and provide EU figures from own brand sampling of return rate, undertaken in at least one Northern EU country, one Southern EU country and one new Member State – and provide indications of how it intends to expand this sampling in the future. More information.	No information is given on use of recycled plastics.

Energy

Support for global mandatory reduction of GHG emissions	Company carbon footprint disclosure	Commitment to reduce own direct GHG emissions	Amount of renewable energy used	Energy efficiency of New Models (double points)
GOOD (3+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)
Philips supports cuts of 50% of global emissions by 2050, and states that mandatory cuts of at least 30% by 2020 are needed in industrialised countries. More information.	Philips discloses its CO2 equivalent emissions to be approximately 2.147 million tons in 2008 that are verified by KPMG in its Sustainability Report. Some of these emissions are from supply chain inbound logistics. For top marks, emissions from a second stage of the product supply chain (scope 3) are needed. More information. See pg 64. Data definitions and scope. KPMG verification.	Philips is committed to reducing its operational carbon footprint by 25% by 2012, using 2007 as a baseline. Philips needs to demonstrate its progress towards this target. More information.	In 2008, Philips doubled its purchase of green electricity from 7% in 2007 to 15% in 2008. By 2012, the number of sites that use green electricity should be raised to the level needed to achieve the 25% carbon footprint reduction target by 2012. More information.	Some 71% of all TV models put on the US market after 2005 met the Energy Star standard. But data are only for the US market. In 2008 all TV models exceed the ES requirements for standby power consumption by at least 70%. More information. 10% of Philips current battery chargers models fulfil the Energy Star requirements. These models exceed the technical Energy Star requirements by 5-15%. More information. It is unclear if Philips is reporting to the latest Energy Star standard, v.3 for TVs and v.2 for external power supplies; this needs to be explicitly stated to stay on 2 points.

SONY Ranking = 5.5/10

Sony moves up two places to 5th, and increases its score to 5.5. It gains points on the energy efficiency of its products by reporting that all new models of TVs released in 2008 meet the latest ES requirements, and 45% of new models of "VAIO" PCs launched July 2007 to November 2008 meet the ES requirements for PCs. Sony still has room for improvement on the other energy criteria; it scores points for disclosing externally-verified greenhouse gas emissions for over 200 sites and committing to absolute cuts in GHG emissions; it needs to set a target and timeline for increasing its use of renewable energy globally.

Sony does relatively well on chemicals, its score boosted by having models on the market that are partially free of PVC and BFRs, including three models of video recorders and many models of the VAIO PC, "WALKMAN", camcorder and digital camera. It still needs to set a timeline for eliminating all phthalates, beryllium copper and antimony and its compounds.

On waste issues, Sony scores relatively well for its voluntary take-back and recycling of the e-waste generated by its branded products, although not much in non-OECD countries. It reports a recycling rate of 54% based on past sales of TVs and PCs, but this information is only for Japan and separate data need to be reported for TVs and PCs.

SONY Overall Score

	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)
Precautionary Principle				
Chemicals Management				
Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout				
Timeline for additional substances phaseout				
PVC-free and/or BFR-free models <small>(companies score double on this criterion)</small>				
Individual producer responsibility				
Voluntary take-back				
Information to individual customers				
Amounts recycled				
Use of recycled plastic content				
Global GHG emissions reduction support				
Carbon Footprint disclosure				
Own GHG emissions reduction commitment				
Amounts of renewable energy used				
Energy efficiency of new models				

SONY Detailed Scoring

Chemicals

Precautionary Principle	Chemicals Management	Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout	Timeline for additional substances phaseout	PVC-free and/or BFR-free models (double points)
PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)
Sony makes no reference to the precautionary principle even though its progress in eliminating hazardous substances seems to be guided by three important elements of this principle: preventive action, voluntary elimination and active search for safer substitutes. To keep the 2 points, Sony needs to use the term Precautionary Principle and state that it will take action on eliminating potentially hazardous substances even if the scientific jury is still out as to their degree of harm. More information.	Sony provides information in SS-00259 (8th edition, March 2009) Management Regulations and Green Partner programme to ensure implementation of the Regulations. More information here and here.	Sony provides a timeline of end of Fiscal Year 2010 which means April 2011 to substitute PVC in all new models of mobile products (excluding accessories), and BFRs in the casing and main PWBs of all new models of mobile products. To stay on 2 points, Sony needs to bring forward its timeline by one quarter to end of CY 2010. More information.	Sony is working to eliminate specific phthalates used as a plasticiser in PVC, although a timeline for all products isn't specified. More information. Sony has banned beryllium oxide from April 2008 with exemptions, although beryllium copper is listed as a controlled substance with no timeline for elimination. Antimony is not listed. More information.	Sony has examples of products that are partially free of PVC and BFRs, including three models of video recorders, many models of the Personal Computer VAIO, "WALKMAN", Camcorder, Digital Camera and Digital Photo Frames. These models are free of PVC in the casings and internal wiring but PVC is still used in external cabling. They are free of BFRs in casings and main printed wiring boards, but not all wiring boards. More information.

E-Waste

Support for Individual Producer Responsibility	Provides voluntary take-back where no EPR laws exist	Provides info for individual customers on take-back in all countries where products are sold	Reports on amount of e-waste collected and recycled	Use of recycled plastic content in products - and timelines for increasing content
PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)
Sony scores 2 points on this criterion because it 'respects' rather than supports the principle of Extended Producer Responsibility - rather than Individual Producer Responsibility (IPR). To gain top marks, SONY will need to explore options for operationalising IPR and continue to lobby for IPR, inter alia to ensure the revised WEEE legislation sets clearer requirements (enforcement criteria) for the implementation of IPR and prevents the indefinite use of the Visible Fee. More information. Sony is a member of the European Recycling Platform established to implement IPR. More information.	Sony has now established a nationwide recycling program in the US, together with WM Recycle America. For more points, Sony needs to expand its take-back programme in non-OECD countries. More information. All Sony handheld products are accepted for recycling, and notebook PCs can be traded in, at its Sony Style stores across Canada. 25 non-retail locations accept all Sony products for recycling at no charge. More information. Sony offers battery take-back and recycling in Brazil, Australia and New Zealand.	Sony provides information to individual customers in the EU, US (including on batteries) and Japan, but not in Canada. More information. Also see Sony Take Back Recycling Program website for the US.	In fiscal 2007, Sony recovered 68,133 tons of resources from e-waste from Japanese consumers, which included end-of-life TVs and PCs, equating to a "resource reuse/recycling ratio of around 54% based on average lifespan of TVs and PCs. But this figure is only for Japan and there is no differentiation for TVs and PCs. More information. Sony reports on the amounts of WEEE and batteries collected in N. America, recycling rates for TVs and PCs in Japan and recycling volumes for batteries in Asia & Australia. More information here and here. Recycling in Europe and ERP	Sony currently uses approximately 2,000 tons recycled plastics annually in various products. Approximately 82% of this is post consumer plastic, with 18% post industrial plastic. Sony has set its reused/recycled materials ratio targets at 12% or higher. Although Sony commits to increasing its use of recycled plastic, it has yet to provide a timeline for increasing recycled content to 12%. More information. Sony describes the development of its resource conservation system.

Energy

Support for global mandatory reduction of GHG emissions	Company carbon footprint disclosure	Commitment to reduce own direct GHG emissions	Amount of renewable energy used	Energy efficiency of New Models (double points)
PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)
Sony fails to score more points because the Tokyo Declaration it co-signed uses a baseline year of 2000 (not 1990) and fails to differentiate between the higher cuts in GHG emissions required by industrialised countries. More information.	Sony discloses third party verified GHG emissions totalling approximately 22.52 million tons in fiscal 2007, of which 3.32 million tons are Sony's own emissions. The increase of some 7% in GHG emissions from 2006 was due primarily to an increase of approximately 8% in CO ₂ generated during product use. More information here and here. Methods and approach. Verification is detailed.	Sony is committed to reducing emissions from business sites by 7% or more by 2010, but uses emission data from 2000 as baseline – not 2006-2008 baselines specified by Greenpeace. Data and targets could be presented more clearly. More information here and here. A reduction of 6.6% in GHGs was achieved by FY 2007 (baseline 2000). More information.	In Japan the Sony Group has finalised a contract for 55.45 million kWh annually using the Green Power Certification System, equivalent to around 2.5% of the Group's total power use. In Europe, 9 Sony sites are fully powered by renewable energy, representing 43% of Sony's total energy consumption in Europe. Since April 2008, four of Sony's US sites are buying renewable energy (approx 50 million kWh in 2008). More information. The total percentage of RE used and a commitment and timeline to increase its use globally is needed.	All new models of TVs released in 2008 meet the latest ES requirements, and 45% of new models of "VAIO" PCs launched during July 20th 2007 to November 2008 meet the ES requirements for PCs. Ten out of eleven BRAVIA TVs released in Japan earn a 5 star energy rating under Japanese standards. More information.

LG ELECTRONICS Ranking = 5.5/10

LG Electronics remains in 6th position, although its score drops from 5.7 in v.10 to 5.5, losing points for backtracking on its commitment to have all its products free of PVC and BFRs by the end of 2010. Now only mobile products will be free of these toxic substances from 2010; the timeline for eliminating them in TVs and monitors has been delayed until after 2012. BFRs are still to be eliminated in other product lines like washing machines, but no timeline is given and eliminating PVC in household appliances is no longer in LGE's work plan. LGE has launched new models of mobile phones with halogen-free housings, packaging and main printed wiring board. It provides a timeline of 2012 for eliminating phthalates and antimony – but only in new models of mobile products.

LGE also loses a point on its support for IPR for failing to lobby for this principle, especially during the revision of the EU WEEE Directive and for poor efforts in operationalising IPR. LGE scores relatively well on the other e-waste criteria by providing a take-back programme for its products in the US, including LG, Zenith and GoldStar brands of TVs. It also reports its use of (post-industrial) recycled plastic across all LGE products as 11%, with plans to increase this to 25% by 2025. The company has compiled figures for e-waste recycling in Europe, Asia and North America and reports a recycling rate in relation to current sales for all regions. Globally, the recycling rate for total IT and telecom equipment is 13.2% and consumer equipment (that includes TVs) is 13.7%. However, LGE fails to disclose the source of EU recycling data or how it was calculated, if this is not merely extrapolated from market shares.

LGE gains points for supporting global cuts in GHG emissions and for committing to cutting absolute GHG emissions by 5% below the 2008 level by 2012 and by 10% by 2020. On the energy efficiency of its products; LGE reports that 100% of its chargers meet and 74.6% exceed the latest Energy Star standard (v.2.0) by 50%; all PCs meet and 71% exceed sleep and standby modes by 30%; all TVs meet the latest ES standard (v.3.0) and 50% LCD TVs and 41% PDP TVs exceed the standby requirements.

LG ELECTRONICS Overall Score

	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)
Precautionary Principle				
Chemicals Management				
Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout				
Timeline for additional substances phaseout				
PVC-free and/or BFR-free models <small>(companies score double on this criterion)</small>				
Individual producer responsibility				
Voluntary take-back				
Information to individual customers				
Amounts recycled				
Use of recycled plastic content				
Global GHG emissions reduction support				
Carbon Footprint disclosure				
Own GHG emissions reduction commitment				
Amounts of renewable energy used				
Energy efficiency of new models				

LG ELECTRONICS Detailed Scoring

Chemicals

Precautionary Principle	Chemicals Management	Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout	Timeline for additional substances phaseout	PVC-free and/or BFR-free models (double points)
GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)
LGE provides a strong definition of the precautionary principle reflecting the need to take action to eliminate harmful chemicals even though their effects may not be scientifically proven. More information.	LGE's product specs in the Manual for Preparation of Environmental Regulations earn them top marks. More information here and pdf here. LGE's substance list includes future substances to be reduced, including beryllium and antimony.	LGE loses points for backtracking on its commitment to eliminate PVC and BFRs in all its products by 2010. Now only mobile products will be free of these toxic substances from 2010; the timeline for eliminating them in TVs and monitors has been delayed until after 2012. BFRs are still to be eliminated in other product lines like washing machines, but no timeline is given and eliminating PVC in household appliances is no longer in LGE's workplan. More information.	The use of phthalates and antimony will be prohibited in new mobile products from 2012; phthalates, antimony, and beryllium will be prohibited for all TVs and monitors developed after 2012; phthalates will be banned for all washing machines, fridges, air conditioners, cleaners, and microwave ovens developed after 2014. The use of beryllium in mobile products is not mentioned, although it is listed as a substance that is to be either monitored or reduced. To score higher, LGE needs to expand the scope of products to which the substance bans apply. More information.	Mobile phones now have halogen-free housing, packaging and main printed wiring board. More information here and here. European LCD TVs are produced with halogen free housing, wire and drive IC. More information. Notebooks are produced with PVC & BFR free housing. More information.

E-Waste

Support for Individual Producer Responsibility	Provides voluntary take-back where no EPR laws exist	Provides info for individual customers on take-back in all countries where products are sold	Reports on amount of e-waste collected and recycled	Use of recycled plastic content in products - and timelines for increasing content
PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)
LGE supports individual producer responsibility, although it recognises that for IPR to be operationalised, technically and economically feasible identification solutions are needed. LGE loses a point as it needs to provide evidence of lobbying for IPR inter alia to ensure the revised WEEE legislation sets clearer requirements (enforcement criteria) for the implementation of IPR and prevents the indefinite use of the Visible Fee. LGE also needs to make efforts to operationalise IPR. More information.	LGE provides voluntary take-back of its discarded mobile phones in some 50 countries with 392 drop off points globally. However, large gaps still exist in Africa, Middle East and Latin America. More information. LGE has a nationwide recycling program in the US for LG, Zenith and GoldStar brands of TVs, computer monitors and other consumer electronics products. More information. For more points, LGE needs to provide voluntary takeback of more product types and in more non-OECD countries. More information.	Information to customers on what to do with discarded mobile phones. Information on other discarded products here. Information on take back of consumer electronics other than mobile phones in the US here.	LGE reports its recycling rates for 2007 (as a percentage of past sales) as: 110% for TVs, 25% for computers and 4% for mobile phones. LGE has also compiled figures for e-waste recycling in Europe, Asia and North America. More information. To get full marks, LGE needs to provide EU figures from own brand sampling of return rate, undertaken in at least one Northern EU country, one Southern EU country and one new Member State – and provide indications of how it intends to expand this sampling in the future.	LGE reports its use of (post-industrial) recycled plastic across all LGE products as 11%, with plans to increase this to 25% by 2025. More information.

Energy

Support for global mandatory reduction of GHG emissions	Company carbon footprint disclosure	Commitment to reduce own direct GHG emissions	Amount of renewable energy used	Energy efficiency of New Models (double points)
PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	BAD (0)	GOOD (3+)
LGE supports the need for global mandatory cuts of GHG emissions proposed by the UN and others, specifically to "reduce CO2 emissions by at least 50 percent below 1990 levels by 2050 in order to relieve global warming". However, no reference is made to the need for greater cuts by industrialised countries. More information.	LGE reports GHG emissions of 812,935 tonnes in 2007, which have been sent for verification to DNV; however, no certification is published on LGE's website. The figures include scope 1, 2 and 3 but details of what comprises the scope 3 emissions aren't given. An inventory of overseas subsidiaries is planned to be established by the end of 2009. More information.	LGE aims to reduce GHG emissions by 5% below the 2008 level by 2012 and by 10% by 2020. More information. More details of LGE's plan for reducing energy costs are in its 2005 sustainability report (p. 20). More information.	Solar panels at one of LGEs facilities are capable of producing 0.00072% of the electricity used by all LGE factories in 2007. But there are no specific targets for increasing use of renewable energy. More information. LG Group's domestic solar power has a total generation capacity of 25.1 MW, however, the percentage of energy use that this figure relates to isn't given. More information. LGE is investing in crystalline solar cells. More information.	All LGE mobile phone chargers launched since January 1, 2005 meet the latest Energy Star standard and 74.6% exceed the requirements of the ES standard by 50%. All LGE's PCs launched since July 2007 meet ES4 and 71% exceed the sleep mode by 30% and 59% exceed the standby mode standard by 30%. All TVs qualify for the ES 3.0 standard, 50% of LCD TVs and 41% of PDP TV exceed the standby limit. More than 88% of monitors meet the ES standard and more than 80% exceed its requirements. More information.

TOSHIBA Ranking = 5.3/10

Toshiba drops to 7th place with a reduced score of 5.3, losing points on the chemicals and energy criteria. It drops a point on its understanding of the precautionary principle due to a much poorer explanation of this important principle on Toshiba's Corporate website, as compared to its PC site. The company also loses points on its commitment to cutting GHGs, as the proposed cuts are only relative, and on the energy efficiency of its products. The reporting of the energy efficiency of its PCs is unclear and on TVs, Toshiba reports only on the efficiency of US TVs; the data on models exceeding the latest Energy Star v.3.0 standard is confusing.

Toshiba scores points on the energy criteria by reporting its use of renewable energy (although it needs to commit to increase this with a timeline) and for supporting global cuts in GHG emissions and greater cuts for industrialised countries; it also scores points for disclosing third party verified greenhouse gas emissions from its own operations.

Toshiba does well on chemicals by committing to introduce alternatives to phthalates, beryllium and antimony by 2012 in all its products. It has also launched models of laptops with circuit boards free from brominated flame retardants (BFRs), EcoMark-certified products without PVC, and makes other components and parts that are free from these harmful substances.

The company does not do as well on e-waste; although it reports a recycling rate of 12% for a group of 5 types of products that includes TVs, PCs and 3 types of home appliances, this rate is based on current (not past) sales and is only for Japan.

TOSHIBA Overall Score

	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)
Precautionary Principle				
Chemicals Management				
Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout				
Timeline for additional substances phaseout				
PVC-free and/or BFR-free models <small>(companies score double on this criterion)</small>				
Individual producer responsibility				
Voluntary take-back				
Information to individual customers				
Amounts recycled				
Use of recycled plastic content				
Global GHG emissions reduction support				
Carbon Footprint disclosure				
Own GHG emissions reduction commitment				
Amounts of renewable energy used				
Energy efficiency of new models				

TOSHIBA Detailed Scoring

Chemicals

Precautionary Principle	Chemicals Management	Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout	Timeline for additional substances phaseout	PVC-free and/or BFR-free models (double points)
PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)
Support for the precautionary principle (PP) on Toshiba's global corporate site would score just one point. Toshiba scores 2 points because of a better understanding of this principle by its PC division. To stay on 2 points, Corporate Toshiba needs to adopt the same position on PP as its PC division. More information. For PC Division see commitment 4.	Toshiba has Green Procurement Guidelines for suppliers and ranks suppliers. See pdf file. Toshiba's PC and Network Company. Guidelines for Green Procurement v.6.	Toshiba has committed to phasing out PVC and BFRs from all its products, with a timeline of FY 2009 – not only from their notebook PCs and mobiles. More information.	Toshiba has committed to replace Phthalates, Beryllium and compounds and Antimony and compounds by 2012 in all its Consumer Electronic products, if alternatives are available. More information. For commitment to phase out these substances in notebook PCs.	Toshiba makes notebook PCs with circuit boards free of halogens and antimony, and mercury free LEDs; info on the Dynabook notebook PC. More information. Halogen-free Notebook PC, the Portégé. Information on mobile phones including PVC free USB cables and halogen free printed circuit boards. Case studies of products that are free of PVC, BFRs or other hazardous substances here.

E-Waste

Support for Individual Producer Responsibility	Provides voluntary take-back where no EPR laws exist	Provides info for individual customers on take-back in all countries where products are sold	Reports on amount of e-waste collected and recycled	Use of recycled plastic content in products - and timelines for increasing content
BAD (0)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)
Toshiba believes that IPR provides incentives for Design for Recycling. To score points Toshiba needs to explicitly support IPR with no 'flexibility' caveat and for full marks it needs to lobby for IPR and explore how IPR can be operationalised. More information.	Voluntary take-back of PCs is provided in Canada, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, China, Singapore, Thailand and much of SE Asia; there are plans to initiate a programme in India in 2009 and in future to Burma, Pakistan and Cambodia. Toshiba claims its recycling programs cover 80% of total (PC) sales volume, but don't include other Toshiba products like TVs, that are so problematic at end-of-life? More information here and here. Toshiba is part of recycling joint venture MRM, together with Sharp and Panasonic, which has announced US nationwide recycling for consumer electronics, including TVs, from Nov 1 2008, with take-back offered throughout the United States. More information.	Comprehensive information to customers on the take-back of used PCs mainly in OECD countries. More information. Information on take-back of consumer electronics including TVs in the US here.	Toshiba scores one point because the statistics it provides do not report separate recycling rates for PCs and TVs based on past sales. Toshiba reports its ratio of "recycling weight to the sales weight" for specified products (including TVs, PCs and 3 types of home appliances) based on current (not past) sales. For 2007, the recycling rate is 12%. Although Toshiba provides figures for the quantities recycled per product category globally, it does not provide a calculation of % recycled by product type (TVs and PCs), although this can be deduced and is below 25% per product group. More information. Toshiba needs to clarify how it calculates EU recycling rates.	Toshiba used 1,300 tons of recycled plastics in the manufacture of washing machines, Multi-Function Peripherals (MFPs), and other products in 2007, representing a recycled plastic ratio of 1.3%. Toshiba plans to increase the ratio of recycled plastics to up to 25% of total plastics use as part of its next voluntary plan. Toshiba also needs to provide a timeline for increasing use of recycled plastic. More information. Example of recycled plastic parts used in PC case and in a Multi Function Peripheral.

Energy

Support for global mandatory reduction of GHG emissions	Company carbon footprint disclosure	Commitment to reduce own direct GHG emissions	Amount of renewable energy used	Energy efficiency of New Models (double points)
PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)
Toshiba supports global mandatory cuts in GHG emissions by over 50% and by 60-80% for developed nations (as compared to 1990 levels) by 2050. The 2050 timeline for industrialised countries is unacceptable as it allows a period of business as usual, before any action is started. Also, there is insufficient differentiation between the cuts required by developed countries compared with those by developing ones. More information.	Toshiba reports on emissions from R&D, through procurement, use & recycling, see P.49 of CSR report 2008. GHG emissions are calculated in accordance with ISO14064. More information. Details of third party verification of data are provided here.	Toshiba commits only to making relative cuts to GHGs. There is no commitment to an absolute reduction. Toshiba aims to refrain from increasing emissions by FY2012, make them peak out at 70% of less than the FY1990 level and decrease them further by 2025. More information. Also see p.33 CSR report 2008. Toshiba has a target of reducing CO2 emissions by 47% by 2012, but this is a relative 'rate to net production output'. Reduction of non-CO2 GHG emissions is 38% by 2012 for total emissions. The baseline year is 2000. See p.48 CSR report 2008.	Toshiba gives some examples of renewable energy at Toshiba facilities and estimates that the percentage of renewable energy used by Toshiba Groups in total is approximately 10.1%. However, this includes renewable energy supplied as part of the general Japanese power supply (10% in Japan) which could result in double counting. To stay on 2 points, Toshiba needs to invest in renewable energy and set a target and timeline for increased use of RE globally. More information.	Toshiba reports that 93% of new PC platforms developed since July 07 can be configured to meet Energy Star 4. Toshiba needs to clarify what it understands by 'Energy Star compliant configurations'. PCs should not go out of ES compliance when consumers tweak power management settings. More information. Toshiba now reports that 38.2% of LCD TVs in the US since 1/7/05 are ES compliant, with 21 models exceeding the requirements but this is information only for the US market, not globally. Toshiba scores just one point as it reports only on US TVs and the data on models exceeding the ES 3.0 standard is confusing. More information.

MOTOROLA Ranking = 5.3/10

Motorola drops from 7th to 8th place, with a score of 5.3 points, losing points on reporting its recycling rate and on energy, for failing to publish its third party verification certificate of CO2 equivalent emissions. However, it also gains points on energy for reporting that from 1 November 2008, all newly designed Motorola mobile phone chargers meet and exceed by 67% the new Energy Star v.2.0 requirements for standby/no-load modes. Motorola also discloses greenhouse gas emissions; commits to cuts of 6% in its absolute greenhouse gas emissions by 2010, compared with 2000; and reports a 9.7% renewable energy use (as proportion of all electricity purchased) in 2007, although it needs to commit to increase the use of renewable energy with a timeline.

Motorola also scores relatively well on the chemicals criteria and now has a goal to eliminate PVC and BFRs in all products introduced after 2010, joining the other mobile phone brands in the ranking that make this commitment. It has launched 59 models of mobile phone with BFR free circuit boards, but only two models are free of PVC.

On waste issues, Motorola scores well for its take-back and recycling service in 73 countries, representing over 90% of global mobile phone unit sales and for providing good information to its individual customers. It reports a global take-back rate of 3% of total handsets sold in 2005 but it needs to explain how its EU figures are calculated.

MOTOROLA Overall Score

	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)
Precautionary Principle				
Chemicals Management				
Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout				
Timeline for additional substances phaseout				
PVC-free and/or BFR-free models <small>(companies score double on this criterion)</small>				
Individual producer responsibility				
Voluntary take-back				
Information to individual customers				
Amounts recycled				
Use of recycled plastic content				
Global GHG emissions reduction support				
Carbon Footprint disclosure				
Own GHG emissions reduction commitment				
Amounts of renewable energy used				
Energy efficiency of new models				

MOTOROLA Detailed Scoring

Chemicals

Precautionary Principle	Chemicals Management	Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout	Timeline for additional substances phaseout	PVC-free and/or BFR-free models (double points)
GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)
Motorola has a definition of the precautionary principle that identifies the preventive measures to be taken to eliminate the use of hazardous substances even when scientific evidence is limited or conflicting. More information.	Motorola provides a list of banned and reportable substances in its Global Common Specification No. 12G02897W18 (updated 15 May 2008) More information. As a pdf.	Motorola has set a goal to eliminate PVC and BFRs in all new designs introduced after 2010, with such products available in 2010. More information.	Motorola has set a goal to eliminate phthalates in all new designs introduced after 2010, with such products available in 2010. More information. Antimony and compounds and Beryllium and compounds are listed as reportable in Motorola's list of banned and reportable substances. More information.	Motorola lists 59 models of mobile phone whose circuit boards are free of BFRs. Two models free of PVC are listed. Moreover, Motorola's product portfolio includes home network equipment (e.g. set top boxes, wireless routers) and network equipment (e.g. base stations), as well as walkie-talkies. More information. Product Eco Facts for the MOTO W233 Renew are here .

E-Waste

Support for Individual Producer Responsibility	Provides voluntary take-back where no EPR laws exist	Provides info for individual customers on take-back in all countries where products are sold	Reports on amount of e-waste collected and recycled	Use of recycled plastic content in products - and timelines for increasing content
PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	BAD (0)
Motorola supports Individual Producer Responsibility, but there is no reference to the need for brand differentiation and no evidence of active lobbying for IPR. To stay on one point Motorola needs to improve its understanding of individual producer responsibility. It confuses responsibility for products that Motorola sells with shared responsibility of stakeholders. More information.	Motorola offers recycling services in 72 countries, representing over 90% of global mobile phone unit sales. Motorola also operates take-back services for network equipment, on request. In the US it is now taking back modems, routers and cordless phones. Motorola has extended its Ecomoto take-back programme to Argentina. More information.	Information is provided to individual customers in the countries where Motorola offers voluntary programmes. More information. Motorola also gives a list of the equipment other than mobile phones it takes back in a few countries eg: India, Malaysia. More information. Modems, routers and cordless phones can be returned with a pre-paid mail label in the US. More information.	In 2007 Motorola's global take-back rate was an estimated 3% of total handsets sold in 2005. The end-of-life mobiles are collected via regulatory and voluntary programmes, including Motorola's own 'bring back' events. Although Motorola provides the source of data for calculation, there is no explanation of how EU figures were calculated To regain 2 points, Motorola has to provide EU figures from own brand sampling of return rate, undertaken in at least one Northern EU country, one Southern EU country and one new Member State country – and provide indications of how it intends to expand this sampling in the future. More information.	One of Motorola's product design goals is to increase the use of recycled materials in its products. However, no examples or quantities are given. More information. The MOTO W233 Renew is made using plastics comprised of recycled water bottles. More information.

Energy

Support for global mandatory reduction of GHG emissions	Company carbon footprint disclosure	Commitment to reduce own direct GHG emissions	Amount of renewable energy used	Energy efficiency of New Models (double points)
BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	GOOD (3+)
Motorola makes no reference to supporting global mandatory cuts of GHG emissions. More information.	Motorola calculates that direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions were 375,324 tonnes CO2 equivalent. Motorola's emissions are reported annually, audited and verified by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, through the Chicago Climate Exchange, although Motorola loses a point as there is no copy of this verification. In addition, there is no data about product supply chain emissions. More information.	As a founding member of the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX), a voluntary emissions-reduction program, Motorola has committed to a 6 percent reduction in its absolute greenhouse gas emissions by 2010, compared with 2000 – not 2006-2008 baselines specified by Greenpeace. More information.	Currently 9.7 percent of Motorola's total electricity purchases are from renewable energy sources. Motorola will continue to try to increase use of renewable energy globally. Motorola needs to commit to a target and timeline for increasing RE use globally. More information.	From 1 November 2008, 100% of newly designed Motorola mobile phone chargers meet the new ES2 requirements and exceed by 67% the requirements for standby/no-load modes. More information.

SHARP Ranking = 4.9/10

Sharp moves up the ranking from 10th place to 9th with an unchanged overall score of 4.9 points.

Sharp scores well for its policy and practice on toxic chemical issues although it loses points for its incomplete definition of the precautionary principle and for specifying the end of fiscal 2010, rather than calendar year 2010, for its phase out of PVC and BFRs. It gains points for improved chemicals management and it also provides a timeline of fiscal 2010 for eliminating phthalates and antimony. It has launched many models of LCD TVs and solar modules that are free of PVC (except accessories).

On e-waste criteria, Sharp now scores a point for its new voluntary take-back programme for TVs and consumer electronics in the US, which is nationwide. Sharp provides information to consumers in a few countries on what to do with their discarded Sharp branded products and reports on the use of small amounts of recycled plastic. Sharp supports Extended Producer Responsibility – though not Individual Producer Responsibility and needs to improve its definition to keep its point.

On energy, Sharp loses a point as it only ‘contributes’ to rather than explicitly ‘supports’ global cuts in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of 50% by 2050 and at least 30% in industrialised countries by 2020. Sharp discloses third party verified GHG emissions from its own operations and reports that 0.2% of the electricity generated at its Japanese production sites in 2007 and 85% of electricity used at its US sites came from renewable energy sources. It gains a point for reporting that 100% of Sharp TVs meet the latest ES requirements with 64% at least 30% more efficient in standby mode. In addition, 100% of MFPs qualify under ES1.1, with nearly 70% at least 30% more energy efficient than the baseline.

SHARP Overall Score

	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)
Precautionary Principle				
Chemicals Management				
Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout				
Timeline for additional substances phaseout				
PVC-free and/or BFR-free models <small>(companies score double on this criterion)</small>				
Individual producer responsibility				
Voluntary take-back				
Information to individual customers				
Amounts recycled				
Use of recycled plastic content				
Global GHG emissions reduction support				
Carbon Footprint disclosure				
Own GHG emissions reduction commitment				
Amounts of renewable energy used				
Energy efficiency of new models				

SHARP Detailed Scoring

Chemicals

Precautionary Principle	Chemicals Management	Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout	Timeline for additional substances phaseout	PVC-free and/or BFR-free models (double points)
PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)
For full marks, Sharp needs to better define its understanding of the precautionary principle as it relates to Sharp's chemical policy. There is no reference to scientific uncertainty, which cannot be used as an excuse for lack of action on chemical substitution. More information. Basic Environmental Philosophy (point 2.2).	Sharp scores top marks for its Manual for Survey of Chemical Substances and Green Procurement Guidelines . Sharp has identified a list of substances for future restriction or elimination and criteria for their consideration. Manual for Survey of Chemical Substances Contained in Parts and Materials. Green Procurement Guidelines.	Sharp commits to eliminate PVC and BFRs from all products by the end of fiscal 2010 i.e. end of March 2011, provided it can find suitable alternatives. To regain top marks, the phase-out date needs to be moved forward by one quarter to the end of calendar year 2010. More information.	Sharp commits to eliminate phthalates and antimony from all products by the end of fiscal 2010, provided it can find suitable alternatives. The company has already banned beryllium, but there are many exemptions for which Sharp needs to find substitutes. More information.	Sharp provides a list of many models of LCD TVs, solar modules and mobile phones that are free of PVC, except accessories. Sharp has no products free of BFRs. Many models of LCD TVs, DVD projectors, audio and video products and mobile phones have casings free of BFRs. More information.

E-Waste

Support for Individual Producer Responsibility	Provides voluntary take-back where no EPR laws exist	Provides info for individual customers on take-back in all countries where products are sold	Reports on amount of e-waste collected and recycled	Use of recycled plastic content in products - and timelines for increasing content
PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)
Sharp supports Extended Producer Responsibility, but not necessarily Individual Producer responsibility. It is taking a lead in recycling e-waste and designing more recyclable products. It is actively participating in the design of recycling systems now being considered in China and other parts of Asia. Sharp's confused support for IPR could be understood only as support for Collective Producer Responsibility, or just EPR, and therefore Sharp's score risks dropping to zero. More information.	Sharp now offers nationwide recycling in the US, including TVs and Consumer Electronics, which covers all US States. More information here and here. In the US, Sharp is part of US EPA's Plug-In To eCycling. Offers voluntary take-back of toner cartridges in Canada, France and Japan, and mobiles (Mobile Muster) in Australia: In Canada, Sharp also recycles old electronic equipment for a small fee, through a recycling partner, Accu-Shred. More information.	Links to local Sharp contacts for customers in EU, US, Canada, Japan and Australia have improved with addition of phone numbers, but Sharp needs to expand take-back services so that it can serve more of its customers. More information. US MRM recycling network.	Although Sharp provides figures for recycling of TVs, copiers, PCs & washing machines (in units and wt) as well as weight of batteries collected in Japan for 2007, it does not report this as a percentage of past (or even current) sales. More information here and here. For Japan, Sharp reports the annual amount collected and the recycling ratio, for home appliances (including TVs) however, a separate figure for the amount of TVs recycled isn't given. The amounts of used electrical products collected in Maine, Minnesota are also provided. The amounts collected in Germany, UK and Czech Republic are given as a percentage of current sales, but the way it calculates its return share in the EU's collective systems is not clear. More information.	In 2007 Sharp recycled 850 tons of post-consumer plastics and has a target to increase this to 1000 tons in 2008. The data is not presented as a percentage of all plastic sourced. More information here and here.

Energy

Support for global mandatory reduction of GHG emissions	Company carbon footprint disclosure	Commitment to reduce own direct GHG emissions	Amount of renewable energy used	Energy efficiency of New Models (double points)
PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	BAD (0)	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)
Sharp contributes to a mandatory global initiative that requires industrialised countries to cut their greenhouse gas emissions at least 30% by 2020 and calls for worldwide emissions to be reduced at least 50% from 1990 levels by 2050. Sharp loses a point as it needs to make its support for cuts of at least 30% in industrialised countries by 2020 more explicit. More information.	Sharp reports on GHG emissions from its own operations in absolute terms and per production unit. More information. Verification details. Calculation standards for Envi Performance Indices. Sharp provides data giving a breakdown of CO ₂ emissions for products during their life cycle. More information.	Sharp has a target to reduce relative CO ₂ emissions (per adjusted production unit) by 28% compared to fiscal 1990 by 2010, but for domestic production sites only. There is no target for an absolute reduction of emissions of all GHGs. See CSR report 2008 (p.24 - 25, p.35) As a result of various measures taken by Sharp, CO ₂ emissions from its existing factories will peak by the end of fiscal 2008. More information.	Sharp estimates that 0.2% of the electricity generated at its domestic production sites in 2007 came from renewable energy sources. More information. In Europe some of its companies are operating on 100% renewable sources of energy and 85% of electricity used at its US sites is renewable. However, no global percentage of renewable energy use is given and there is no commitment or timeline to increase its use. More information.	100% of Sharp TVs meet the latest ES requirements with 64% at least 30% more efficient in standby mode. In addition, 100% of MFPs qualify under ES1.1, with nearly 70% at least 30% more energy efficient than the baseline. A wide range of other Sharp products are also ES qualified. More information here and here.

APPLE Ranking = 4.7/10

Apple's score increases to 4.7 points and the company leaps to 10th position – up from 14th in v.10. All Apple products are now free of PVC and BFRs with the exception of PVC-free power cords which are in the process of being certified. But Apple fails to score top marks on this criterion because it uses unreasonably high threshold limits for BFRs and PVC in products that are allegedly PVC-/BFR-free. The company needs to be commended for running a bold advertising campaign highlighting the green credentials of its MacBooks. Apple still needs to commit to phasing out additional substances with timelines, improve its policy on chemicals and its reporting on chemicals management.

Apple's score on the e-waste criteria has improved with take-back and recycling services now extended to the Asia-Pacific region, including India, China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, New Zealand, Korea and Australia. It reports a recycling rate in 2006 of 18% as a percentage of sales 7 years ago; however, it needs to provide details on how this is calculated. Apple has set a new goal of achieving a 50% recycling rate by 2010.

It does slightly worse on the energy criteria. The company discloses the carbon footprint of every model of product – although not exactly what is being evaluated in the criterion. Apple's score on the energy efficiency of its products drops slightly because it fails to provide data on what proportion of its products exceed the latest Energy Star standards and by how much.

APPLE Overall Score

	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)
Precautionary Principle				
Chemicals Management				
Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout				
Timeline for additional substances phaseout				
PVC-free and/or BFR-free models <small>(companies score double on this criterion)</small>				
Individual producer responsibility				
Voluntary take-back				
Information to individual customers				
Amounts recycled				
Use of recycled plastic content				
Global GHG emissions reduction support				
Carbon Footprint disclosure				
Own GHG emissions reduction commitment				
Amounts of renewable energy used				
Energy efficiency of new models				

APPLE Detailed Scoring

Chemicals

Precautionary Principle	Chemicals Management	Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout	Timeline for additional substances phaseout	PVC-free and/or BFR-free models (double points)
PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2.5+)
Although Apple makes no reference to the precautionary principle, its progress in eliminating hazardous substances seems to be guided by three important elements of this principle: preventive action, voluntary elimination and proactive search for safer substitutes. To keep the 2 points, Apple needs to use the term Precautionary Principle and take action on eliminating potentially hazardous substances even if the scientific jury is still out as to their degree of harm. More information.	Apple provides examples of substances that it plans to eliminate with timelines e.g. arsenic in LCDs and mercury by moving to LEDs. However Apple still fails to disclose its Substance Specification 069-0135. More information.	Apple planned to completely eliminate the use of PVC and brominated flame retardants in its products by the end of 2008. Currently nearly all Apple desktops and notebooks ship with PVC-free and DEHP-free internal cables and Apple is in the final stages of certifying PVC-free AC power cables that are also free of phthalates. Apple plans to eliminate all forms of chlorine and bromine, not just those in PVC and flame retardants. More information here and here.	Apple states that it has made its small remaining applications of beryllium a future target for phase-out. Apple is banning DEHP and other phthalates from all new product designs. Arsenic is now on Apple's list of substances that it is in the process of substituting. However, no timeline for completing this phase-out is given. Antimony is not mentioned. More information.	All Apple products are now free of BFRs and PVC with the exception of power cords which are undergoing certification. Apple scores 2.5 points on this criterion – not full marks as Apple's threshold of 900ppm for defining BFR/PVC-free is too high and needs to be lowered if it is to score full points on this criterion. Greenpeace applauds Apple's new advertising campaign highlighting the green credentials of its MacBook. The MacBook , MacBook Pro and MacBook Air . Environmental reports and specs here, here and here. The Mac Mini and iMac , iPod and iPhone .

E-Waste

Support for Individual Producer Responsibility	Provides voluntary take-back where no EPR laws exist	Provides info for individual customers on take-back in all countries where products are sold	Reports on amount of e-waste collected and recycled	Use of recycled plastic content in products - and timelines for increasing content
BAD (0)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	BAD (0)
Apple refers to its "individually responsible approach" to recycling through its own take-back initiatives and national collective take-back programmes. The definition of IPR needs to be more explicit and refer to the eco-design benefits of IPR. More information.	Apple now operates or participates in recycling programs in countries where more than 95 percent of its products are sold. Apple has recently added India, China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, New Zealand, Korea and Australia to its voluntary take-back programmes that accept all Apple branded e-waste. More information. Free recycling for iPods & mobile phones of all brands (US only). New free recycling of old monitors and PCs of any brand from Apple stores & online sales (US only). Apple product batteries take-back (US only)	Information is provided to individual customers on how to recycle e-waste in the US, Canada, Europe, Japan and Asia Pacific; however, no information is available to customers in 'New Europe'. More information here and here. US & Canada. Europe. Japan. Asia Pacific.	Apple recycled 30.5 million pounds of electronic waste and reports a recycling rate of over 38% in 2008, as a percentage of sales 7 years ago. This has surpassed its 2009 and 2010 goals and Apple has now set a new goal of achieving a 50% recycling rate by 2010. More information. Apple's recycling programmes across Europe accounted for 37% of the global recycling weight in 2008; for full marks, Apple needs to provide the methodology used to calculate this data, by supplying EU figures from own brand sampling of return rate.	No information on overall amount of recycled plastic used but some examples of applications e.g. in cover for iPhone. More information. e.g. Agent 18 Ecoshield for iPhone 3G is made of recycled post-consumer plastic bottles. More information.

Energy

Support for global mandatory reduction of GHG emissions	Company carbon footprint disclosure	Commitment to reduce own direct GHG emissions	Amount of renewable energy used	Energy efficiency of New Models (double points)
BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	BAD (0)	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)
No information	Apple reports on GHG emissions per employee and its use of electricity and natural gas, however, the total GHG emissions from its facilities are not reported. More information here and here. Apple has estimated the life cycle GHG emissions, including a breakdown of their source, for individual models of products in Product Environmental Reports. However, there is no data on GHG emissions from its full operations. To score more points, Apple needs to present the information in the required format. More information here and here.	Apple seeks to minimise GHG emissions by setting stringent design-related goals for material and energy efficiency. However, there are no details of these goals. More information.	Apple does not provide data on renewable energy sourced globally as a proportion of total electricity use. The only reference to renewables concerns Apple's manufacturing site in Cork, Ireland which will convert to 100% local renewable sources in 2008, avoiding 4 million pounds of CO2 equivalent emissions. More information.	Apple states that every Mac it ships is Energy Star 4.0 compliant as a standard feature. More information. All Apple desktop computers, portable computers and displays exceed the Energy Star version 4.0 standard and the iPod and iPhone power adapters exceed Energy Star efficiency requirements. But Apple is too modest to report the percentage by which they exceed the standard. For full marks, Apple needs to make its information more accessible. More information. See Product Environment Reports for details on Energy Star compliance.

ACER Ranking = 4.5/10

Acer's score has dropped slightly from 4.7 to 4.5 points, but it stays in 11th place. The company is not penalised for backtracking on its commitment to eliminate PVC vinyl plastic and brominated flame retardants (BFRs) in all products by the end of 2009 as internal communication with Acer reveals that it believes that it can still meet this commitment.

Acer scores most points for its efforts on toxic chemicals with a commitment to phase out all phthalates, beryllium and compounds and antimony and compounds in all new products by 2012. However, it does not yet have any products that are completely free of PVC and BFRs on the market, although a few models of monitor are almost free of BFRs and PVC, except for the power cord.

Acer scores poorly on e-waste even though it is reporting a recycling rate of 31.7% based on past sales, for desktops and notebooks, but only those sold and recycled in Taiwan. It loses a point for failing to operationalise and do more lobbying for Individual Producer Responsibility.

On energy, Acer scores points for supporting global cuts in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of 50% by 2050 and 30% by 2020 from industrialised countries (compared to 1990 levels). It provides data on its GHG emissions in Taiwan and for reporting on the energy efficiency of its products; since 20 July 2007, 75% of Acer's notebook PCs, 10% of desktop PCs and 100% of LCD monitors have been verified as Energy Star compliant.

ACER Overall Score

	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)
Precautionary Principle				
Chemicals Management				
Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout				
Timeline for additional substances phaseout				
PVC-free and/or BFR-free models <small>(companies score double on this criterion)</small>				
Individual producer responsibility				
Voluntary take-back				
Information to individual customers				
Amounts recycled				
Use of recycled plastic content				
Global GHG emissions reduction support				
Carbon Footprint disclosure				
Own GHG emissions reduction commitment				
Amounts of renewable energy used				
Energy efficiency of new models				

ACER Detailed Scoring

Chemicals

Precautionary Principle	Chemicals Management	Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout	Timeline for additional substances phaseout	PVC-free and/or BFR-free models (double points)
GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	BAD (0)
Acer scores top marks on its statement on the precautionary principle that recognises the need for preventive action, even if scientific evidence is not conclusive. More information here and here.	Top marks for describing the mechanisms for identifying future substances of concern. Supply chain management. HSF Planning.	Acer pledges to prohibit PVC and BFRs from use in new products by 2009, in their Hazardous Substances Free (HSF) plan. Technology assessment results.	Acer has adopted a timeline of 2012 for the phase out of all phthalates, beryllium and compounds and antimony and compounds in all new products. Certain phthalates are to be phased out by 2009. More information.	Acer has recently released several models of monitors, including the G24 LCD monitor whose casing, PWB laminates, connectors and internal wiring are BFR and PVC-free, but not the panel. From December 2008 a new version of the G24 LCD monitor and several other models of LCD monitor are free of BFRs and PVC in all the above as well as both the system and panel, but not the power cord. More information.

E-Waste

Support for Individual Producer Responsibility	Provides voluntary take-back where no EPR laws exist	Provides info for individual customers on take-back in all countries where products are sold	Reports on amount of e-waste collected and recycled	Use of recycled plastic content in products - and timelines for increasing content
PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	BAD (0)
Acer supports and actively strives for IPR. To score more points, Acer needs to provide examples of where it is doing advocacy and details of operationalisation of IPR. More information.	Acer provides take-back services where required to do so by national EPR laws. Exceptions are some US states and Canadian provinces where Acer provides contacts to SVTC and to recyclers and India, where Acer now takes back and recycles for free. More information.	Recycling information provided for EU, Japanese, Taiwanese and Indian customers only. Information for US customers needs to be more relevant. More information. Europe. Taiwan. Japan. India.	Acer now reports a recycling rate of 29.8% in 2007 based on sales 6 years ago, for desktops and notebooks sold and recycled in Taiwan. However, the data is only for Taiwan and relies on many assumptions. More information.	Currently no Acer products contain recycled plastics, however Acer is following technological advancements in applications of secondary plastics. More information.

Energy

Support for global mandatory reduction of GHG emissions	Company carbon footprint disclosure	Commitment to reduce own direct GHG emissions	Amount of renewable energy used	Energy efficiency of New Models (double points)
PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	BAD (0)	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)
Acer supports the reduction targets proposed by the EU, which are to cut GHG emissions by at least 50% by 2050 globally and 30% by 2020 from industrialized countries (compared to 1990 levels). To score full marks Acer needs to support cuts of at least 30% by 2020 from industrialised countries. More information.	Acer reports on its GHG emissions from its operations in Taiwan, including two subsidiaries that in total emitted 25,680 CO ₂ equivalent tonnes in 2007. Acer plans to extend this reporting in stages to its global operations, and to its supply chain, through the Supply Chain Leadership Collaboration (SCLC) of the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP). More information.	Acer expected to finalize its mid- and long-term GHG reduction targets in winter 2008. No reduction targets are provided and no update given to explain the delay. More information.	A global survey was to have been conducted in 2008 on purchasing renewable energy. Acer is also assessing the feasibility of using renewable energy such as solar power and wind power in its global operations. Acer needs to update its website with the results of this survey. More information.	Since Energy Star published its updated standards on July 20, 2007, 65% of Acer's notebook PCs, 19% of desktop PCs and 100% of LCD monitors have been verified as Energy Star compliant. Computers need to leave the factory with the highest settings for energy efficiency. More information.

PANASONIC Ranking = 4.31/10

Panasonic falls from 9th to 12th place and its score drops to 4.3 points, as a result of losing points for its confusing definition of the Precautionary Principle which it needs to define further. It also loses points for not reporting to the latest Energy Star TV standard v.3.0 or to the latest ES External Power Supplies standard v.2.0. It reports that 100% of PCs launched since 2007 meet the latest Energy Star standard and 30% exceed. Panasonic earns an additional point on the energy criteria for supporting cuts of greenhouse gases of up to 30% by 2020; it also discloses externally-verified greenhouse gas emissions from its own operations and commits to absolute reduction in emissions.

Panasonic still earns most of its points on chemicals issues; its many models of PVC-free products include DVD players and recorders, home cinemas, video players and lighting equipment. Panasonic gives two examples of products free of BFRs – fluorescent ceiling lamps and a kitchen lamp. Despite putting these PVC-free and BFR-free products on the market, Panasonic has yet to commit to fully eliminating all PVC and BFRs in its full product portfolio.

The company scores poorly on all the e-waste criteria. Voluntary take-back so far does not cover all of Panasonic's product groups but its score has improved with new voluntary take-back for TVs and consumer electronics in the USA which is now nationwide.

PANASONIC Overall Score

	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)
Precautionary Principle				
Chemicals Management				
Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout				
Timeline for additional substances phaseout				
PVC-free and/or BFR-free models <small>(companies score double on this criterion)</small>				
Individual producer responsibility				
Voluntary take-back				
Information to individual customers				
Amounts recycled				
Use of recycled plastic content				
Global GHG emissions reduction support				
Carbon Footprint disclosure				
Own GHG emissions reduction commitment				
Amounts of renewable energy used				
Energy efficiency of new models				

PANASONIC Detailed Scoring

Chemicals

Precautionary Principle	Chemicals Management	Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout	Timeline for additional substances phaseout	PVC-free and/or BFR-free models (double points)
PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	GOOD (3+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)
For full marks, Panasonic needs to define its understanding of the precautionary principle as it relates to Panasonic's chemical policy. Panasonic's definition of this principle is confusing with no reference to the outright elimination of potentially hazardous substances and proactive searching for safer substitutes. More information here and here.	Panasonic's web pages on chemicals management contain a lot of detailed information. Summary explanation on management of chemical substances here. More information here and here. Chemical Substances Management Rank Guidelines Ver.5.1 (for Products)	Panasonic has committed to eliminating PVC in internal wiring of all products for the Japanese market by end of March 2009 and globally by the end of March 2011. No timelines yet for substitution of PVC external cables and other applications. All new models of mobile phones and computers should be free of BFRs by 2011, but there is no commitment to eliminate BFRs from Panasonic's whole product portfolio. More information.	Panasonic states that its commitment to eliminating PVC will reduce or eliminate the use of phthalates, used primarily as softeners in PVC. Likewise, use of antimony trioxide will be reduced as BFRs are eliminated. No timelines are given. More information. Beryllium is a Managed Substance whose use (above 1000 ppm) needs to be monitored. However, no time line for total elimination. More information.	There are many more examples of PVC-free models including cameras, DVD recorders and LCD projectors. Panasonic gives two examples of products free of BFRs – fluorescent ceiling lamps and a kitchen lamp - & are manufacturing halogen-free printed wiring boards for certain applications and markets. More information.

E-Waste

Support for Individual Producer Responsibility	Provides voluntary take-back where no EPR laws exist	Provides info for individual customers on take-back in all countries where products are sold	Reports on amount of e-waste collected and recycled	Use of recycled plastic content in products - and timelines for increasing content
PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)
Panasonic supports Extended Producer Responsibility in its global policy and demonstrates this by creating recycling companies in Europe and in the US. But it is not fully committed to supporting Individual Producer Responsibility (IPR) as it consistently confuses financial IPR with physical IPR and IPR with Collective Producer Responsibility on its website and in presentations – even though it DOES support EPR clearly. Panasonic's score risks dropping to zero as in future it will no longer get any marks for supporting EPR or Collective Producer Responsibility. Panasonic ppt on IPR.	Voluntary take-back programmes are not worldwide and do not cover all Panasonic's product groups, mainly mobiles, PCs and toner cartridges. Panasonic's recycling services for PCs now offered in countries where 95% of sales of new PCs. Panasonic has announced US nationwide recycling, together with Sharp and Toshiba including TVs, from Nov 1 2008. This take-back service is now available in all 50 States at 280 drop-off points. More information here and here. Information on the different regions including China.	Information to customers is available in European countries with EPR laws and for electronics, batteries and toner cartridges in US. No information is available about the recycling programme in China. However, the webpages are difficult to navigate and hence the information is not easy to access. More information here, here and here. See here for US.	Panasonic provides data on home appliances and PCs recycled in Japan (2008) (by product weight but not as a percentage of past sales) and recycling quantities for the US (PCs, batteries and other) and Korea. More information. For Europe information on recycling rates (2007) based on current sales is provided, but for just a few countries. For more points Panasonic has to provide EU figures from own brand sampling of return rate, undertaken in at least one Northern EU country, one Southern EU country and one new Member State – and provide indications of how it intends to expand this sampling in the future. Recycling quantities for the US and Korea are also provided.	Panasonic states that in fiscal 2008, it used 3,000 tons of recycled resin mainly in washing machines and refrigerators (the ratio of recycled resin usage was 6.8% in these products). No target for increasing use of recycled plastics. Panasonic needs to provide a target and timeline for increasing use of recycled plastic. More information.

Energy

Support for global mandatory reduction of GHG emissions	Company carbon footprint disclosure	Commitment to reduce own direct GHG emissions	Amount of renewable energy used	Energy efficiency of New Models (double points)
PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)
Panasonic refers to cuts advocated by IPCC (50% by 2050 compared to present level) and the stricter goals that the year 1990 should be adopted as the baseline year and that industrialised countries reduce emissions by up to 30% by 2020. Panasonic supports these concepts and states that drastic cuts are needed. More information.	Panasonic reports its total GHG emissions as 4.27 million Global Warming Potential tons (new FY2008 data). There is no data from its product supply chain. More information. Data on GHG emissions in Japan (p9), globally (p 30) and verification (p 65) are also presented in Panasonic's Environmental Data Book 2008. More information.	Panasonic is committed to reducing the absolute amount of CO2 emissions by 300,000 tons between fiscal year (FY) 2008 to FY2010 compared to FY 2007 level. This represents a 7% cut in emissions between 2008 and 2010. In addition it also promised to lower CO2 emissions to the level of FY 2001 by the end of FY 2011. More information. Targets are also presented in Panasonic's Environmental Data Book 2008 (page 7). pdf here.	Panasonic reports that the renewable energy consumed in Japan in fiscal 2008 was 64,000 kWh. The figure isn't given as a percentage of electricity consumption and no targets are set. More information.	Panasonic is not reporting to the latest ES TV standard v.3.0 or to the latest ES External Power Supplies standard v.2.0. 99.2% of TVs launched from 2005 to 2007 meet the previous Energy Star requirement and 64% exceed the standby mode requirement by 50% or more. 100% of External Power Supplies for mobile phones for the Japanese market (Panasonic only sells mobile phones in Japan) meet the previous Energy Star requirement and exceed it in no load mode by approx. 85%. 100% of new PCs launched in 2007 meet the latest Energy Star requirement and 30% exceed the requirements in OFF mode by 30%, and by 41% in Sleep mode. More information.

DELL Ranking = 4.7/10 - 1 = 3.7/10

Dell has been dropping down the ranking from 5th place in v.8, to 8th in v.9, to 12th in v.10 and now is in 13th position, with a reduced score of 3.7 points. Dell's score has plummeted due to the penalty point imposed for backtracking on its commitment to eliminate PVC and BFRs in all its products by the end of 2009. Dell no longer has a timeline for eliminating these nasty substances which means there is no commitment to phase them out entirely.

Dell gains points on energy criteria by committing to reduce global absolute emissions of greenhouse gases from its worldwide facilities by 40% by 2015, from a baseline year of 2007 and for reporting that it now sources some 35% of its US energy use from renewable sources and approximately 20% globally. It loses points on the energy efficiency of its products; although Dell reports that 50% of laptop models and 63% of desktops introduced since July 20, 2007 meet or exceed Energy Star requirements, it needs to clarify what it understands by 'Energy Star compliant configurations'. PCs need to leave the factory with the most energy efficient settings, which should not go out of ES compliance when consumers tweak power management settings. The company also scores points for disclosing third party verified GHG emissions from global operations.

On chemicals, the company earns points for putting on the market the first 'Halogen-Reduced' products, including a desktop with a motherboard containing halogen free laminates and halogen free chassis, a notebook with motherboard made of halogen-free laminates, halogen-free chassis plastics and fan housings and several monitors with halogen free boards and chassis. Dell recently announced the G-Series Monitors, its first completely PVC and BFR free products on the market, although PVC- and BFR-free cables are currently available only in North America, Japan and Europe/Middle East and Africa.

On waste, Dell loses a point for failing to provide EU figures for e-waste recycling, based on own brand sampling of return rate. It reports a recycling rate of 12.4%, based on sales 7 years ago.

DELL Overall Score

	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)
Precautionary Principle				
Chemicals Management				
Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout				
Timeline for additional substances phaseout				
PVC-free and/or BFR-free models <small>(companies score double on this criterion)</small>				
Individual producer responsibility				
Voluntary take-back				
Information to individual customers				
Amounts recycled				
Use of recycled plastic content				
Global GHG emissions reduction support				
Carbon Footprint disclosure				
Own GHG emissions reduction commitment				
Amounts of renewable energy used				
Energy efficiency of new models				

DELL Detailed Scoring

Chemicals

Precautionary Principle	Chemicals Management	Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout	Timeline for additional substances phaseout	PVC-free and/or BFR-free models (double points)
GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	BAD (0)	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)
Definition of precautionary principle reflects need to eliminate potentially harmful chemicals even without full scientific certainty of cause and effect and earns Dell top marks. More information. and here.	Dell's chemicals management programme lists substances targeted for substitution and explains how it manages its supply chain to achieve its substitution goals. Guidance Document on Restricted Materials 2008. More information.	Dell loses points because there is no longer the timeline of 2009 for eliminating PVC and BFRs. No timeline means no commitment, hence the zero score. More information.	Dell has identified Antimony, Phthalates and Beryllium as substances of concern. They are not currently restricted. See p.10 Guidance Document on Restricted Materials. More information. Dell also plans to eliminate mercury by using LED laptop displays by 2010, and has introduced arsenic free display glass in newly designed notebooks and display monitors. More information.	Dell recently announced the G-Series Monitors, its first completely PVC and BFR free products on the market (although PVC/BFR/CFR free cables are currently available only in North America, Japan and EMEA (excluding Israel). Dell has launched some "Halogen-Reduced" products. The Studio Hybrid desktop has a motherboard with multiple halogen free laminates and halogen free chassis. Also, several monitors with multiple halogen free boards and chassis: (E2009W, E2209W & E1909W monitors). More information. The Latitude E4200 notebook has a motherboard made of halogen-free laminates, as well as halogen-free chassis plastics and fan housings. More information.

E-Waste

Support for Individual Producer Responsibility	Provides voluntary take-back where no EPR laws exist	Provides info for individual customers on take-back in all countries where products are sold	Reports on amount of e-waste collected and recycled	Use of recycled plastic content in products - and timelines for increasing content
PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	BAD (0)
Dell claims strong support for IPR and legislation embracing IPR. However for top marks, Dell needs to promote legislation that more clearly defines IPR as the requirement for producers to finance their OWN EOL costs with the objective of creating financial incentives for ecodesign (and not just avoidance of orphan waste costs) in the US. To gain top marks, Dell will need to lobby for IPR, inter alia by ensuring the revised WEEE legislation in the EU sets clearer requirements (enforcement criteria) for the implementation of IPR and does not allow indefinite use of the Visible Fee. Policy accessed from here. Additional info on Dell's support of IPR in the US is given in its Corporate Responsibility Report 2008 , see p73 – 74.	Dell is striving for a free global voluntary takeback service and has added Columbia, Middle East and Hong Kong. It now provides takeback services in 71 countries, having expanded its service in Mexico and Brazil. More information here. p.73 2008 CSR Report. Dell offers 100% free take-back in three of its 'Dell Direct' regions (countries where Dell sells directly to customers), and 30% in Latin America. Worldwide Asset Recovery Services Map.	Information provided to Dell's individual customers, but not yet worldwide: More information. Global take-back map. Dell has also published Recovery and Waste Disposition Guidelines for Suppliers.	Dell scores 2 marks for reporting a 2006 recycling rate of 12.4%, based on sales 7 years ago. Dell's recycling rate does not include e-waste recycled via collective programmes anywhere in the world. p.82 of CSR report. Dell loses a point as it needs to provide EU figures from own brand sampling of return rate, undertaken in at least one Northern EU country, one Southern EU country and one new Member State – and provide indications of how it intends to expand this sampling in the future. More information. Dell reports that 61 million kg of WEEE recycled in 2008, up from 53.4 million kg in 2007. More information. For Michael Dell's challenge, see p.73 CSR report above.	Dell provides a few models of products with 25% or more recycled plastic content, but provides no info on what these models use in terms of % of total plastics sourced and no target and timeline for increasing use. In May 2008, Dell launched the E207WFP monitor which features external chassis with more than 25% post-consumer recycled plastic content (by weight). More information. Several Monitors with 25%+ post consumer content have recently been introduced: (E2009W, E2209W & E1909W Monitors) More information.

Energy

Support for global mandatory reduction of GHG emissions	Company carbon footprint disclosure	Commitment to reduce own direct GHG emissions	Amount of renewable energy used	Energy efficiency of New Models (double points)
BAD (0)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)
Dell states that it supports reducing emissions of GHGs to levels guided by science, but does not specify these levels or differentiate the need for greater cuts by industrialised countries. More information. Dell's climate strategy is aligned with the fundamental elements of the Kyoto Protocol. However, Dell does not identify support for mandatory cuts of GHG emissions. 2008 Sustainability Report , see p.57.	Dell reports third party verified Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions and also emissions from business travel (Scope 3) in 2008 Responsibility Report (p. 62 and 107). More information.	Dell is committed to reduce global absolute emissions of GHGs from its worldwide facilities by 40% by 2015, from a baseline year of 2007. More information.	Dell now sources about 35% of its US energy use from renewable sources and approximately 20% globally. However, it is unclear where there is additionality in all of Dell's purchasing of renewables and which sources of renewable energy Dell considers 'renewable'. More information.	50% of laptop models and 63% of desktop models introduced since July 20, 2007 meet or exceed Energy Star requirements. Dell needs to clarify what it understands by 'Energy Star compliant configurations'. PCs need to leave the factory with the most energy efficient settings, which should not go out of ES compliance when consumers tweak power management settings. More information here and here.

LENOVO Ranking = 4.1/10 - 1 = 3.1/10

Lenovo climbs to 14th position despite its score dropping to 3.1 points, encumbered by a penalty point imposed for backtracking on its commitment to eliminate PVC and brominated flame retardants (BFRs) in all its products by the end of 2009. Lenovo has now moved the timeline for meeting this commitment to end of 2010.

Lenovo scores well on most of the toxic chemical criteria. Although it has recently put on the market a monitor largely free of brominated flame retardants and PVC vinyl plastic, this one model is insufficient to score a point. It also needs to commit to the phase out of beryllium (including alloys and compounds), antimony and its compounds and all phthalates.

Lenovo now has a take-back programme in the US and reports a recycling rate of 2.16% of the weight of products shipped in 2007 and 7.74% of the weight of products shipped in 2000. However, Lenovo loses a point as almost 80% of that data is based on the amount of EU e-waste whose recycling was financed by Lenovo – by current market share – and may bear no relation to the amount of Lenovo branded e-waste actually recycled. Lenovo regains a point for improving information to individual customers in all the countries where take-back is provided.

Lenovo scores poorly on the energy criteria; it discloses greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from global operations in 2007, although these are not externally verified. It also scores points on energy efficiency, for having all global models of notebook, desktop and monitor introduced since the effective date of Energy Star 4 meeting the current Energy Star requirements, either in the basic models or as an option. However, Energy Star compliance is not supplied as standard for all models; for some models, customers can opt for non-Energy Star compliant PCs.

LENOVO Overall Score

	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)
Precautionary Principle				
Chemicals Management				
Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout				
Timeline for additional substances phaseout				
PVC-free and/or BFR-free models <small>(companies score double on this criterion)</small>				
Individual producer responsibility				
Voluntary take-back				
Information to individual customers				
Amounts recycled				
Use of recycled plastic content				
Global GHG emissions reduction support				
Carbon Footprint disclosure				
Own GHG emissions reduction commitment				
Amounts of renewable energy used				
Energy efficiency of new models				

LENOVO Detailed Scoring

Chemicals

Precautionary Principle	Chemicals Management	Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout	Timeline for additional substances phaseout	PVC-free and/or BFR-free models (double points)
GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	BAD (0)
Lenovo scores top marks on its definition of the Precautionary Principle in its Sustainability Report 07/08, p47 .	Lenovo's Engineering Specification 41A7731 reflects its commitments on eliminating PVC, BFRs, and beryllium, antimony and their compounds. More information here and here	Lenovo has backtracked on its end of 2009 commitment on eliminating PVC and BFRs and now states that the use of these substances in all products is to be phased out only by the end of 2010. All business units to have at least one product announcement in 2009 supporting the PVC/BFR phase out goal. See p. 45 Sustainability Report.	Antimony and beryllium and their compounds have a phase-out target date of 2012. Most phthalates are listed as reportable substances, which may be candidates for further restrictions in the future. The threshold for reporting is 1000 ppm except for beryllium that is 200 ppm, due to the requirements of European recyclers. More information. pdf file (p.17).	It's good to see Lenovo bringing out one model of monitor, ThinkVision L2440x wide, with trace levels (less than 900ppm) of PVC and BFRs, currently available for the US and Japanese markets only. Information about this model is not yet available on Lenovo's Environmental Data Sheets page. More information. To score on this criterion, Lenovo needs to bring out more models of monitors and PCs free of BFRs and PVC. Information on ThinkVision L2440x wide monitor here and here.

E-Waste

Support for Individual Producer Responsibility	Provides voluntary take-back where no EPR laws exist	Provides info for individual customers on take-back in all countries where products are sold	Reports on amount of e-waste collected and recycled	Use of recycled plastic content in products - and timelines for increasing content
PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)
Lenovo supports IPR legislation that allows manufacturers to recover their own brand products. However, for more points, Lenovo needs to provide examples of where it is doing advocacy and details of operationalisation of IPR. See Sustainability Report p. 49.	Voluntary take-back is offered in 51 countries where Lenovo sells products directly, but not in countries where re-sellers sell its products. Moreover, some take-back services are time-limited e.g. all those in Latin America. More information. Product take-back has been extended in India and in China . Lenovo now has a free take-back programme in the US. More information.	Lenovo provides take-back information to both business and individual customers in countries where the company sells its products directly. Lenovo regains a point for providing information to individual customers in all the countries where take-back is provided. More information. Information about Lenovo's free take-back programme in the US.	Lenovo recycled 2.16% of the weight of products shipped in 2007 and 7.74% of the weight of products shipped in 2000. The majority of this was EU e-waste for which Lenovo financed the recycling based on current market share. To earn more points Lenovo has to provide EU figures from own brand sampling of return rate, undertaken in at least one Northern EU country, one Southern EU country and one new Member State – and provide indications of how it intends to expand this sampling in the future. See Sustainability Report p. 52 – 54.	Recycled resins, ranging in recycled content from 10% to 50%, are used in a number of Lenovo hardware applications. See p. 8, Environmental Report. In 2007/8, 1% of the total plastic used came from recycled sources. Lenovo's goal is to use 4% post consumer recycled plastics in 2008/2009. See Sustainability Report p 46-47.

Energy

Support for global mandatory reduction of GHG emissions	Company carbon footprint disclosure	Commitment to reduce own direct GHG emissions	Amount of renewable energy used	Energy efficiency of New Models (double points)
BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	BAD (0)	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)
Lenovo does not refer to support for global mandatory reductions in GHG emissions. More information. See Sustainability Report p 48 – 49.	Lenovo reports GHG emissions of 73,566 metric tons from global operations in 2007; this includes scope 1 and 2 emissions, and scope 3 emissions from employee travel. No reference to external verification. See Sustainability Report p 55 – 59.	Lenovo has pledged to increase carbon efficiency by 10% by 2012 based on 2007 emissions. However, these reductions are not absolute. More information. See Sustainability Report p 55.	Lenovo estimates that over 10% of its total electricity usage comes from renewable sources, as the majority of its electricity usage is in China, where 17% of electricity comes from renewable sources. However, other than this, the percentage of renewable energy that Lenovo has invested in is not given and there is no global target for increasing its use. To score points on this criterion, Lenovo needs to report on renewable energy use sourced through its own efforts. See Sustainability Report p 59.	All Lenovo notebook, desktop and monitor global models introduced since the effective date of Energy Star 4 satisfy the current Energy Star requirements, either in the basic models or as an option. However, ES compliance is not supplied as standard for all models; for some models customers can opt for non-ES compliance. See Sustainability Report, p 49.

MICROSOFT Ranking = 2.7/10

Microsoft rises to 15th position although its score drops to 2.7 points, as it loses a point for failing to clarify how its recycling data is calculated; it reports that it financed the collection and recycling of e-waste equivalent to 17% of worldwide sales in 2007. On other e-waste criteria, Microsoft scores only on its weak support for Individual Producer Responsibility, which it needs to make more explicit and lobby for it to be implemented, or it risks losing a further point.

Most of Microsoft's points are earned on the toxic chemicals criteria. The company has committed to removing PVC vinyl plastic and brominated flame retardants (BFRs) from its hardware products by or before 2010, and phthalates by the end of 2010. However, it needs to put products on the market that are free from BFRs in printed circuit boards before it can score points for this criterion.

On energy, the company gets points for reporting its total carbon dioxide equivalent emissions from its own operations, and that in 2007, 24.4% of all the electricity used was from renewable sources, although it needs to improve its reporting of renewable energy sourced and commit to increase its use of renewable energy with a timeline.

MICROSOFT Overall Score

	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)
Precautionary Principle				
Chemicals Management				
Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout				
Timeline for additional substances phaseout				
PVC-free and/or BFR-free models <small>(companies score double on this criterion)</small>				
Individual producer responsibility				
Voluntary take-back				
Information to individual customers				
Amounts recycled				
Use of recycled plastic content				
Global GHG emissions reduction support				
Carbon Footprint disclosure				
Own GHG emissions reduction commitment				
Amounts of renewable energy used				
Energy efficiency of new models				

MICROSOFT Detailed Scoring

Chemicals

Precautionary Principle	Chemicals Management	Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout	Timeline for additional substances phaseout	PVC-free and/or BFR-free models (double points)
GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)
Microsoft has a definition of the Precautionary Principle, as defined in the UN Rio declaration. More information. Select Precautionary Principle Word file. (may require software)	Microsoft lists its Chemical Specifications and a procedure for identifying future substances for elimination. More information. See Section D, page 13 of H00594 Restricted Substances Specification . Suspect substances for potential future elimination include those on the Canada Environmental Protection Act Domestic Substance List and California Proposition 65 List. However, the latter List includes 100s of substances, most of which are not used by the electronics industry.	Microsoft is committed to eliminating PVC and brominated flame retardants from all of its hardware products by or before 2010. More information. Select 'business practices' & 'Sustainability Fact Sheet' (may require software).	Microsoft provides a timeline of the end of 2010 for eliminating phthalates. See Section D, page 13 of H00594 Restricted Substances Specification . Microsoft currently restricts certain phthalates and antimony in line with the EU Toys Directive, for use in selected products such as game controllers Beryllium compounds, antimony and phthalates are all listed as reportable substances. See p.10, 11 & 12 of Restricted Substances Specification.	Microsoft offers electronic products that are both phthalate and/or BFR free with the exception of the printed circuit board, and gives an example of the Xbox 360 Wireless Microphone product provided with the game 'Lips', which is BFR, PVC and phthalate free, with the exception of BFR in the printed circuit board. To score points printed circuit boards need to be free from BFRs. Accessed from here. Select 'business practices' & 'Sustainability Fact Sheet' (may require software).

E-Waste

Support for Individual Producer Responsibility	Provides voluntary take-back where no EPR laws exist	Provides info for individual customers on take-back in all countries where products are sold	Reports on amount of e-waste collected and recycled	Use of recycled plastic content in products - and timelines for increasing content
PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	BAD (0)	BAD (0)	BAD (0)	BAD (0)
Although Microsoft now states that it "supports the mandatory collection and recycling of consumer electronics funded by individual producers. . .", for full marks, Microsoft needs to support the principle of Individual Producer Responsibility more explicitly and lobby for its operationalisation. Microsoft's confused support for IPR could be understood only as support for Collective Producer Responsibility, or just EPR, and therefore Microsoft's score risks dropping to zero. More information. Select 'business practices' & 'Sustainability Fact Sheet'.	Microsoft's Authorised Refurbisher (MAR) Programme extends the lifespan of otherwise obsolete PCs. More information here and here .	Microsoft provides links to various recycling initiatives by Microsoft (MAR, Digital Pipeline), other organisations (eg. CEA's myGreenElectronics) and other electronic manufacturers but it still does not provide free take-back for its own products. More information. A link listing Microsoft's recycling partners in the EU requires software to download.	Microsoft states that in 2007 it funded the collection and recycling of over 2.46 million kgs of consumer electrical and electronic goods, approximately 17% of worldwide sales in 2007. More information. Select 'business practices' & 'Sustainability Fact Sheet'. To regain the lost point, Microsoft needs to clarify how it calculated the figure of 17%, whether this relates to global take-back & recycling facilities or just in Europe. If only Europe, Microsoft pays for recycling historical waste by current market share and not for the actual amount recycled. So, in the European recycling schemes there is no relationship between the fee paid by Microsoft for recycling and the amount actually recycled.	Microsoft is using recycled plastics in product packaging but no details are given about its use in hardware products. More information.

Energy

Support for global mandatory reduction of GHG emissions	Company carbon footprint disclosure	Commitment to reduce own direct GHG emissions	Amount of renewable energy used	Energy efficiency of New Models (double points)
BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	BAD (0)
Microsoft now has a Climate Change Policy Statement which supports government actions to transition to a low-carbon economy. However, the need for mandatory reduction of GHG emission is not mentioned. More information. Microsoft's Climate Change Policy Statement.	Microsoft reports its total CO2 equivalent emissions in 2007 at 15100 metric tonnes (scope 1), 152480 metric tonnes (scope 2) and 255370 metric tonnes from employee business travel (scope 3), but these are not third party verified. More information. Link to Carbon Disclosure Project , see question 2 (b) (i) to question 2 (d), (note log in is required to view). More information.	Microsoft has set a goal to reduce its carbon emissions per unit of revenue at least 30% below 2008 levels by 2012. However, there is no commitment for absolute cuts of GHG emissions. More information. See Microsoft on the Topic: Climate Change (may require software)	Microsoft reports that in 2007, renewable energy supplied 24.4% of its total electricity load associated with its facilities and data centres; it is currently investigating opportunities to boost this percentage. But, it is unclear where there is additional in all of Microsoft's purchasing of renewables and which sources of renewable energy it considers 'renewable'. Microsoft needs to commit to increase its use of renewable energy with a timeline in order to keep these points. More information. Examples of its use of renewable energy are also given 'Sustainability Fact Sheet' (may require software).	Microsoft does not report on Energy Star compliance but states that it is collaborating with the Natural Resources Defense Council to help make the Xbox 360 more energy-efficient; energy use has been lowered by 34% from product launch in 2005 through 2008. Microsoft has committed to reduce energy consumption of the Xbox 360 by an additional 10% by 2010. More information. 'Sustainability Fact Sheet' (may require software).

HP Ranking = 3.7/10 - 1 = 2.7/10

HP drops from 13th to penultimate (16th) position weighed down by a penalty point imposed for backtracking on its commitment to eliminate PVC and brominated flame retardants (BFRs) in computing products by end of 2009. Although HP still communicates this timeline on its website, in a call with Greenpeace in February 2009, the company admitted that it would be unable to meet its commitment. There is no new timeline which means in effect, no commitment. In addition, HP has no products on the market free of these toxic substances.

HP also loses points on energy, because it no longer reports the percentage of PCs that are Energy Star compliant or exceed the ES standard.

On the other energy criteria, HP discloses externally verified greenhouse gas emissions from its own operations and estimates the supply chain greenhouse gas emissions of 80% of its first tier suppliers. It scores top marks for its goal to reduce GHG emissions of operations and products to 25 percent below 2005 levels by 2010. HP gains a point for reporting its use of renewable energy as 2% of global energy consumption with a goal to double global purchases of renewable power from under 4% in 2008 to 8% by 2012.

HP gains a point on e-waste, because it has launched a free 'Consumer Buyback' recycling programme in the US for HP and Compaq-branded product waste. But its voluntary take-back programme continues to be weak, being mainly oriented towards its business rather than individual customers. The company gains points for reporting a reuse and recycling rate in 2007 of 15% of relevant sales, although more information is needed on how this is calculated. HP also needs to prove that energy recovery (namely, waste incineration) is not part of its 15% recycling performance and if so, exclude it from future calculations.

HP Overall Score

	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)
Precautionary Principle				
Chemicals Management				
Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout				
Timeline for additional substances phaseout				
PVC-free and/or BFR-free models <small>(companies score double on this criterion)</small>				
Individual producer responsibility				
Voluntary take-back				
Information to individual customers				
Amounts recycled				
Use of recycled plastic content				
Global GHG emissions reduction support				
Carbon Footprint disclosure				
Own GHG emissions reduction commitment				
Amounts of renewable energy used				
Energy efficiency of new models				

HP Detailed Scoring

Chemicals

Precautionary Principle	Chemicals Management	Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout	Timeline for additional substances phaseout	PVC-free and/or BFR-free models (double points)
GOOD (3+)	GOOD (3+)	BAD (0)	BAD (0)	BAD (0)
HP's definition of Precautionary Principle reflects the need to eliminate potentially harmful chemicals even without full scientific certainty of harm . More information.	HP scores top marks on its chemical management. More information. General Specification for the Environment.	HP's goal is to eliminate all remaining uses of BFRs and PVC from new computing products as technologically feasible alternatives become readily available. But, in a call with HP in February 2009, HP already informed Greenpeace that it would be unable to meet its commitment to eliminate PVC and BFRs in computing products by end of 2009. No new timeline is provided, without which there is no real commitment. Hence the zero score. More information.	Beryllium and beryllium compounds, and phthalates have been identified for future possible restriction but no timeline for their elimination is given. There is no reference to antimony. More information here and here.	No HP products are completely free of PVC or all BFRs. Although no BFRs are used in external casings, they are still used in the circuit boards. Some products are free of PVC except for cables. Substitution of BFRs and PVC in these key applications is needed before substantial progress is recognised. More information. Information about other products here and here.

E-Waste

Support for Individual Producer Responsibility	Provides voluntary take-back where no EPR laws exist	Provides info for individual customers on take-back in all countries where products are sold	Reports on amount of e-waste collected and recycled	Use of recycled plastic content in products - and timelines for increasing content
PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)
HP supports and lobbies for IPR. HP has a good statement that specifies individual responsibility for its own products and clarifies that if this is not (physically) possible that it supports an approach to IPR that is based on producers accepting the financial responsibility for recycling their share of products. In Europe, Hewlett Packard is a founding member of the European Recycling Platform that supports IPR. To regain top marks, HP will need to explore options for operationalising IPR and continue to lobby for IPR, inter alia by ensuring that the revised WEEE legislation sets clearer requirements (enforcement criteria) for the implementation of IPR and does not allow indefinite use of the Visible Fee.	HP has launched a free 'Consumer Buyback' recycling programme in the US for HP and Compaq-branded product waste. More information here and here. HP has also unveiled conclusions and next steps of a project to tackle e-waste in Africa, including a pilot project in South Africa. More information. Besides Canada, Hong Kong, Puerto Rico and the state of Victoria in Australia, HP's voluntary take-back programme is only for business customers. For PC hardware take-back, major gaps in Africa and South America. More information here and here. Trade in and product reuse.	HP provides information to consumers in the US on voluntary take-back. More information. HP only scores one point as it fails to provide information to its individual customers in Latin America, Africa, India, New Zealand, but the information provided is good and accessible. More information here and here. Info on a range of options (asset recovery, donation).	HP reports a reuse and recycling rate in 2007 of 15% of relevant sales, and no longer includes consumables in the calculation. More information. To score more points, HP needs to prove energy recovery (aka incineration) is not part of the 15% recycling performance and if so, exclude it from future calculations. More information is also needed on how the 15% is calculated, specifically for the EU where companies currently pay for recycling collectively, by current market share. To earn more points, HP needs to provide EU figures from own brand sampling of return rate, undertaken in at least one Northern EU country, one Southern EU country and one new Member State – and provide indications of how it intends to expand this sampling in the future.	HP used more than 5 million pounds (2,300 tonnes) of recycled plastic in its original HP inkjet cartridges in 2007, and has committed to using twice as much in 2008. More information.

Energy

Support for global mandatory reduction of GHG emissions	Company carbon footprint disclosure	Commitment to reduce own direct GHG emissions	Amount of renewable energy used	Energy efficiency of New Models (double points)
PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	BAD (0)
HP supports the IPCC recommendation that global GHG emissions be reduced by well below half of the emission levels in 2000 by the middle of this century, but does not differentiate the need for greater cuts by industrialised countries. More information. HP is a signatory of the Bali Communiqué. For top marks, HP needs to support concrete global targets (numbers) and cuts by industrialised countries of at least 30% by 2020. More information here and here.	HP reports GHG emissions from its operations, estimates its supplier GHG emissions and reports on product transport. HP could score full marks, but it estimates – and only estimates - the supply chain GHG emissions of just 80% of their first tier suppliers. More information. Details of emissions from operations. External verification details. HP recently delivered on its goal to report emissions from first-tier suppliers but this information conflicts with the above about estimating just 80% of first tier suppliers. More information here and here.	HP's overall goal is to reduce the combined energy consumption and associated GHG emissions of HP operations and products to 25 percent below 2005 levels by 2010. More information. HP aims to reduce GHG emissions from HP-owned and HP-leased facilities worldwide to 16 percent below 2005 levels by 2010. HP provides detailed information on its use of 2005 as a baseline year (see footnote #2) To stay on 3 points, HP needs to provide projections on GHG reductions to the year 2012, to show commitment to continued improvement.	HP reports that it purchased 50 million kWh of renewable energy credits in the US in 2007, representing 2% of its global energy consumption. More information. HP has announced renewable energy initiatives in its facilities, research and products to support a new goal to double global purchases of renewable power from under 4 percent in 2008 to 8 percent by 2012. More information.	HP offers the 80% efficient power supply that is part of the Energy Star requirement for all products and have select ENERGY STAR models preconfigured. However, no information is given on the percentage of PCs that are Energy Star compliant or exceed the ES standard. More information. HPs products that qualify for ENERGY STAR®

NINTENDO Ranking = 0.8/10

Nintendo remains in last place with a pitiful 0.8 points out of 10, scoring zero on all e-waste criteria. The company has banned phthalates and is monitoring use of antimony and beryllium and although it is endeavouring to eliminate the use of PVC, it has not set a timeline for its phase out.

Nintendo discloses carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from its own operations and commits to cutting CO2 emissions and other greenhouse gases by 2% over each previous year. However, Nintendo admits that an increase in business led to a 6% rise in CO2 emissions in 2006.

NINTENDO Overall Score

	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY GOOD (2+)	GOOD (3+)
Precautionary Principle				
Chemicals Management				
Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout				
Timeline for additional substances phaseout				
PVC-free and/or BFR-free models <small>(companies score double on this criterion)</small>				
Individual producer responsibility				
Voluntary take-back				
Information to individual customers				
Amounts recycled				
Use of recycled plastic content				
Global GHG emissions reduction support				
Carbon Footprint disclosure				
Own GHG emissions reduction commitment				
Amounts of renewable energy used				
Energy efficiency of new models				

NINTENDO Detailed Scoring

Chemicals

Precautionary Principle	Chemicals Management	Timeline for PVC & BFR phaseout	Timeline for additional substances phaseout	PVC-free and/or BFR-free models (double points)
BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	BAD (0)
No reference to the Precautionary Principle. More information.	Nintendo has Green Procurement Standards for Suppliers, although details are not provided. No mechanism for identifying substances for future elimination or examples of these substances. More information. Nintendo publishes its list of 'Environment-Related Substances' in its CSR report (p22) . More information.	PVC is listed as a substance 'subject to early withdrawal', although no timeline is given for its phase-out. BFRs are listed as 'substances under application control' which are monitored for content amount. More information here and here. Nintendo is in the process of phasing out PVC in its packaging. More information.	Phthalates are listed as 'banned substances' by Nintendo on their Environment-Related Substances List. Antimony and Beryllium and their compounds and Bis (2-methoxyethyl) phthalate are listed as substances under application control. More information.	Nintendo states that it has "endeavoured to eliminate the use of PVC. However, it continues to use PVC in certain products such as AC adapters. Details about which products avoid the use of PVC are not provided." More information.

E-Waste

Support for Individual Producer Responsibility	Provides voluntary take-back where no EPR laws exist	Provides info for individual customers on take-back in all countries where products are sold	Reports on amount of e-waste collected and recycled	Use of recycled plastic content in products - and timelines for increasing content
BAD (0)	BAD (0)	BAD (0)	BAD (0)	BAD (0)
No reference to Individual Producer Responsibility or recycling of used Nintendo products. More information.	Nintendo now links to the USEPA's eCycling hardware and battery recycling programmes. It also provides a phone number with business hours given in Pacific time for hardware and battery recycling. More information.	Nintendo gives links to US EPA disposal and recycling pages, and provides a freephone number to call. More information.	No information.	No information.

Energy

Support for global mandatory reduction of GHG emissions	Company carbon footprint disclosure	Commitment to reduce own direct GHG emissions	Amount of renewable energy used	Energy efficiency of New Models (double points)
BAD (0)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	PARTIALLY BAD (1+)	BAD (0)	BAD (0)
No information	Nintendo reports on emissions of CO ₂ , both absolute and per unit of output for all business offices, but these are not externally verified. More information.	Nintendo aims to reduce CO ₂ emissions and other greenhouse gases by 2% over each previous year. However, an increase in business led to a 6% rise in 2006. More information.	No information	No information