



# Green Action Plan

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# Welcome to GAP's Green Action Plan



GAP is committed to becoming a 'greener' organisation.

Our Green Action Plan outlines what we are doing as a company to reduce our environmental impact. We have carefully considered every aspect of how we operate and, in turn, introduced new policies, new systems and new attitudes towards sustainability and the environment.

This booklet highlights just a few of the positive steps that we are taking, alongside our customers and suppliers, to ensure that what we do today, considers what we will have tomorrow.

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# Saving Energy



We have been working together with the Carbon Trust, who have carried out 'Energy Surveys' on a selection of our depots across the UK as well as at our Head Office in Glasgow.



Subsequent to these surveys we have installed 'movement sensitive lighting' and 'heat recycling fans' in our depots to save energy, and reduce our carbon footprint. Also, every electrical item and switch in our Head Office is marked with a 'Please Switch Me Off' sticker!

# Waste Disposal



We have a number of partnerships set up that see oils, oil filters and batteries, as well as tyres and tracks from dumpers and excavators, are collected from our depots for recycling.

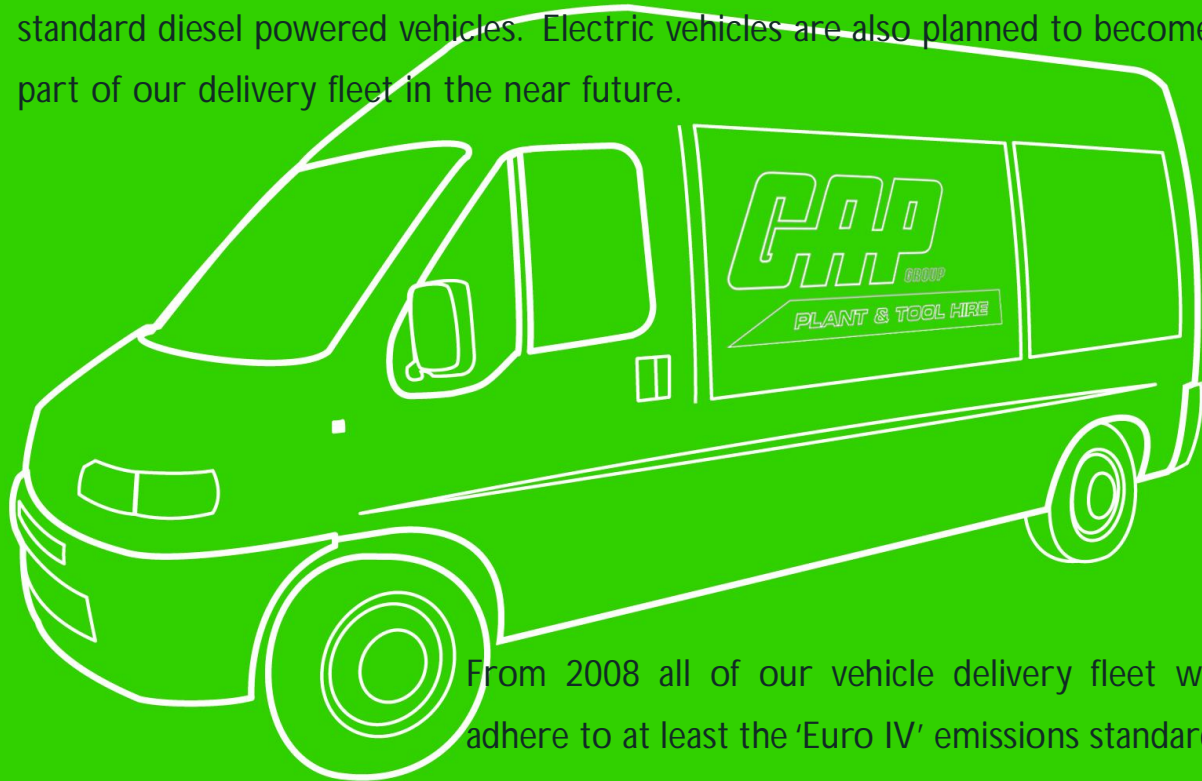


Also, all of our 'wash down bays' are fitted with oil interceptors and we are currently installing water recycling units at GAP depots across the UK.

# Delivery Vehicle Fleet



We have recently introduced Liquid Petroleum Gas delivery vehicles in our London depots, which produce less CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and less noise, than standard diesel powered vehicles. Electric vehicles are also planned to become part of our delivery fleet in the near future.



From 2008 all of our vehicle delivery fleet will adhere to at least the 'Euro IV' emissions standard.

# Equipment fleet



Our commitment to our Green Action Plan is demonstrated clearly in our range of plant and tools. For example, we have invested heavily in battery operated traffic lights, which are noise and emission free, and stock 'bundled base' compressors, which help to guard against damaging spillages on site.



We have reviewed the use of bio-hydraulic fuels on our mini excavators and this is an option that can be fitted to our entire range from 0.8 to 8 tonnes. These excavators can also be fitted with 'super silenced' pecker attachments to reduce noise pollution.

# Supply Chain



An essential component in making our Green Action Plan successful is our supply chain partners. We work closely with our suppliers to ensure that the equipment that we buy is as considerate to the environment as possible and always encourage the development of new ideas for 'green' products.



# Employees



GAP employees are 100% committed to our Green Action Plan. Every new GAP employee completes a training course, based around the Green Action Plan, to make them aware of what GAP is doing for the environment.



At our Head Office a collection of 'Pool Bicycles' have been bought by the company to give people to opportunity to leave their car at home, and make an 'emission free' commute.

# RECYCLING



We try to recycle as much as we can throughout the group. Our Head Office has a well established recycling policy, with 'Green Zones' throughout the building for recycling paper, tin cans, plastics and printer cartridges.

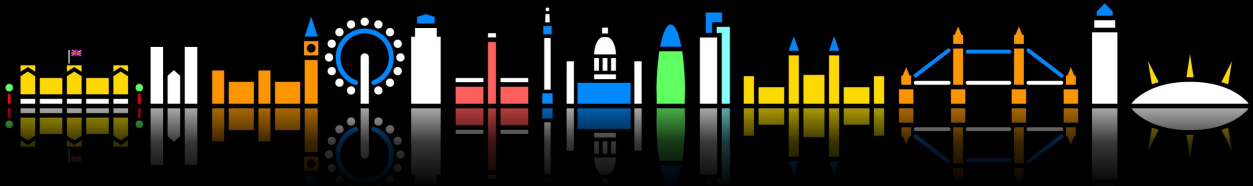


From 2009, our equipment catalogue will be printed entirely on recycled paper. The booklet you are reading at the moment is also 100% recycled.

# London 2012 Olympics



With many of GAP's customers heavily involved in the development of the Olympic site, we have launched a number of new 'green' initiatives to ensure that we comply with the ODA's 12 point delivery plan for the Olympic project.



We are continuously investing in new resources in the London area to support our customers involved with the project. We ensure that all of our new equipment, new premises, and new employees in the area, are selected with London in mind.

# Charity

We make regular donations to a number of local and national charities including, The Lighthouse Club, the charity for the construction industry.

However, our charitable donations do not always just involve the handing over of a cheque. We recently supplied a selection of brand new tools to a local church group to help them build shelters for homeless children in Peru.

As part of the Green Action Plan we have also taken up corporate membership with the National Trust.



At GAP we always like to hear what you have to say. If you like the **Green Action Plan** or if you think there is something more that we can do, please let us know:

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