

# BRETT MARTIN FIRING ON ALL GREEN CYLINDERS

Brett Martin Daylight Systems saw 2008 off to a flying start with its first regular audit for the Environmental Management System ISO 14001 – a re-appraisal it passed with flying colours.

The company gained ISO 14001 status at our first attempt in June 2007 and since then our ever-increasing commitment to sustaining the environment has continued to win us brownie points.

The auditor who performed the most recent assessment in January said it was one of the most straight forward he had carried out in recent months and that he was “scraping the barrel” to even suggest areas for improvement.

Such commitment has helped Brett Martin Daylight Systems reduce its risk level from medium to low with the IPPC (Integrated Pollution Prevention & Control) permit issued by Coventry City Council.

Among the environmental initiatives we have put into practice at our rooflight factory in Coventry are:

- Replacing the timber pallet packaging of our factory-assembled insulated rooflights (FAIRs) with recycled cardboard which is easier for our customers to dispose of,
- Introducing new insulating films which improve the U-values of our rooflights,
- Reducing litter and waste vehicle movements on site, the latter by up to 33%, by changing from front-loading bins, which did not always contain the litter effectively, to skips which do,
- Re-using inbound cardboard boxes to send out tapes and sealants,
- Recycling waste GRP film, helping to save 110 tonnes of landfill per year,
- Reducing water usage by 30%,
- Using formed rather than stock lengths of the underlap strips in our factory-assembled insulated rooflights (FAIRs) to reduce the amount of waste steel by 28%, or 13.5 tonnes per year,
- Recycling chemical drums that used to go to landfill,
- Training more of our people in correct waste disposal and spills containment,
- Using new trucks with better fuel consumption levels and less polluting engines,
- Mapping energy usage across the site generally to identify areas for improvement.



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