

An aerial photograph of a large, modern building complex with a dark roof and several large, white-framed glass windows. The building is situated in a lush, green landscape with many trees and a well-manicured lawn. In the background, there are more trees and a road with a few cars. The overall scene is bright and sunny, suggesting a clear day.

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Sustainability Report 2019

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Company

Vitra is a Swiss company dedicated to sustainably improving the quality of homes, offices and public spaces through the power of design.

Our products and concepts are developed at our Swiss headquarters in an intensive design process, which combines our engineering expertise with the creative ingenuity of leading international designers. This leads to interior concepts, furnishings and accessories that are both functional and inspiring. Longevity of materials, construction and aesthetics is our guiding principle, as demonstrated by our line of classics – many in continuous production since the 1950s.

Initiatives like the Vitra Campus architecture, the Vitra Design Museum, workshops, publications, collections and archives are all integral elements of Vitra. They provide innovative ideas and lend greater depth to our understanding of design.

Vitra's headquarters are in Birsfelden, Switzerland. The company also has production facilities in Weil am Rhein and Neuenburg (Germany), Allentown (USA), Szombathely (Hungary), Zhuhai (China) and Goka (Japan).

Additional information about the company can be found at www.vitra.com.



Understanding of sustainability



'Vitra's greatest contribution to sustainability is the creation of products that omit non-essential elements and last a long time. Our roots in modern design would allow nothing else.'

Nora Fehlbaum, Vitra CEO

The close collaboration with Charles and Ray Eames has had a lasting influence on Vitra. Carrying on the tradition of thinking espoused by the designer couple, the company places an emphasis on the durability and longevity of products as part of its contribution to sustainable development, and always avoids stylistic trends. This is most clearly exemplified by the classic designs in our portfolio, whose lasting functionality and timeless aesthetic keep them up to date and in active use for decades. They retain their value on the secondary market, changing owners and perhaps even ending up in a collection.

Furnishings that meet the highest functional and aesthetic standards bring added value and enrichment to human living and working environments. As integral elements of the overall development, production and sales processes at Vitra, we aim to leave the smallest possible ecological footprint, anticipate scenarios at the end of the product's lifespan, and promote healthy and sustainable working conditions not only within our own company, but also amongst our partners and suppliers. Our relationships with employees, partners, architects, suppliers and customers are extremely important to us and should be lasting, as well as beneficial to all parties involved.

Sustainability principles



Responsibility

As a family-owned company in the third generation, we are a reliable partner with an enduring commitment to honest and ecological business practices in our day-to-day work.



Longevity

We manufacture long-lasting products and extend their lifespan with excellent support services.



People

Our design expertise enables us to provide our customers and employees with an inspiring and healthy environment.



Ambition

We keep up with the latest developments, promote resource efficiency and circular economy solutions, and utilise environmentally friendly materials and technologies.



Culture

We cultivate and preserve the cultural heritage of architecture and design for the public good as the foundation for creativity and learning.

Management approach

The work group 'Vitra and the Environment' was founded in 1986 to implement and monitor sustainable development in all of the company's activities. Vitra also joined B.A.U.M (German Environmental Management Association) in the same year. Vitra therefore not only demonstrates a commitment to sustainability, but has also ensured that awareness of every facet of this topic is

reflected in the day-to-day work of all of its employees. Today sustainability management is at the heart of the company – it is an integral part of the Product Innovation and Design (PID) department – and established the central sustainability principles in collaboration with experts from the different specialist departments.

ISO 14001 – Environmental management

Vitra has been certified in accordance with ISO 14001 since 1997. The international standard ISO 14001 defines internationally recognised requirements for an environmental management system. ISO 14001 was initially published in 1996 (ISO 14001:1996) and revised in 2004 (ISO 14001:2004).

Principles

The 'Vitra Policy' – our code of conduct – formulates our common understanding of respectful and responsible behaviour amongst all Vitra employees and also in our dealings with society and the environment. The contents of the Vitra Policy include the central aspects of ISO 26000. Trainings for employees on such topics as competition law, occupational safety, data protection and many others ensure consistent practices within these guidelines.

The standards to which we hold ourselves naturally apply to our partners and suppliers as well. The 'Supplier Code of Conduct' is the basis for trustworthy cooperation with our partners along the supply and value chains.

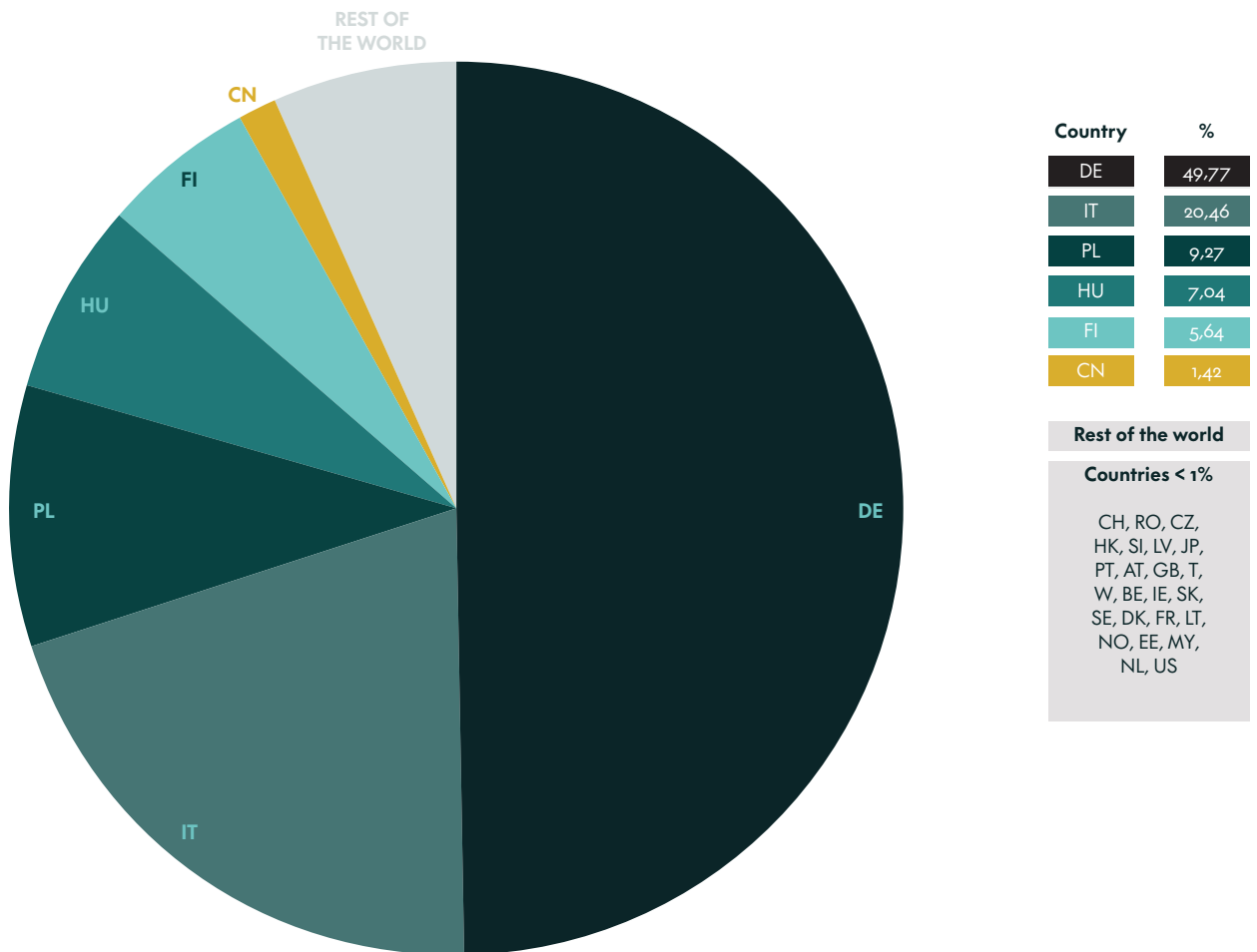
Responsibility

Procurement

As a result of procurement policies and compliance with official certification programmes, we ensure that the materials purchased meet our conditions in regard to human rights and environmental standards. We mainly purchase from suppliers in Europe, amongst other markets, as the European chemical regulation REACH guarantees environmental protection and the exclusion of child labour. We continuously analyse our products and materials, and our methods are

monitored and evaluated by independent external institutions.

In 2019, 50% of our suppliers were from Germany, 97% from Europe and 3% from other parts of the world. As a company with global operations, we also maintain manufacturing facilities in Asia and North America.



Supplier's code of conduct

The aim of the code of conduct is to ensure that social and environmental standards are observed. It is therefore based on the conventions of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the UN Convention on the Rights of Children and on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the UN Global Compact and the OECD directives for multinational companies. Compliance with all valid national and international laws or regulations, as well as industrial minimum standards, is also compulsory. Precedence is given to the most stringent requirements.

Vitra's quality standards can only be achieved by working closely together with our suppliers, which is why we establish a dialogue based on trust from the very beginning of our partnerships. Good business practices are combined with the social and environmental aspects of sustainability as pillars of our collaborative efforts. Concrete steps include the



communication of relevant criteria during the onboarding process, on-site audits, monthly monitoring procedures and an annual supplier evaluation. This is how Vitra nurtures long-term relationships with its suppliers.



Longevity

Certificates and standards

In order to be able to manufacture long-lasting products, Vitra pursues an intense development phase prior to production. The highest-grade materials are selected, and a battery of rigorous tests simulates 15 years of use. The products are also certified by independent institutes to satisfy our customers' growing environmental awareness. There are many national and international labels for products and components, focussing on such

topics as health, safety or environmental impact as well as those with a global approach to some or all of these issues. Vitra decides which norms and certifications are necessary and relevant for each individual product in regard to its applications and usage.



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Blue Angel

The Blue Angel ('Blauer Engel') is the first and oldest environmental label worldwide for eco-friendly products and services. It promotes both environmental protection and consumer safety. Consequently certificates are only awarded to products and services that are ecologically sound from a comprehensive perspective. The evaluation process ensures that a certified product has no or only minimal impact on the environment and human health over the entire course of its lifespan (from manufacture to disposal).



GREENGUARD Gold

The internationally recognised label GREENGUARD was developed in 2001 by the 'GREENGUARD Environmental Institute'. Its aim is to protect human health and quality of life by reducing exposure to pollutants and improving indoor air conditions. GREENGUARD Gold-certified products can contribute to the environmental certification of buildings.



GS seal (Tested Safety)

The GS seal is issued to products that fulfil product safety regulations based on national and international norms as well as current technical standards. It ascertains that a product will not cause any damage while being used and assesses whether its components pose any health hazards.

In addition to internationally established company certification for quality (ISO 9001) and environmental management (ISO 14001), Vitra also undergoes the following annual audits for responsible conduct:



EcoVadis

EcoVadis operates a collaborative platform to evaluate the corporate social responsibility of suppliers in global supply chains. Vitra has been a member since 2014 and is reevaluated annually in a detailed assessment process. In 2020, Vitra was awarded the EcoVadis Silver certificate.



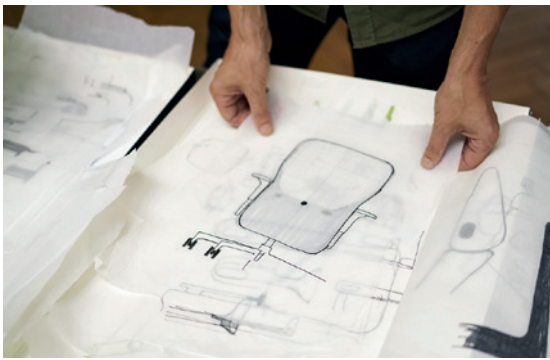
Occupational safety

Vitra places the highest demands on every type of workplace in our company. The quality seal 'Sicher mit System' (systematic safety) awarded by the employers' liability insurance association attests to healthy and safe working conditions in all departments at all times.

Vitra and the circular economy

Vitra is concerned with the entire lifecycle of its products and the related use of resources. The concept of a 'circular economy' offers provocative ideas and guidelines for implementing specific measures. Vitra has adopted an

individual approach in its aim to achieve further improvements in favour of a regenerative system.



Design & product development

Vitra designs its products for longevity. This is achieved by avoiding short-term trends and by using high-quality materials with a long life expectancy. Consisting of only as many different materials as necessary, the products are easy to dismantle, allowing repair and a high level of recyclability.



Choice of materials

We keep up with the latest developments, promote resource efficiency along our supply chain and utilise environmentally friendly materials and technologies. A 'materials blacklist' provides guidance on materials which are hazardous and unsuited for use in Vitra products. We also seek to increase the percentage of recycled and recyclable materials.



Manufacturing

Vitra manufactures new products with state-of-the-art production techniques, and adapts the authentic fabrication of its classic designs to new technical possibilities. Responsible manufacturing practices and limited use of resources are the pillars of modern-day manufacturing. Our partners are requested to adhere to the same principles.



Waste management

Waste products are considered raw materials, provided they can be recycled. The more effectively that waste materials are separated, the more valuable they are for secondary utilisation. Vitra's aim is to produce as little waste as possible, and to use waste material for other products wherever feasible. The appropriate disposal of production waste, the separate collection of paper, plastic and metal, as well as their correct recycling are a matter of course.

Waste

	2018	2019
household waste	202,33 t	150,86 t
paper and cardboard	354,82 t	361,01 t
wood	411,73 t	402,96 t
plastic films	33,18 t	102,72 t
metal	31,50 t	73,88 t
styrofoam	-	0,38 t
glass bottles and jars	-	7,50 t



Packaging and transport

The packaging of Vitra products should provide proper protection during transport with a minimum amount of material. The packaging concept is continually assessed and revised to take advantage of newer and more environmentally friendly materials. Shuttle packaging (e.g. cardboard boxes or covers) is increasingly used for frequent shipping to and from suppliers, thereby reducing waste. Vitra's transport logistics are organised in such a way that lorries preferably only leave the production facilities with a full load. Rail transport is used wherever suitable rail connections exist. Overseas transport is handled by ship and, only in exceptional cases, by air freight. Special transports are avoided whenever possible.



Maintenance

Support services focus on the areas of maintenance, replacement of individual components and product repair with the goal of preserving the original quality of a product for as long as possible. Vitra provides continuous technical maintenance, based on individual needs and agreements with the customer.



Reuse

Many Vitra products are part of the well-established vintage or secondary furniture market. Vitra itself facilitates a second life-cycle of products with a yearly sale of briefly used products in Weil am Rhein (Germany) and promotes the reuse of Vitra products with the 'vitra circle' in Belgium, where products are repaired and then sold again. Rental and take-back models are offered individually under appropriate conditions.



End-of-life

Every product reaches the end of its life at some point – hopefully after having been used over several generations. Easy dismantling and the absence of compound materials simplify recycling. Product components are labelled and can find their way into the correct recycling process. Vitra offers a take-back programme for special materials (e.g. fibreglass).

Ambition

Raw materials and other components



Aluminium

Aluminium is an extremely durable material, which can be completely recycled at the end of its useful life. Compared to primary aluminium, 94% less energy is required to produce recycled aluminium. Whenever possible, Vitra uses aluminium consisting of 95% recycled material.



Wood and wood-based materials

Wood is a natural material that finds extensive use in Vitra products – encompassing many different forms such as veneer, MDF, particle board, paper, cardboard, solid wood etc. Vitra procures all of its wood and wood products from European suppliers. A vendor declaration is required for every type of wooden material used in a Vitra product. It certifies compliance with the European Timber Regulation (EUTR) and also ensures that the purchased wood is FSC- or PEFC-certified. At Vitra, tropical wood is used only for the Eames Lounge Chair and the Butterfly Chair, and is also procured from FSC-certified sources. Wood-based materials such as particle board used by Vitra are processed from by-products of the wood industry.



Lacquers and adhesives

Vitra employs the technique of powder-coating to finish metal and wood surfaces. When exceptional cases require the use of adhesives, preference is given to solvent-free products.



Upholstery fabrics

Textiles used by Vitra are manufactured in Europe and routinely tested to ensure that they meet current certification standards, and their environmental safety is recorded.



Leather

The leather for Vitra products is obtained from cowhides that are a by-product of cattle breeding for food production. Tanners must comply with strict environmental regulations when manufacturing leather, and state-of-the-art technologies have been developed to ensure safe, environmentally friendly processes. A neutral institute regularly tests whether the leather used by Vitra complies with the legally specified levels of PCB, aromatic amines derived from azo dyes, chrome VI compounds and formaldehyde.



Plastic

As a manufacturer of long-lasting products with decades of experience in the development and processing of plastics, our intensive exploration of this material has furthered our understanding of sustainability. Plastic is regarded by many as the most innovative material of the twentieth century. It can be moulded into any shape and enables innovative designs and technical concepts. The physical properties of plastic can be defined by its chemical composition – from very stiff to ultra-soft. Moreover, plastic is long-lasting, hygienic and inexpensive. The economic growth and widespread accessibility to consumer products that marked the twentieth century would not have been possible without plastic. As a responsible manufacturer, Vitra is committed to using plastic wisely and limiting its impact on our environment for future generations.

Product innovation

Vitra's engineering guidelines aim to enable good design through innovative manufacturing techniques. Our concept of sustainability is reflected in our design philosophy.

1988

Conversion to CFC-free polyurethane foam



1991

Solvent-containing adhesives replaced by dispersion adhesives in upholstery applications

1993

Production of the Eames Shell Chair in fibreglass is discontinued for occupational safety and environmental reasons

1999

Exclusive use of TGIC-free coating powder on all Standard Chairs and the Airline seating system

Production of Eames Shell Chair resumed with seat shells made of plastic polypropylene, a new recyclable material

2001

Acquisition of the first powder coating system for MDF furniture in Germany to optimise material consumption

2008

Blue Angel certification for MedaPal, the first office swivel chair in the world to earn this label. Additional models are continuously being certified.

2009

Conversion to Cr(VI)-free surfaces for 80% of all screws and bolts



2011

Tip Ton is awarded the Good Design Award 2011; chair is 97% recyclable



2014

Renewed production of the iconic Landi Chair made of aluminium; consisting of 76% recycled material and 100% recyclable

2018

Relaunch of the Eames Shell Chair made of fibreglass using a high-tech production process that is non-hazardous for production employees and minimises production waste; the shells can be recycled in the cement industry at the end of the product life

2019

New options introduced to exchange parts of the Fiberglass Chairs and Plastic Chairs, as well as a return program to properly recycle the chairs

Production and logistics

Besides being a place dedicated to the presentation of design and architecture, a social meeting point and a point of sale and product advice, the Vitra Campus – combined with the additional production and logistics site in Neuenburg (30 km away) – is Vitra's central production hub.

Over the years, Vitra has introduced many environmental measures in its manufacturing plants and adopted a responsible approach to nature and natural resources.



Energy efficiency

Every new building constructed by Vitra is equipped with the latest building technology. Vitra has been a member of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für nachhaltiges Bauen (DGNB – German Sustainable Building Council) since 2007. Vitra has drawn all of its electricity for the production sites in Weil am Rhein and Neuenburg from hydropower sources since 2008, and this is also true of the company's headquarters in the Swiss town of Birsfelden since 2016. Photovoltaic panels mounted on the roofs of the production facilities generate solar power.



1996

Installation of automatic high-speed doors in all buildings to reduce draughts and save energy

2000

Insulation of roofs on industrial buildings improved as a means of energy conservation

2001

Installation of modern heating/ventilation controls in production areas as a means of energy conservation

Reduction of heating oil consumption through installation of a new boiler and burner in one of the large buildings

Installation of a solar power system with an output of 47.52 kWp on the Vitra Campus

2008

Solar power plant on the Vitra Campus expanded to achieve an output of 109.58 kWp

Installation of a solar power system with an output of 120 kWp at the Neuenburg site

Construction of a geothermal heat pump for the heating and cooling of the new logistics hall in Neuenburg

2009

Installation of a geothermal heat pump for heating and cooling the VitraHaus

Conversion to a recirculating ventilation system in the foaming plant's glue booth as a means of energy conservation

Conversion to the exclusive purchase of electricity generated from 100% hydro-power at the Weil am Rhein and Neuenburg sites

2010

Installation of a combined heat and power unit that generates 50 kWp of electric power and 100 kWp of thermal power

2011

Daylight dependent lighting control in sections of the production facilities in Weil am Rhein

2012

New building in Weil am Rhein equipped with a photovoltaic system (output: 436 kWp). LED technology adopted for outdoor lighting

Installation of a photovoltaic system at company headquarters in Birsfelden (output: 376 kWp)

Energy-efficient modernisation in connection with expansion of foaming plant (heating, lighting, frequency-controlled pressure and vacuum generation)

Testing machines converted from pneumatic cylinders to servo drives

2013

New double glazed windows with exterior solar shading on a building in Weil am Rhein

Installation of a new refrigeration dryer

2016

Conversion to the exclusive purchase of electricity generated from 100% hydro-power at the company headquarters in Birsfelden

2018

Installation of an EV charging station on the Vitra Campus

VitraHaus and an additional factory building converted to LED

New heating system and replacement of window facade on west face of one factory building for more efficient thermal insulation

2019

Optimisation of energy efficiency in various buildings through LED lighting and new windows

Biodiversity

Vitra has long advocated an ecological and responsible use of land and, at the Vitra Campus, strives to offer a counterbalance to the paved roads and constructions. Large natural flower meadows stretch between the buildings,

particularly in the northern part of the campus, establishing a link to the agricultural landscape and vineyards of the neighbouring Tüllinger Hill.



2009

One hundred cherry trees and 100 maple trees are newly planted on the Vitra Campus

2014

980 m of hornbeam hedge newly planted along the Álvaro Siza Promenade and new layout of car park

2016

Reduction of concrete surfaces as part of the new greening concept for the opening of the Vitra Schaudepot

2018

Additional wildflower meadow planted at the South entrance

2019

Cherry trees were relocated to make space for a new garden, instead of chopping them down

Water management

Water is the most important resource on our planet. We extract water from groundwater reservoirs that form over time as the result of seeping rainwater.

2009

Construction of a rainwater seepage system for roughly 50,000 m² of sealed surface to reduce the burden on the wastewater treatment plant and to channel rainwater into a groundwater reservoir

2013

Installation of a new water treatment plant

2018

Electroplating transferred to long-term suppliers with a new closed water circulation system in Germany, where statutory regulations demand stringent threshold values and official monitoring to ensure compliance. Elimination of the biggest source of drinking water consumption and wastewater pollution at Vitra

2019

Green spaces irrigated using water from our own well, without using drinking water from the public grid



Energy data and emissions

Energy data and emissions for the facilities in Weil am Rhein (D) and Neuenburg (D)

Fuel emissions (diesel)

	Consumption in l	SO ₂ in kg	NO _x in kg	Dust in kg	CH ₄ in kg	N ₂ O in kg	CO ₂ equivalent in t	CO ₂ in t
2018	321.410	389	1.475	73	441	93	963	925
2019	288.987	350	1.326	65	396	84	865	831

Heating oil emissions

	Consumption in l	SO ₂ in kg	NO _x in kg	Dust in kg	CH ₄ in kg	N ₂ O in kg	CO ₂ equivalent in t	CO ₂ in t
2018	177.502	506	381	43	161	7	564	558
2019	209.553	597	450	51	190	8	666	659

Power emissions (from hydropower)

	Consumption in kWh	SO ₂ in kg	NO _x in kg	Dust in kg	CH ₄ in kg	N ₂ O in kg	CO ₂ equivalent in t	CO ₂ in t
2018	6.207.530	10	46	10	26	-	17	16
2019	7.478.161	12	56	12	31	-	21	20

Natural gas emissions

	Consumption in kWh	SO ₂ in kg	NO _x in kg	Dust in kg	CH ₄ in kg	N ₂ O in kg	CO ₂ equivalent in t	CO ₂ in t
2018	5.869.558	71	1.093	42	4.199	13	1.467	1.338
2019	4.053.482	49	755	29	2.900	9	1.013	924

Total

CO ₂ equivalent in t	3.011	2.565
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Energy data

	2018	2019		2018	2019
Power (kWh)	6.207.530	7.478.161	Water (m ³)	11.529	22.330
Gas (kWh)	5.869.558	4.053.482	Yield from photovoltaic systems (kWh)	608.246	515.429
Heating oil (l)	177.502	209.553	Yield from CHP systems (kWh)	864.420	145.082
Fuel (l)	321.410	288.987	Wastewater (m ³)	11.529	22.330

NO_x – Nitrogen oxides are a collective term for the gaseous oxides of nitrogen. They impair the respiratory system and contribute to the formation of acid rain. They result from the burning of fossil fuels (coal, petroleum).

SO₂ – Sulphur dioxide is a poisonous gas that results primarily from the burning of fuels containing sulphur (coal, petroleum). It contributes to acid rain.

CH₄ – Methane is a colourless and odourless combustible gas. It results from biological and geological processes and is a main component of petroleum. Methane is a significant greenhouse gas.

Dust – Fine dust particles result from natural and anthropogenic sources, such as pollen, forest fires, the burning of wood, tyre/brake wear and tobacco smoke. The finer the dust particle, the greater its ability to pass into the lungs and the more dangerous it is.

N₂O – Nitrous oxide is a colourless gas belonging to the group of nitrogen oxides. It is also known under the common name laughing gas. It acts as a greenhouse gas.

CO₂ equivalent indicates how much a specified amount of a greenhouse gas contributes to the greenhouse effect. CO₂ serves as a comparative value. For instance, the CO₂ equivalent of methane is 25, i.e. its greenhouse effect per kilogram is 25 times greater than that of CO₂.

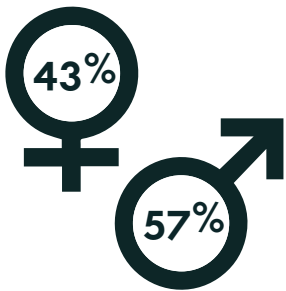
CO₂ – Carbon dioxide is a natural component of air. It results from the metabolism of living creatures as well as from the burning of substances containing carbon. It is a major contributor to the greenhouse effect.

People

Vitra as an employer

For decades, Vitra has focussed its attention on the topic of working life in the office. This has not only produced groundbreaking products, but also work environments that understand contemporary needs and provide the best possible solution. In the offices of our customers as well as in our own workspaces – and always in the interests of both employees and the company.

Vitra is a design company that is constantly evolving. As a family enterprise, we nurture long-term relationships with clients, employees and designers and stand for sustainable growth. Thanks to our corporate values, we have the freedom to achieve extraordinary and unexpected things. And regularly do so.



2010 Opening of company crèche at the headquarters in Birsfelden and cooperation with existing facility in Weil.

10,8 years
average
period of employment

As an employer, Vitra adheres to the following principles:



We devote particular attention to work conditions and environments that contribute to personal inspiration and therefore boost productivity, and also strive to offer healthy and future-oriented employment relationships for every member of staff.

We are convinced that the best results are achieved through team work, collaborating with colleagues of diverse education or training, backgrounds and interests. We want to allow for differences, while emphasising the uniting characteristics.

Employees benefit from life-long learning and advancement within the company, and we aim to offer talented and motivated employees long-term perspectives.

Interest and curiosity in the company's cultural spectrum are viewed as a foundation for Vitra's corporate success. To promote identification with Project Vitra, we regularly offer our employees access to activities related to the themes of design and architecture.



Diversity is valuable

Just as Vitra's product portfolio is characterised by exceptional heterogeneity, the principle of diversity also applies to people within the company: specialists of both sexes with diverse educational backgrounds, from all over the world, work together on different tasks, mostly in German, often in English and sometimes in French. Vitra encourages social interaction during working hours and leisure time – for example, employees and their families

are offered free access or reduced admission to cultural activities sponsored by the company. The cafeterias are designed as lively places of communication, where people come together during staff parties, visits to the museum, concerts at Vitra Campus Night or family trips to the campus on Sundays for coffee and cake at the VitraHaus Café.



Women make up **80%** of general management



Canteen in Weil am Rhein



VitraHaus Café



Employee Party



Vitra Campus Summer Nights

People of **43** different nationalities work at Vitra; the figure is **34** at the sites in Germany and Switzerland alone

Education and training

Vitra's core competency is the creation of products, concepts and workspaces of premium quality. To meet this challenge requires best the talent. Vitra readily trains its own employees: in 2019 Vitra employed 56 apprentices in 10 different vocational programmes, 54 % of whom successfully completed their training and were taken on by the company.

Providing our employees with ongoing education and training is also a priority. An in-house training department does not limit itself to instructing dealers and sales employees. In addition to tailored vocational programmes, language classes and statutory training courses, a varied course portfolio and E-Learning platform are open to all employees.

In 2019, Vitra trained
56 students and apprentices

54% of students and
apprentices were taken on



Culture

Design and architecture

Vitra engages in a multitude of cultural activities above and beyond its business operations. A substantial portion of revenues is invested in preserving the cultural heritage of design and architecture.

Vitra supports various institutions around the globe. Regular beneficiaries include the Eames Foundation, which is devoted to preserving the Eames House in Pacific Palisades, California, the Alvar Aalto Foundation in Finland, and the Barragan Foundation based in Switzerland.



Vitra Design Museum and Vitra Campus

The Vitra Design Museum, founded in 1989, is a major focus of our cultural commitment. It is not a company museum, but an internationally renowned, independent institution dedicated to the research and presentation of design and architecture. The Vitra Design Museum organises exhibitions, workshops and guided architectural tours. Its holdings include one of the world's largest collections of industrial furniture design, and it administers and maintains the estates of several major designers. It also produces publications on a broad spectrum of design and architectural topics. The diverse activities of the Vitra Design Museum have earned it worldwide

respect as a model for private initiatives and independent institutions in the cultural sector.



Craft workshop at the Cherry Blossom festivities, 2018



Children's annual holiday programme

Furthermore, the Vitra Campus is a place where design objects and architectural works are created and maintained, making topics of design, architecture and art accessible to the public. And the ongoing development of the Vitra Campus reveals the company's long-term commitment to its location in Weil am Rhein.



Vitra Slide Tower, 2014



Blockhaus, 2018



Ring, 2018



Vitra Design Museum, 1989

Dialogue

A company's sustainable development relies on dialogue with an interested public. You may contact us at sustainability@vitra.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

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