

Multipanel affirms its commitment to the environment

Multipanel is the only waterproof wall panel manufactured in the UK that is Forest Stewardship Council[®] (FSC[®] C128180) and Made in Britain officially certified.

Quality and <u>environmental responsibility</u> are core values for Multipanel products. Upholding these values ensures all products meet the high standards demanded by our customers and help to minimise the impact on the environment.

All manufactured panels are FSC[®]-certified with full chain of custody. This ensures that the timber used in these collections originates from responsibly managed forests and other controlled sources and the finished products comply with globally recognised ecological, social, and economic standards.

These <u>certifications</u> form part of a rolling programme of environmental and sustainability initiatives within the manufacturing and design processes.

This includes reducing energy in transportation by sourcing materials made in the UK and recycling 100% of post-production waste into biomass fuel and other products, not only reducing waste sent to landfill but also contributing to the circular economy.Grant Westfield also separates recyclable waste such as paper, cans and plastic from other areas to further reduce its impact on the environment.

Grant Westfield has held FSC[®] certification since 2015. It provides peace of mind to customers through the assurance that their purchasing decisions are helping the built environment sector to comply with their own environmental policies when specifying bathroom products.

Multipanel's high-quality engineered panels are available in a carefully curated range of designs and come with a 30-year product warranty, as well as being 100% recyclable. This recyclability makes their wall panels a sustainable alternative to traditional tiles from the beginning to the end of their lifecycle.



Inside Multipanel's factory (c) Multipanel

Sustainable products

Environmental credentials are becoming more important than ever to consumers, and sustainability is now a top deciding factor. Of course, more conventional concerns such as price and brand, influence consumer choices too. Companies looking to improve their sustainability credentials should consider becoming FSC®-certified.

"When asked recently why we only use FSC[®]-certified timber and high-pressure laminate in the manufacture of Multipanel, my response was simple, because we care! Using sustainable materials may cost more, but they don't cost the earth." Sarah Law, Managing Director of Grant Westfield.

Sustainable workspaces

As part of Multipanel's sustainable movement, there is a focus on creating an environmentally conscious Head Office. This is reflected in the installation of 190 electrical solar panels on the Head Office roof, sourcing approx. 40,000 kwh per year.

In addition, Multipanel is committed to implementing an electric and hybrid company car policy across the Director and Sales teams. There are also electric car charging points in Multipanel's car park, providing staff with easy access to affordable and fast electric vehicle charging in Edinburgh.



Multipanel's Head Office solar panel roof

Find out more at <u>www.multipanel.co.uk/accreditations</u> and <u>https://www.multipanel.co.uk/about-multipanel/responsibility/</u>

About Multipanel

- Manufactured in Edinburgh by Grant Westfield, Multipanel is the UK's best-selling bathroom wall panel, and a sustainable and modern alternative to bathroom tiling.
- Established in 1881 Grant Westfield (FSC[®] 128180) has manufactured high-quality furniture products for over 140 years. For the last 5 years, Grant Westfield has been solely focused on the design and manufacture of Multipanel, the UK's leading brand of <u>bathroom wall panels</u>.
- Grant Westfield manufactures over 8,000 panels a week at its factory in Edinburgh for distribution throughout the UK and Northern Europe via merchants, bathroom showrooms, and leading online e-tailers.
- The fast, grout-free installation of Multipanel wall panels makes them a modern alternative to tiles and a favourite with homeowners, bathroom installers, and specifiers in the housing sector.
- Available in a range of surface designs, from marble to wood and granite, Multipanel is the only wall panel on the market that is Made In Britain (officially certified), FSC[®]- certified, and independently rated 4.8/5 on Feefo by homeowners.

About FSC®

• FSC[®] has over 26 years of experience in setting the gold standard sustainable forest management around the world.

- They are the world's most credible solution for sustainable forest management; trusted to secure better outcomes for the market's communities and forests for today and future generations.
- FSC[®]'s unique democratic standard-setting process enables forest owners, communities and businesses to jointly make decisions on issues impacting forests today and in the future.
- To earn FSC[®] certification, an organization must meet FSC[®]'s standards, which are based on ten core principles that cover issues ranging from environmental impact to community relations and workers' rights to monitoring and assessment processes.
- Find out more at https://fsc.org/en/media/resources and https://fsc.org/

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- The mark is protected and can only be used by members of Made in Britain that meet the criteria set to guarantee the member is a British manufacturer.
- To be eligible for membership you must be a manufacturer making physical goods (excluding digital products and software) where raw materials/components have undergone a substantial and transformative change as a result of your manufacturing processes in Great Britain.
- Find out more at https://www.madeinbritain.org/