



Brakes UK '2 Zero 20' Plastics and Packaging Pledge

At Brakes, we believe in acting today to protect tomorrow. Across our three Corporate Social Responsibility focus areas of People, Products, Planet, our activities ensure we support every community we engage with, source our products responsibly, and protect our planet's natural resources.

Our commitment is to be a plastic responsible foodservice provider, across three areas:

On our Brakes own brand products, by 2020 we intend to:

- Eliminate all non-recyclable hard black plastic from all our own brand products in our supply chain by 2020, starting with immediate effect with all new own brand products we introduce into the business
- Work collaboratively with industry experts and partners to find new innovative plastic solutions to replace any non-recyclable hard black plastic material we currently provide, such as ready meal trays, which cannot be identified in many recycling plants
- Introduce a clear labelling system on all future packaging to help customers improve recycling rates
- Issue a new packaging policy with guidance on allowable packaging and labelling
- Continually reduce other unnecessary packaging for all our customers, working with experts to identify other problematic, non-recyclable, non-reusable, non-compostable packaging and issue clear milestones to eliminate by 2025

Where we buy supplier brands, by 2020 we intend to:

- Work with suppliers to find alternatives to any problematic materials and unnecessary single-use items, with a focus on hard black plastics and in particular items within our catering disposables range, such as hard black plastic food containers and straws

We believe that collaboration with partners and industry will exponentially increase our impact. We are working with our waste and recycling partner ACM Environmental PLC, Valpak, the Foodservice Packaging Association, Recoup and WRAP as industry experts. We have also:

- Signed up to **The UK Plastics Pact**. We are the first delivered wholesaler to join, and we will contribute to four industry-united targets by 2025:
 - Take action to eliminate problematic or unnecessary single-use packaging items through redesign, innovation or alternative (reuse) delivery models
 - 100% of plastic packaging to be reusable, recyclable or compostable
 - 70% of plastic packaging effectively recycled or composted
 - 30% average recycled content across all plastic packaging
- Set up a **Supplier Packaging Forum** to identify areas where we can work collectively to reduce our impact on the environment focusing on waste and packaging management. Suppliers who have joined us include PepsiCo, Unilever Food Solutions, McCain Foodservice, Princes, Vegware, Finsbury Food Group, Lincolnshire Salad Co, Three Oceans, Whitby Seafoods and Harrogate Spring Water

Measurement and feedback

We will track and measure progress against all targets, reporting in February and August each year, on our website www.brake.co.uk. We welcome input and feedback, which can be sent to askanything@brake.co.uk.