

SP Blinds' commitment to sustainability is demonstrated in its every day activity both in its own carbon foot print and in assisting to promote sustainable products to the construction industry. Below are some of the ways in which SP Blinds contributes towards making this world a better place.

Toitū carbonzero Certification

SP blinds achieved the Toitū carbonzero certification in April 2012 and since then is undergoing an annual audit for certification renewal.

Toitū carbonzero certification involves taking accountability and action against the greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) generated as a result of our business activities. Certification signals that we are taking a leadership role by reducing our impact on the environment and offering a sustainable alternative to our clients.

What is Toitū carbonzero certification?

- It's developed from solid science at Landcare Research, a New Zealand Government owned Crown Research Institute.
- It's the first GHG certification scheme in the world to achieve international accreditation through JAZ-ANZ. It is recognised in over 50 economies.
- First Crown Research Institute to have a subsidiary accredited as a Conformity Assessment Body
- First ISO14065 accredited GHG verifier outside of the United States of America.

Details of SP Blinds certification can be found in their disclosure page which is available at: <https://www.toitu.co.nz/our-members/members/sp-blinds>

NZGBC - 'Green Star' - Professional Advice

A member of the NZ Green Building Council since 2008, SP Blinds is part of the ongoing discussions and developments on environmental issues in the building industry in NZ. Through this involvement we have amassed knowledge relating to the requirements of the Green Star environmental rating scheme. The SP Blinds Commercial Fabric Specifier collates a group of fabrics which may

qualify for points under the Office Interiors 2009 tool. We can provide precise test results establishing the potential eligibility for Green Star points for:

- Low VOC emissions
- Daylight Glare Control
- Reduction of PVC use in buildings

Blinds - An Important Factor in Eco-Friendly Spaces

Window coverings directly affect the energy efficiency of a space. Using sunscreen or blackout blinds contributes positively to the environment by:

1. Reducing energy consumption - Blinds can dramatically reduce the amount of heat penetrating from the outside, and provide some insulation from the cold. By doing so,
2. Blinds reduce the energy required for air-conditioning and/or heating and the associated cost.
3. Blinds reduce the level of glare, making for a more pleasant working space.
4. Blinds are flexible (as opposed to tinted glazing) - the option exists for using natural light by raising the blinds rather than using energy by operating internal electric lights.

Durable Blinds - Less Future Waste

Low grade manufacture and inferior quality materials fail to last, often requiring replacement after relatively short periods of time. This increases the impact at landfill.

SP Blinds is consistently delivering blinds to industry best practice standards. We are proud to manufacture the highest quality blinds available in NZ. All components and fabrics making our collection are of the highest standard. This and our precise manufacturing processes ensure blinds look and perform well for long periods of time.

Eco-Friendly Product Offers

SP Blinds offer fabrics tested for low VOC emissions, as well as Optical and Thermal qualities. It is a company policy to purchase fabrics from suppliers who test fabrics for compliance with recognised international standards and those who conduct businesses in an environmentally responsible manner are preferred.