

# Aluminium Lighting Company

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We manufacture or purchase a variety of brackets, spigots and embellishments to compliment the range of columns supplied from our factory in Port Talbot, South Wales. Our range of products also includes the Echalon hinged column, bespoke traditional and contemporary architectural brackets and street furniture. We import aluminium columns that are manufactured from 100% recycled aluminium in the most efficient processes achievable. Specifically fabricate them to clients requirements and supply direct from our factory. The properties of the recycled material are no different from the primary metal and recycled aluminium uses only 5% of the energy used when producing primary metal from raw materials, reducing environmental impacts by 95%.

Aluminium has a unique and unbeatable combination of properties that make it into a versatile, highly usable and attractive material. Some of the key benefits of aluminium are; lightweight, high strength, durability and resistance to corrosion. Aluminium is also one of the most environmentally friendly metals in use today. In fact, Aluminium is infinitely recyclable which is why it is often referred to as the "green metal".

One of the major advantages of our columns is that they are 100% recyclable after their design life span, which is a characteristic that is designed into all of our products, regardless of use.

The Aluminium Lighting Company's area of greatest environmental impacts are waste disposal, material and energy use.

In recognizing these impacts and demonstrating a commitment to pollution prevention and continual environmental improvement, Aluminium Lighting Company will:

- Comply with the requirements of all relevant environmental legislation and with other requirements such as NHSS6 that the company subscribe to, and have regard for associated guidance notes.
- Continue and increase, where possible, the use of recycled materials in our products.
- Commit to the Waste Management Hierarchy of – Prevention, Re-use, Recycle, Recover & Disposal of our products.
- Reduce environmental impact / carbon imissions from shared transport loads wherever possible.
- Provide a framework for the setting and reviewing of environmental objectives & targets.
- Document, implement, maintain and integrate the Environmental objectives & targets.

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- Manage COSHH to ensure that all hazardous materials are handled and controlled in a proper manner from delivery, use and appropriate disposal.
- Commit to the education and training of all employees in relevant "ERDS" matters.
- Review and audit all aspects of our environmental procedures.
- Actively create an environment that will encourage continual improvements and prevention of pollution by all stakeholders of the company.

This policy will be subject to annual review, communicated to all staff and made available to all interested parties and stakeholders.

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