



Sustainable Selection

YKK Italia

YKK™

Little Parts. Big Difference. >>>



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YKK® PHILOSOPHY

CYCLE OF GOODNESS®: “No one prospers without rendering benefit to others.”

As an important member of society, a company survives through coexistence. When the benefits are shared, the value of the company's existence will be recognized by society. When pursuing his business, YKK®'s founder, Tadao Yoshida, was most concerned with that aspect and would find a path leading to mutual prosperity. He believed that using ingenuity and inventiveness in business activities and constantly creating new value would lead to the prosperity of clients and business partners and make it possible to contribute to society. This type of thinking is referred to as the “Cycle of Goodness,” and has always served as the foundation of our business activities.

We have inherited this way of thinking, and have established it as the YKK® Philosophy.



CYCLE OF GOODNESS®
“No one prospers without rendering benefit to others.”

SUSTAINABILITY VISION 2050

Climate change

Tackle GHG emissions & increase use of renewable energy

In order to combat global climate change, YKK® is committed to reaching greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets that are required to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement, which is to limit global warming to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels, and aim to confine warming to 1.5°C.



climate change

carbon neutral by 2050



material resources

100% sustainable textile materials by 2030

Material resources

Increase use of sustainable materials

YKK® will reduce waste and the use of petroleum derived materials throughout the lifecycle of our fastening products. We will contribute to the transition to a circular society by reducing production and plastic waste and developing products designed for circularity.

Water resources

Reduce water use & manage wastewater



To combat serious water resource depletion and degradation, YKK® will reduce its water intake and strictly manage wastewater.

water resources

reduce water use & increase wastewater recycling



chemical management

reduce chemical usage by new production methods

Chemical management

Manage & reduce chemical usage

To ensure a healthy environment for future generations, YKK® will reduce the environmental impact caused by chemicals used in the manufacturing process of our products.

Respect people

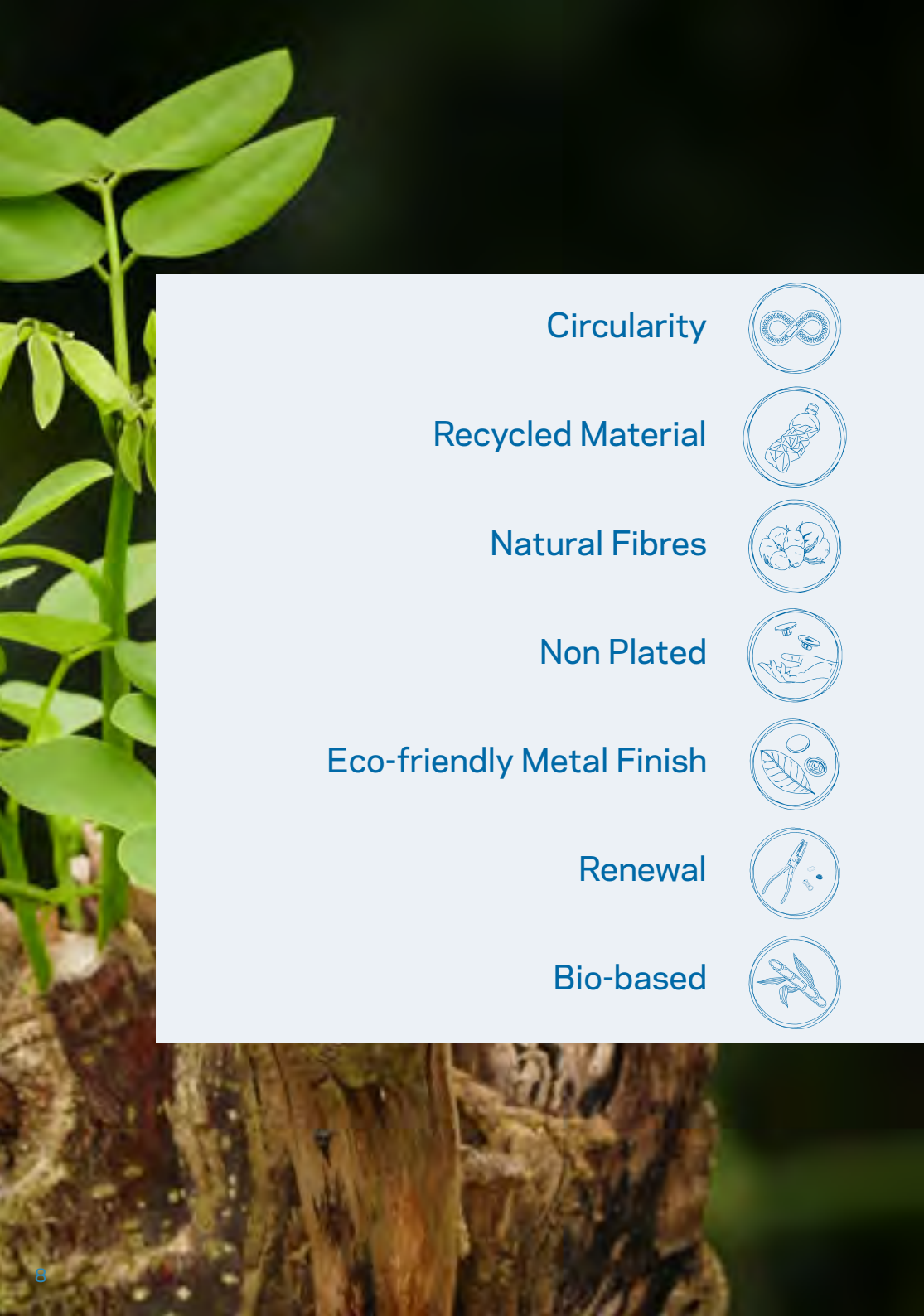
Uphold human rights & ensure fair, safe work environments



YKK® believes in the universal philosophy of respecting the dignity and rights of all human beings and is committed to contributing to a diverse and sustainable society.

respect people

ensure safe fair workplaces throughout our supply chain



Circularity



Recycled Material



Natural Fibres



Non Plated



Eco-friendly Metal Finish



Renewal



Bio-based

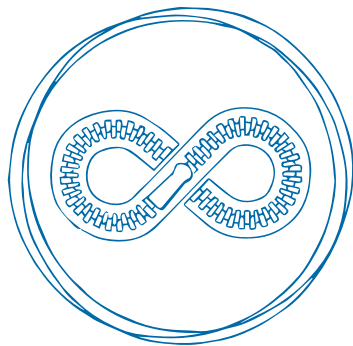


SUSTAINABLE SELECTION

The eco-friendly items of YKK Italia

Guided by the philosophy of the CYCLE OF GOODNESS®, YKK® has been committed to developing products with a focus on sustainability since 1994, the year of the production of the first NATULON® zipper incorporating recycled material and the release of YKK® Environmental Charter.

In this selection, you will find the eco-friendly items proposed by YKK Italia divided according to their sustainability features: circularity, recycled material, natural fibres, non-plated and eco-friendly metal finish.



CIRCULARITY

YKK® perceives circular fashion as a regenerative system in which garments circulate until their value is preserved, and then they are safely returned to the biosphere. This disrupts the traditional linear model of 'Take, Make, Waste'. As part of the supply chain, we firmly believe that circularity is crucial for fostering sustainability.

This belief drives us to design closure items using the finest quality recycled and recyclable materials.

Our goal is not only to optimize the use of raw materials and increase their recycled content but also to understand the end-of-life of garments and ensure that our proposals align with their subsequent recycling.

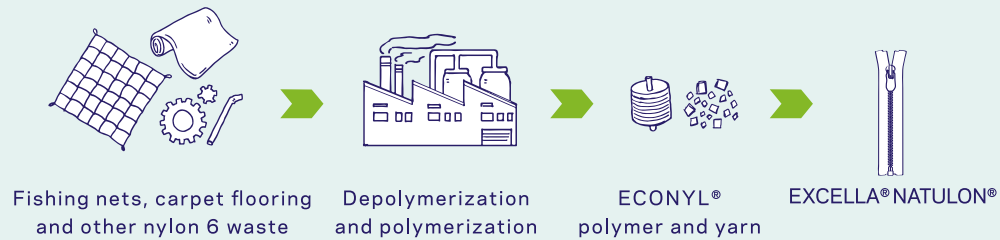
In essence, our products are designed with resource efficiency, non-toxicity, and recyclability as core considerations. The products in this section have a recycled content that is made with chemically recycling technologies.



EXCELLA® NATULON® made with ECONYL® regenerated nylon

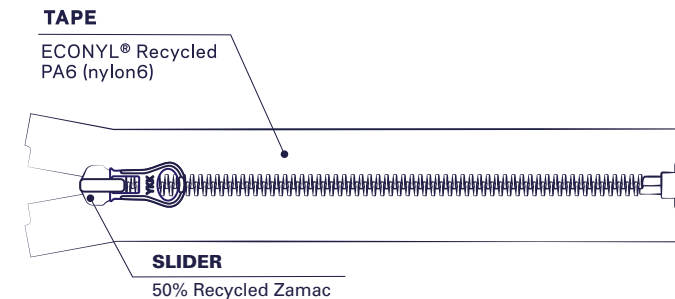
The zippers of our prestigious EXCELLA® series can be produced with a tape made with ECONYL® regenerated nylon.

EXCELLA® NATULON® made with ECONYL® regenerated nylon is available in 11 colours and suitable for garment dyeing. The elegant brass chain is extremely durable and contributes to the long life of the accessory: this too is eco-design.



EXCELLA® NATULON® made with ECONYL® regenerated nylon					
Size	Chain	Tape	Classification		
			Close	Open	Two Way
5	SGYM	NR14	OK	OK	OK
5	SGW	NR14	OK	OK	OK
8	SGYM	NR17	OK	OK	OK
8	SGW	NR17	OK	OK	OK

*any slider is available



Percentage of recycled material

The recycled rate of EXCELLA® NATULON® made with ECONYL® regenerated nylon varies according to the length and function of the zipper.

For example, a 20cm closed-end zipper with NR14 tape has an approximate recycled rate of 25%.

If, on the other hand, only the chain is considered this gives a recycled rate of approximately 17%.*

If you wish to receive precise information about the recycled material rate, please contact your YKK Account Manager.

*The percentage of recycled material is based on internal calculations.

Certifications

The recycled material used is third-party certified.



VISLON® NATULON® made with ECONYL® regenerated nylon

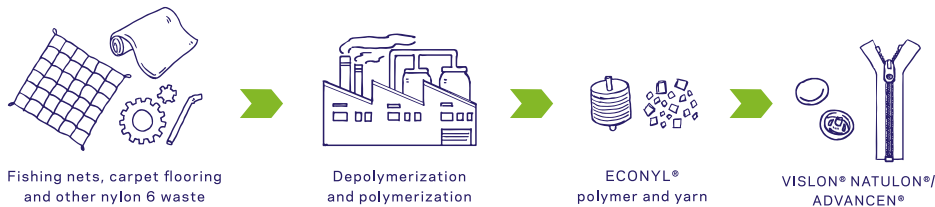
YKK®'s expertise in innovative product development is translated into the design of **VISLON® NATULON® made with ECONYL® regenerated nylon**: a mono-plastic zipper to contribute to the circularity of nylon garments.

This zipper is available in 11 colours and ready to dye. To facilitate the recycling of the garment, the zip is equipped with the Revived Top Stop: a specially designed top stop that allows the slider to be removed quickly and easily.

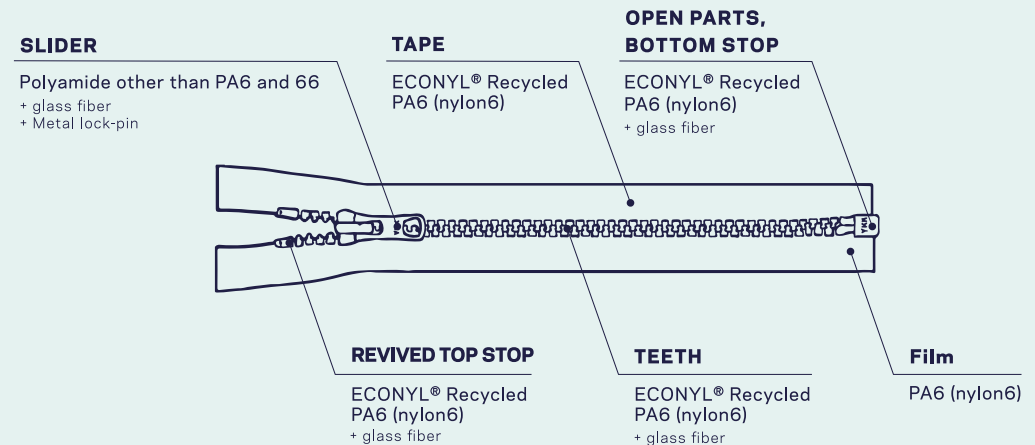
Revived top stop is not suitable for and cannot be used for baby or children's apparel or sleepwear because it does not meet CPSC requirements (16CFR1500.51-53).

Available colours

- | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------|
| #574 Light grey | #519 Red | #027 Blue |
| #841 Off white | #572 Beige | #580 Black |
| #560 Navy (yellowish) | #566 Khaki | #501 White |
| #233 Navi (reddish) | #182 Dark gray | |



VISLON® NATULON® made with ECONYL® regenerated nylon					
Size	Chain	Tape	Classification		
			Close	Open	Two Way
5	VSNE1	NR14 (ECONYL®)	OK	OK	OK



Percentage of recycled material

The recycled rate of **VISLON® NATULON® made with ECONYL® regenerated nylon** varies depending on the length and function of the zipper. For example, a 20cm closed-end zipper with NR14 tape made with ECONYL® yarn and NA9 nylon slider has an approximate recycled rate of 68%. If, on the other hand, only the chain is considered (with tape made with ECONYL® yarn and elements) an approximate recycled rate of 88% is achieved.*

If you wish to receive precise information about the recycled material rate, please contact your YKK Account Manager.

**The percentage of recycled material is based on internal calculations.*

Certifications

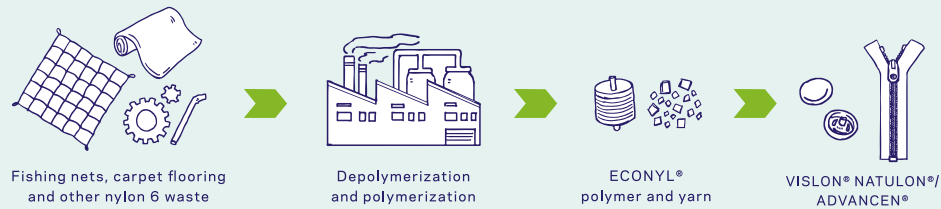
The recycled material used is third-party certified.



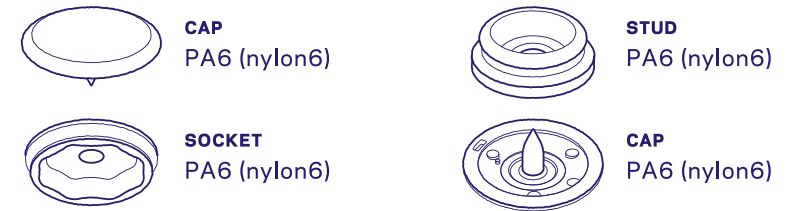
ADVANCEN[®] made with ECONYL[®] regenerated nylon

When it comes to circularity, one of the biggest challenges is separating the various materials that make up a garment so that as much of it as possible can be recycled.

With the **ADVANCEN[®] made with ECONYL[®] regenerated nylon**, YKK[®] challenges the problem of material separation which is an obstacle to circular fashion. ADVANCEN[®] buttons belong to a new era: they are made of at least 98% ECONYL[®] regenerated nylon and are fully recyclable.



ADVANCEN [®] made with ECONYL [®]		
Material	Size	Colour
ECONYL [®]	15mm/24L	Black* Neutral Colour for Ready to Dye



Percentage of recycled material

At least 98% of the material used is ECONYL[®] regenerated nylon.



Certifications

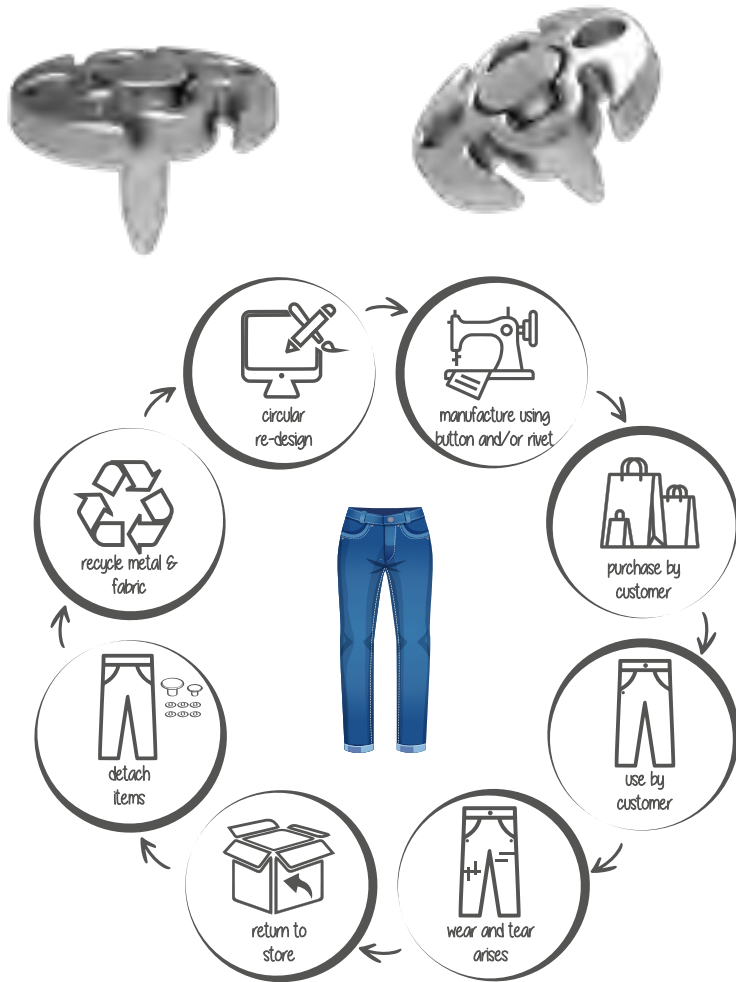
The recycled material used is third-party certified.



Detachable Button & Rivet Zamac Mono-Material



YKK® Detachable Button & Rivet is not only mono-material to aid disposal, but it can also be removed at the end of the garment's life, which can reduce the amount of textile waste. The detachable button and rivet can be applied with standard fastening machines and removed easily with a simple tool.



Standard



Now



During the traditional jeans recycling process, around 30%* of the garment is discarded due to the presence of metal components.

Thanks to YKK®'s new Detachable Button & Rivet, buttons and rivets can be easily removed, contributing to the creation of a totally recyclable garment.

** approximately 30% of the fabric is typically discarded during the typical physical recycling process based on YKK®'s internal estimation.*



RECYCLED MATERIAL

YKK® has long understood the environmental benefits of recycled materials. YKK® NATULON® products offer YKK® quality and performance with a lower environmental impact, as their manufacturing process ensures lower CO2 emission levels than when using virgin polyester. Since the creation of the first NATULON® zipper in 1994, we have continually expanded the NATULON® variations to offer the benefits of tape made entirely from recycled material to an ever-widening range of products.

The NATULON® product lines are designed for customers who wish to reduce the consumption of virgin material increasing the recycled content of their products.

NATULON® zippers are made from recycled materials, such as PET bottles, thanks to mechanical recycling. The yarn used for the tape of NATULON® zippers consists of more than 99% post-consumer recycled material.



EXCELLA® NATULON®

It is the zipper that combines the elegance and prestige of the brushed metal items EXCELLA® with the need to increase the recycled content in accessories. In fact, the tape of this line is **made of recycled material** from the plastic of PET bottles, old fibres and other post-consumer materials.



EXCELLA® NATULON®					
Size	Chain	Tape	Classification		
			Close	Open	Two Way
2	SGY/SGW	RSP12	OK	OK	OK
3	SGY/SGW/ SGYM	RSP12	OK	OK	OK*
		RSP14			
		PRC13			
		PRC15			
5	SGY/SGW/ SGYM	RSP14	OK	OK	OK
		RSM14**			
		RSP16			
		PRC16			
8	SGY/SGW	RSP23	OK	OK	OK
		RSP17			
10	SGW SGYM	PR19	OK	OK	OK

* with SGYM only PRC13 is available

**with MR function tape code is RSM14

RSP stands for recycled polyester tape / PRC stands for recycled polyester soft touch tape

Percentage of recycled material

The recycled rate of the EXCELLA® NATULON® varies according to the length and function of the zipper.

For example, a 20cm closed-end SGY3 zipper has an approximate recycled rate of 30%.*

If you wish to receive precise information about the recycled material rate, please contact your YKK Account Manager.

**The percentage of recycled material is based on internal calculations.*

Certifications

The recycled polyester yarn is third-party certified.



YZip® NATULON® & NATULON® Metal zipper

The NATULON® eco-friendly product series also includes YKK® standard metal zippers. This article is characterised by the use of **recycled material** for both the tape and the chain.

For the production of the chain, in fact, YKK® not only melts down its own scrap but also purchases as much recycled metal as possible, mixing it with virgin materials to guarantee the necessary mechanical properties.



YZip® NATULON®					
Size	Chain	Tape	Classification		
			Close	Open	Two Way
3	Y	PB12	OK	OK	OK

NATULON® Metal zipper					
Size	Chain	Tape	Classification		
			Close	Open	Two Way
5	MF	PB14	OK	OK	OK
8	MF	PB17	OK	OK	OK

Percentage of recycled material

The recycled rate of the NATULON® Metal zipper varies according to the length and function of the zipper.

For example, a 20cm closed-end 5RG zipper has an approximate recycled rate of 27%.*

If you wish to receive precise information about the recycled material rate, please contact your YKK Account Manager.

**The percentage of recycled material is based on internal calculations.*

Certifications

The recycled polyester yarn is third-party certified.



VISLON® NATULON®

VISLON® NATULON® zippers are made from **recycled polyester tape**. VISLON® is the name of our injected plastic zippers, serving creative and innovative design. Combined with YKK®'s NATULON® brand, it signifies the use of recycled material for the production of the tape, thus creating a zipper suitable for all customers who wish to increase the recycled content of their products.



VISLON® NATULON®					
Size	Chain	Tape	Classification		
			Close	Open	Two Way
3	VS	PB12	OK	OK	OK
5	VS	PB14	OK	OK	OK
8	VS	PB16	OK	OK	OK

Percentage of recycled material

The recycled rate of the VISLON® NATULON® varies depending on the length and function of the zipper.

For example, a 20cm closed-end 5VS zipper has an approximate recycled rate of 45%.*

If you wish to receive precise information about the recycled material rate, please contact your YKK Account Manager.

**The percentage of recycled material is based on internal calculations.*

Certifications

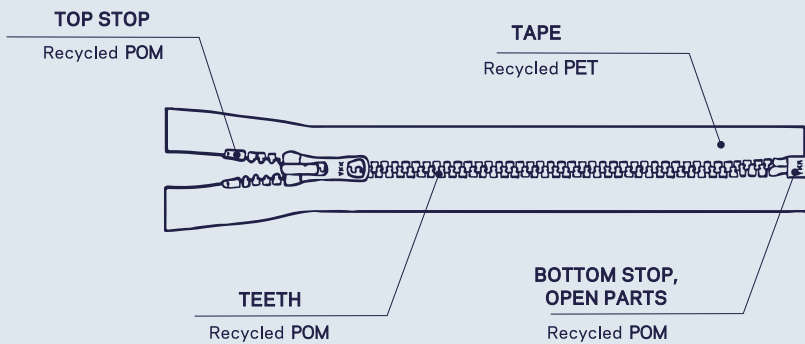
The recycled polyester yarn is third-party certified.



VISLON® NATULON Plus®

NATULON Plus® zippers feature the **highest level of recycled material** offered by YKK®. In this type of zipper, both the tape and the teeth are made with recycled material.

In particular, the material used in the VISLON® NATULON Plus®, Loop POM chain, is made from the scraps obtained from YKK Italia's internal production. The chain is only available in black.



VISLON® NATULON Plus®					
Size	Chain	Tape	Classification		
			Close	Open	Two Way
3	VSE6	PB12	OK	OK	OK
5	VSE6	PB14	OK	OK	OK
8	VSE6	PB16	OK	OK	OK

Percentage of recycled material

The recycled rate of the VISLON® NATULON Plus® product varies depending on the length and function of the zipper.

For example, a 5VSE6 closed-end zipper with PB14 tape has an approximate recycled rate of 58%*.

If you wish to receive precise information about the recycled material rate, please contact your YKK Account Manager.

**The percentage of recycled material is based on internal calculations.*

Certifications

The recycled polyester yarn is third-party certified.



NATULON® Coil zipper

The NATULON® product series are designed for customers wishing to increase the recycled content of their products. The YKK® coil zipper **tape is made from recycled materials**, such as PET bottles, thanks to mechanical recycling technologies. The yarn used in the tape of NATULON® coil zipper is made from more than 99% post-consumer recycled material.



NATULON® Coil zipper					
Size	Chain	Tape	Classification		
			Close	Open	Two Way
3	CF	PB12	OK	OK	OK
5	CI	PB16 PR24	OK	OK	OK
8	CF	PB16	OK	OK	OK

Percentage of recycled material

The recycled rate of the NATULON® coil zipper varies according to the length and function of the zipper.

For example, a 20cm closed-end 3CF zipper has an approximate recycled rate of 56%.*

If you wish to receive precise information about the recycled material rate, please contact your YKK Account Manager.

**The percentage of recycled material is based on internal calculations.*

Certifications

The recycled polyester yarn is third-party certified.



CONCEAL® NATULON®

The CONCEAL® invisible coil zipper is available **with recycled polyester tape.**
CONCEAL® is the invisible zipper that does not disturb the design of the garment, making it more suitable for dresses and skirts.



CONCEAL® NATULON®					
Size	Chain	Tape	Classification		
			Close	Open	Two Way
2	CC	PB10	OK		
3	CHC	PB10	OK		OK

Percentage of recycled material

The recycled rate of the CONCEAL® NATULON® varies depending on the length and function of the zipper.

For example, a 20cm closed-end 3CC zipper has an approximate recycled rate of 56%.*

If you wish to receive precise information about the recycled material rate, please contact your YKK Account Manager.

**The percentage of recycled material is based on internal calculations.*

Certifications

The recycled polyester yarn is third-party certified.



NATULON Plus® Coil zipper

The NATULON Plus® coil zipper has the tape, chain, cord and sewing thread made of **recycled material**. The NATULON Plus® coil zipper has the highest level of recycled material offered by YKK®, and this advantage can be further increased by combining it with a recycled zinc die-cast slider.

The material used in the NATULON Plus® coil zipper chain is made of 100% post-consumer recycled material.



NATULON Plus® Coil zipper					
Size	Chain	Tape	Classification		
			Close	Open	Two Way
3	CFBE	PB12	OK	OK	OK
5	CIBE	PB16	OK	OK	OK

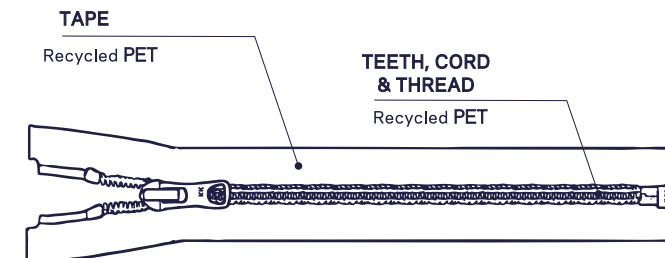
Percentage of recycled material

The recycled rate of the NATULON Plus® coil zipper varies according to the length and function of the zip. For example, a 60 cm open-end 5CIBE zipper with recycled polyester tape and teeth achieves an approximate recycled rate of 84%.*

If, on the other hand, only the chain is considered (with recycled polyester tape and teeth) it achieves a recycled rate of 100%.*

If you wish to receive precise information about the recycled material rate, please contact your YKK Account Manager.

**The percentage of recycled material is based on internal calculations.*



Certifications

The recycled polyester yarn is third-party certified.



AquaGuard® NATULON® Coil Zipper

In this water-repellent zipper, the tape is **made using recycled polyester**. Its surface is coated with a **film PFAS compliant***. The item has been updated to improve smoothness, operability and environmental compatibility. Gloss and matt effect coatings are available.

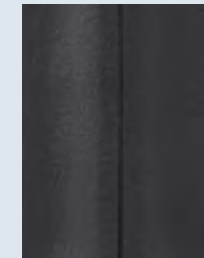
*"PFAS compliant" is a term used by YKK® to mean where organic fluorine cannot be detected on application of Test Method EN14582. Thus, YKK® has classified "PFAS compliant" fastening products as containing less than 50 ppm organic fluorine whereas "PFAS non-compliant" fastening products contain 50 ppm or more organic fluorine. However, please note that the definition of the term "PFAS compliant" here does not imply conformity with a specific, or any, PFAS regulations in any country or region and that this definition of the term "PFAS compliant" may be subject to change based on trends and updates on PFAS regulations in any country or region."



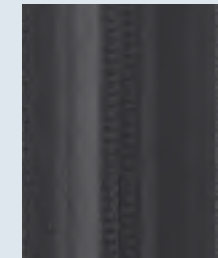
AquaGuard® NATULON® Coil zipper					
Size	Chain	Tape	Classification		
			Close	Open	Two Way
3	CZT8/CZT9 W/CZT10	R12JE	OK	OK	
5	CZT8/CZT9 W/CZT10	R16JE	OK	OK	



Transparent Film
Glossy effect
CZT8



Water-based
Colored Film
Matte effect
CZT9W



Transparent Film
Matte effect
CZT10

Certifications

The recycled polyester yarn is third-party certified.



NATURAL FIBRES

Natural fibres provide a renewable and sustainable source of material for the textiles used in zippers. YKK® zippers with natural fibre tapes help to eliminate the CO2 emissions associated with the production of synthetic textiles. These plant-based materials are renewable and can be grown regeneratively helping to reduce resource depletion and contributing to a healthier environment.





EXCELLA® Organic Cotton Tape YZiP® Organic Cotton Tape

Organic Cotton Tape features tape made of organic cotton fibres.* The farming of the cotton is certified by a 3rd party, offering traceability and compliance with requirements for chemical use, water stewardship and fair labor practices/ human rights. The tape is produced in natural colour ready for garment dyeing.

* Usage rate differs depending on products

EXCELLA® Organic Cotton Tape					
Size	Chain	Tape	Classification		
			Close	Open	Two Way
3	SGY	OC12N	OK		
5	SG	OC14N	OK	OK	OK
8	SG	OC17	OK	OK	OK
10	SG	OC19	OK		
12	SG	OC19	OK		

YZiP® Organic Cotton Tape					
Size	Chain	Tape	Classification		
			Close	Open	Two Way
3	YG	OC12N	OK		



YZiP® with Tape made of TENCEL™ Lyocell fibres

The YZip® zipper with a tape made of TENCEL™ fibres, which are produced from the renewable raw material wood. The fibres are biodegradable and compostable and are produced in an environmentally friendly closed-loop process in which 99% of the process water and solvents are recycled.

YZiP® with TENCEL™ Lyocell Fiber Tape					
Size	Chain	Tape	Classification		
			Close	Open	Two Way
3	YG	TL12	OK	OK	

TENCEL™ is a trademark of Lenzing AG.



Certifications

The yarn used for the tape is third-party certified.



NON-PLATED

YKK® offers a series of stainless steel items without the need for plating or finishing. The snaps and zippers in this series allow the natural beauty of the material to shine through without requiring additional machining, offering an environmentally friendlier alternative to traditional galvanic finishes.



STAINLESS STEEL

FlexFix® made with Stainless Steel

Made of stainless steel and equipped with FlexFix® technology, FlexFix® made with Stainless Steel is designed for **durability and resistance**. It offers maximum comfort, best functionality and an attractive, elegant design. Thanks to the natural colour of stainless steel, this item requires **no additional plating or finishing**.

FlexFix® made with Stainless Steel		
Material	Size	Finishing
Stainless Steel	13 mm, 15 mm, 17 mm	No Finishing Required

FlexFix® Flat made with Stainless Steel

Made of stainless steel and equipped with FlexFix® technology, FlexFix® Flat made with Stainless Steel is made ultra-flat and designed for **durability and resistance**. Thanks to the natural colour of stainless steel, this item requires **no additional plating or finishing**.

FlexFix® Flat made with Stainless Steel		
Material	Size	Finishing
Stainless Steel	13 mm, 15 mm, 17 mm	No Finishing Required





ECO-FRIENDLY METAL FINISH

YKK® eco-friendly metal finishes offer an environmentally friendlier alternative to traditional electroplating, requiring less water, less energy and eliminating the hazardous chemicals used in the traditional plating process. These finishes are available in multiple colours and offer greater resistance to corrosion.



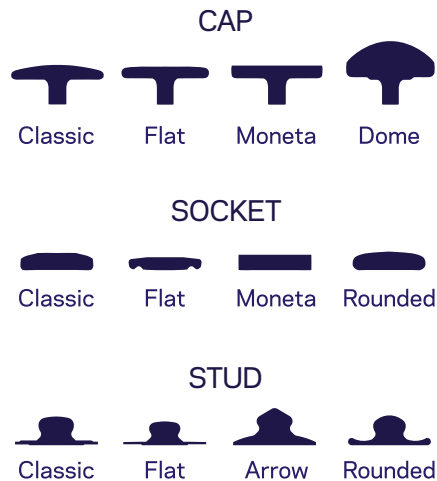
FlexFix®

with AcroPlating™

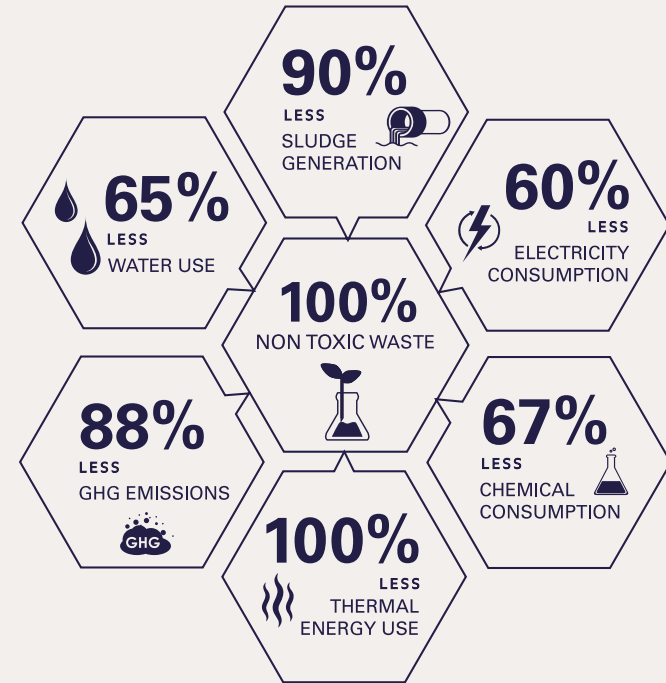
Durable FlexFix® technology combined with AcroPlating®, the new plating method that uses **fewer resources and no harmful chemicals***, is at your side for more sustainable production and consumption.

**YKK®'s new AcroPlating® technology completely eliminates the use of harmful substances such as cyanide, chromium, and selenium from the plating process*

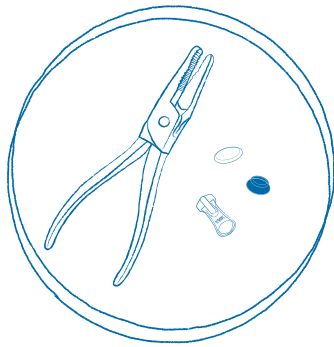
6 colours are available



The advantages of AcroPlating® over barrel plating include:



PETERSON An environmental impact assessment conducted by Peterson Projects & Solution and verified by Control Union Certifications shows that fewer resources are used as compared to YKK®'s conventional electro-plating and polishing processes. The stated savings are a maximum value based on comparison between the conventional processes and AcroPlating™.



RENEWAL

Revived renewal components keep YKK® zippers running for years to come. Designed to replace damaged or broken parts, revived components can bring new life to trusted YKK® zippers. A key contributor to product circularity, the revived collection of products helps keep valuable resources in use for longer.



VISLON® WITH REVIVED TOP STOP



The VISLON® with the Revived Top Stop features a specially designed top stop that allows for easy removal and repair of the slider.

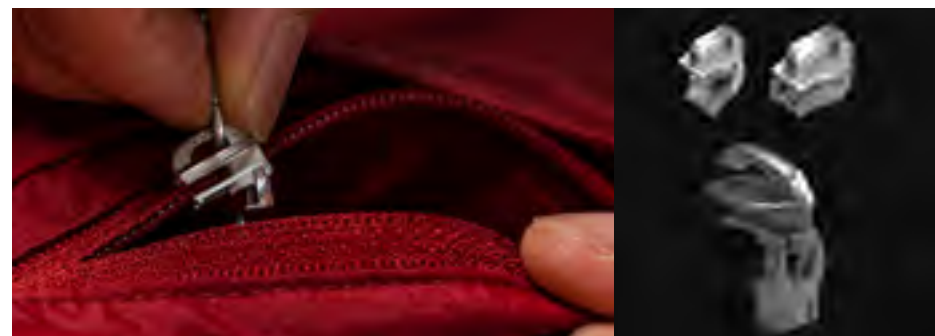
The ingenious design of the top stop prevents the slider from unintentionally coming off during normal operation. To remove the slider, simply move the slider in a zig-zag motion at the top stop. This product allows customers and repair shops to easily remove sliders from garments when needed, contributes to the longevity of garments lifecycle.



REVIVED REPLACEMENT SLIDER



A broken slider can mean the end of a garment's life cycle. To aid in this repair process, YKK® has designed a replacement slider that can be assembled to an existing zipper on a product, with no special tools required. The ability to quickly repair a zipper contributes to the longevity of garments and sustainability. Quick removal/attachment of the slider simplifies the repair/replacement process. Sold exclusively for repair/replacement. Replacement slider only for the closed-end zipper.

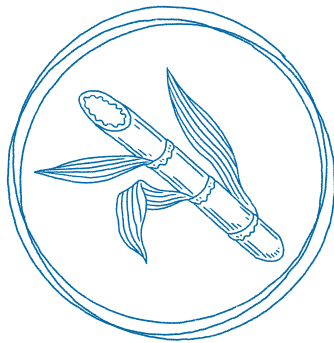


REVIVED REPLACEMENT ELEMENTS FOR VISLON®



Revived replacement elements for VISLON® zippers allows for replacement of damaged elements that would otherwise require a full zipper replacement. Enables repair shops, retail stores, and potentially customers to easily replace damaged or missing elements, contributing to a longer garment lifecycle.





BIO-BASED

Drawing from nature, YKK® is utilizing biomass to help reduce CO2 emissions. By pursuing bio-based materials from renewable resources, we are contributing to the effective use of biomass as new resource and the prevention of global warming.



VISLON® NATULON® WITH BIO-BASED ELEMENTS

The demand for materials with renewable content and low environmental impact is growing across all sectors. Research is increasingly focused on “bio-based” materials or products that are fully or partially derived from biomass. The introduction of bio-based zips in the YKK® range marks a step towards the decarbonisation of production—reducing the use of fossil raw materials and, consequently, net CO2 emissions.



VISLON® NATULON® with Bio-based Elements					
Size	Chain	Tape	Classification		
			Close	Open	Two Way
3	VSGR	PB12	OK	OK	OK
5	VSGR	PB14	OK	OK	OK
8	VSGR	PB16	OK	OK	OK

Note: parts are in bio-based material as well (special feature: T*-GPOM)

MORE ECO-DESIGN INNOVATIONS FROM YKK® WORLD

In the area of sustainability, YKK® designs new products paying special attention to environmental impacts during their entire life cycle. Below, you will find some of the most important eco-design innovations offered by YKK® worldwide.



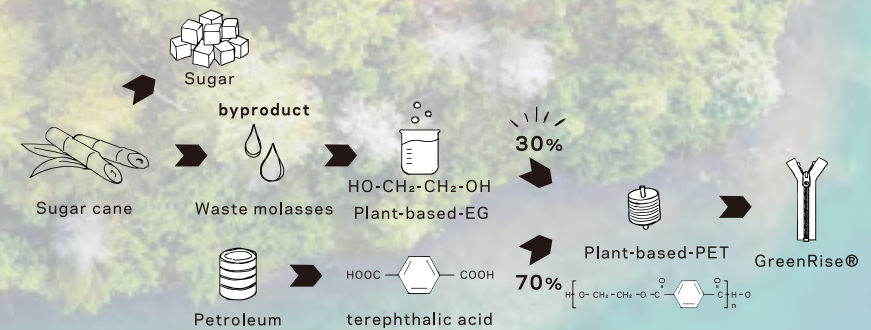
Innovation goes on...



GREENRISE®

GreenRise® zippers are made from approximately 30% of the waste of cane sugar production. This allows the reduction of the use of petroleum-derived products and the associated CO2 emissions.

YKK Japan

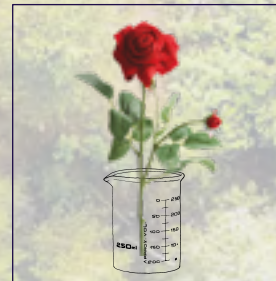




NATULON® Ocean Sourced®

Plastic in the oceans is a global environmental issue that has a devastating impact on both marine and human life. YKK®'s NATULON® Ocean Sourced® zippers help to create a solution by offering a new life to plastic waste before it ends up in the ocean reusing it in the production of the tape, which is made from 100% recycled material.

YKK India



ECO-DYE®

ECO-DYE® technology enables an almost 100% reduction of water used during the dyeing process. This technology allows us to produce the same high-quality products while drastically reducing the environmental impact.

YKK Japan

YKK ITALIA SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES



Protecting biodiversity

YKK Italia installed two beehives around the Prarolo factory in collaboration with the professionals from apicolturaurbana.it. A small action to generate a positive impact and to contribute to the preservation of biodiversity, one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations 2030 Agenda.

Networking for change

YKK Italia, together with leading fashion companies, is part of the multi-stakeholder project [Monitor for Circular Fashion](#) born with the scientific contribution of the SDA Bocconi Sustainability Lab. The aim is to contribute to the transition towards circular business models through concrete and measurable solutions.



In partnership with Camera Nazionale della Moda Italiana (CNMI)



Camera Nazionale della Moda Italiana

In 2021, YKK Italia consolidated its commitment to sustainability by contributing to the publication of [“GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICES - GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF CHEMICALS IN THE FASHION MANUFACTURING SUPPLY CHAIN”](#), the Guide drawn up by CNMI, in collaboration with Associazione tessile e Salute, SMI - Sistema Moda Italia, Federchimica, UNICO - Unione Nazionale Industria Conciaria, and Quantis Italy, that regulates the use of mixtures and chemical substances in the fashion industry's production chains. YKK®'s scientific knowhow has enabled the completion of the document with a dedicated section to accessories. This section aims to assist companies in implementing criteria and controls that enable them to produce high-quality products that meet the most advanced sustainability requirements.



YKK ITALIA CERTIFICATIONS

Product quality, the production process and sustainable choices in material selection are strong prerogatives and core values for YKK®. In the interest of continuous improvement, YKK Italia regularly carries out internal and external audits to update its certifications.



ISO 9001:2015
Quality Management System
Certification



ISO 14001:2015
Environmental Management System
Certification



ISO 45001:2018
Health and Safety Management System
Certification




OEKO-TEX
STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX®

More information on the certifications of the entire YKK® group can be found on the group website [here](#).



ABOUT YKK®

Since the company's founding in Tokyo in 1934, YKK® has continuously set industry standards for quality, service, value, and innovation in the production of zippers, plastic hardware, hook and loop fasteners, webbing tapes, and snap and buttons. With integrated production and supply systems in 72 countries and regions around the world, YKK® is positioned to meet the needs of textile and sewing product industries as they increasingly diversify and require shorter product cycles. Guided by the CYCLE OF GOODNESS® philosophy - no one prospers without rendering benefit to others - YKK® aims to contribute to a sustainable society through its products and manufacturing operations and constantly seeks new ways to serve the changing needs of its customers while at the same time investing in its employees and giving back to its communities.



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