

The Blue Angel – A Reliable Eco-Label

Office and home office

Computers, Monitors, Keyboards*
E-Book Readers*
Energy-conscious Data Centers
Filing systems
Laptops* and Netbooks*
Mailing supplies
Office furniture
Power strip with master/slave switching
Printers, copiers, multifunction devices
Printing and copy paper
Recycled cardboard and paper
Routers*
Toner modules
Cordless phones*, Mobile phones*
Voice over IP internet phones

Renovating and Construction

Building materials
Composite wood panels
Construction machinery
Floor Coverings, Adhesives, Underlays*
Low solvent bitumen coatings and adhesives
Pest control and prevention
Sealants for interior use
Thermal insulation material and ETICS*
Wall paints and varnishes
Woodchip wall coverings

Garden

Brush cutters, lawn trimmers, -edge trimmers*
Chain lubricants for motor saws
Chain saws
Composters*
Garden shredders
Hedge trimmers
Lawn edges and und rainwater butts*
Plant containers
Scarifiers*

* Currently there are no vendors available.

The Blue Angel Product World

The Blue Angel Product World is a new website for consumers. Not only does it help you find a product and detailed information about it. It also tells you – and this is new – where the product can be purchased: via links to the appropriate vendor directory, the manufacturer's online shop or to a shopping-related search engine.

Another new feature is the "Blue Angel's Monthly Tip," which is presented at the Product World as well as on the websites of the Federal Environment Ministry and the Federal Environment Agency.

You can find the Blue Angel Product World at www.blauer-engel-produktwelt.de.



"Looking for products with the Blue Angel means protecting one's health and the environment."

Jochen Flasbarth,
President of the Federal
Environment Agency

The Blue Angel Has an Address

To find out more about the Blue Angel, please visit our website: www.blauer-engel.de and www.blauer-engel-produktwelt.de.

Here you can download the following publications as PDF files (available only in German):

Product Guide – Environmentally Friendly Building Products
Product Guide – Environmentally Friendly Office
Product Guide – Environmentally Friendly Living
The Blue Angel – Germany's Climate Protection Label

The Blue Angel on Facebook: www.facebook.com/blauerengel

The Blue Angel on Twitter: www.twitter.com/UmweltEngel

All Basic Award Criteria documents can be downloaded at www.blauer-engel.de. Here you can read about the criteria that underlie each award in detail.

Furthermore, the Federal Environment Agency offers you additional publications on a variety of environmental topics.

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Blue Angel Consumer Information

The Blue Angel at a Glance



The Blue Angel – Reliable Guide in a Jungle of Labels

As the most well-known eco-label, the Blue Angel is your reliable guide to environmentally safe purchasing. The Blue Angel is only awarded to products and services which – from a holistic point of view – are of considerable benefit to the environment and, at the same time, meet high standards of serviceability, health, and occupational protection. This is guaranteed by the Environmental Label Jury, the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, the Federal Environment Agency as well as RAL gGmbH.

Products and services with the Blue Angel are available for all areas of life. Today there are 13,000 products and services by approximately 1,260 companies in 120 product categories. Ask for the eco-label when you are shopping. Our separable “environmentally friendly shopping list” may also help you find products labelled with the Blue Angel.



“We, the Environmental Label Jury, guarantee you that only environmentally friendly top products carry the Blue Angel.”

Dr. Volker Teichert,
Jury Chairman



The Environmental Label Jury is an independent decision-making body composed of representatives from environmental and consumer associations, trade unions, industry, trade, crafts, local authorities, science, media, churches and federal states.

The Blue Angel Puts it in a Nutshell

The Blue Angel points to products and services that are eco- and health-friendlier than comparable products. You can tell at first glance which environmental benefit a Blue Angel product offers, as the logo displays the product’s main protection goal. A climate-friendly product can thus be recognised by the note “protects the climate.” Further attributes are “protects the environment and the health,” “protects the water” or “protects the resources.”

The product-based logo contains a detailed reference to the product’s relevant traits such as “because energy-efficient and low-emission.” Furthermore, the Blue Angel aims at testing all of the labelled products’ important features concerning the protection of the environment, health and consumers.



The Blue Angel – credible and competent

The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety is the owner of the Blue Angel. The Federal Environment Agency develops the technical criteria of the Basic Award Criteria documents. The Blue Angel is awarded by RAL gGmbH based on the Basic Award Criteria documents decided by the Environmental Label Jury.



The Blue Angel – Active in Climate Protection

The eco-label is currently focusing on climate-relevant products. Goods and services that are labelled with the Blue Angel “protects the climate” are especially energy-efficient and thus climate-friendly.

While shopping, one can easily recognise climate-friendly top products with especially low energy consumption by the Blue Angel logo. Of course, the comprehensive testing of all features concerning environmental and consumer protection is guaranteed for the climate-relevant Blue Angel as well.



The Blue Angel is the climate protection label endorsed by the Federal Ministry for the Environment.

There are currently 52 product categories for the climate-relevant Blue Angel.

The Environmental Label Jury has decided on the following new Basic Award Criteria for climate-relevant products:

- External Hard Disks
- Photovoltaic Inverters
- Doorbell and Intercom Systems
- Interactive Whiteboards
- Toasters
- Programmable Radiator Thermostats
- Energy Services



Household and Living

- Baby monitors
- Change-top toothbrushes
- Clocks
- Cooker hoods*
- Filter papers
- Flushing boxes, Hand-Held and Overhead Shower Heads
- Furniture, Mattresses, Upholstery leathers
- Gas cookers*
- Hand driers and fabric towel rolls
- Lamps* and Electronic ballasts for fluorescent lamps
- Pipe cleaners
- Returnable bottles and glasses
- Sanitary and flushing-water additives
- Sanitary paper products made of recycled paper
- Shoes and Textiles*
- Soda makers*
- Textile* and Wooden toys*
- Wet-cleaning services

Electronic Devices

- Compact Hi-Fi systems*
- Dishwashers*
- DVD recorder, DVD player, Blu-ray disc player*
- Electric household ovens*
- Espresso machines
- Microwaves*
- Refrigerators*
- Television sets
- Washing machines*
- Water boilers / electric kettles

Energy and Heating:

- Energy meters*, Rechargeable Batteries
- Heating systems (gas, oil, wood) and equipment
- Solar collectors
- Solar-powered and photovoltaic products

Mobility

- Automobile tires*
- Car Sharing

* In these categories there are currently no products commercially available.