



PFF Group

Established in 1993, PFF Group is one of the UK's largest independent thermoforming food packaging manufacturers. We provide innovative packaging solutions to supermarkets, multi-national food manufacturers, food service and fresh produce companies across the UK. Our quality procedures and systems have achieved AA+ BRCGS.

The business has diversified into the healthcare market to manufacture PPE aprons and work with entrepreneurial businesses to design and produce medical packaging solutions and medical components.

Based in Keighley, West Yorkshire and Sedgefield, Stockton-on-Tees, our family-owned firm prides itself on being at the forefront of the latest manufacturing technologies and innovative processes. We are advocates of the complete recycling process which makes plastic easier to reprocess and repurpose than many other materials.

PFF Group is a member of the British Plastics Federation, and our packaging and health divisions are members of Made in Britain, an initiative which champions UK manufacturing.

PFF was congratulated in the House of Commons on the role it played during the pandemic by Keighley MP Robbie Moore and MP Michael Gove.

Gove said: "Yorkshire is the home of ingenuity, creativity and enterprise when it comes to responding to all sorts of crises and challenges and, in particular, in Keighley the success of the business he (Moore) identifies is one that we should all seek to emulate.....savvy smart Yorkshire business people can adapt their business models to help this country ... it exemplifies the best of British and the best of Yorkshire."

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Sustainability

PFF Group is committed to minimising the carbon footprint of our manufacturing operations and the use of resources and materials wherever possible.

Our business has an intrinsic part to play in the UK economy's transition from using fossil fuels and carbon-intensive manufacturing and supply chains. We are managing this in a phased manner so that we can adapt to the challenges and opportunities of a Net Zero economy.

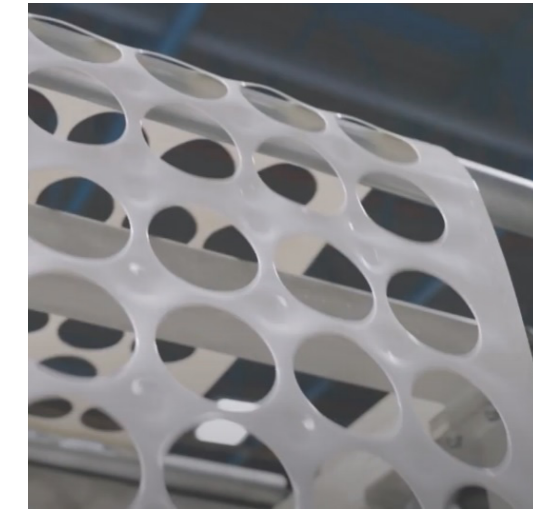
Materials are purchased as close to PFF's sites as possible. We convert over 6,000 tonnes of post-consumer waste PET bottles and trays back into recycled PET (rPET) food packaging every year. This equates to six hundred million, 500ml water bottles.

Our PP contains at least 30% of PFF's own post-process waste. The firm's rPET typically contains a minimum of 50% of post-consumer food contact waste and at least 30% of PFF's own post-process waste. Skeletal waste is re-processed into new, thermoformable PET and PP sheet.

A new transport management system is improving deliveries to customers as well as reducing PFF's carbon footprint. It enables the consolidation of loads to similar locations, reducing vehicle journeys and therefore carbon emissions.

Our commitment to the environment is recognised by Operation Clean Sweep - an international initiative that aims to ensure that plastics do not end up in waterways. The business is also a member of the NEXTLOOPP global initiative, helping to deliver the world's first commercially available, recycled high-quality polypropylene (FGrPP).

PFF Group is dedicated to investing in the future of our employees and customers and we recognise our responsibility to play a part in conserving the earth's natural resources for future generations.



Creativity

Our Innovation Centre, together with PFF's manufacturing capabilities enable us to offer a total packaging solution from initial concept, design and prototypes to production, decoration, assembly and delivery.

Being involved at the early stage of a pack design or managing pack re-design, we provide feedback and advise on value engineering for:

- Product initiation or re-structuring/redevelopment
- Downgauging product weight to reduce plastic
- Increasing the volume of recycled content
- Alternative materials.

PFF's design studio manages graphic artwork requirements for decorated products from initial concept to sign-off. This means that we can assist brands by controlling the artwork process and add barcodes where required.

Our creativity can also be recognised in the development of new materials to meet market demands and investment in innovative technology with manufacturing processes at the forefront.

Innovation

As a vertically integrated business, we extrude our own polypropylene (PP) and polyester (PET) sheet which we use to manufacture plastic packaging. Processing our own sheet reduces the carbon footprint while enabling internal blending of flake and pellets for assured quality control.

During the Coronavirus pandemic, PFF used its expertise in the food sector to meet the increased global demand for PPE, as well as continuing to support the UK's food retail sector through the production and supply of food packaging.

PFF Group has installed a ground-breaking thermoforming system at our Sedgefield site as part of a substantial investment programme in new process technology. Developed in partnership with German manufacturer Illig GmbH, the thermoforming system is the first of its kind in the world.

It will be used to manufacture PFF's fully recyclable, food-grade packaging concept, IMPAC-T, which was launched in response to increased demand from food manufacturers for reduced plastic in packaging.

We aim to be a leader in the production of sustainable products without compromising on quality and performance. We collaborate closely with suppliers and partners to offer a variety of packaging which is produced from recyclable and sustainable materials.

