

## P-Glossary

## Ecodesign

Ecodesign is a method of designing products that takes into account their impact on the environment at all stages of their life cycle. This means attempting to lower the environmental impact and improve the performance of products. The life cycle of a product is usually divided into procurement, manufacture, use and disposal. Thus Ecodesign includes the environmental objectives as very important, and these are treated as major design objectives to be achieved. Ecodesign may for example result in the choice of a recyclable or biodegradable material for packaging or the development of a washing powder effective in cold water to reduce the energy consumption of washing machines.

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