

WEEE Compliance Statement

Background

The European Union's Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive will be implemented in member states during 2006. There are a number of obligations imposed on Cooper B-Line Ltd as a supplier of electrical and electronic equipment. Cooper B-Line Ltd's compliance approach for each of these obligations is provided below.

Cooper B-Line Producer No. WEE/GD0044SY

1) Product Design

Cooper B-Line Ltd's Design for Recycling Standard is used to ensure that the design and production of Cooper B-Line Ltd's branded electrical and electronic equipment takes into account the dismantling and recovery of WEEE and its components and materials.

2) WEEE Marking

All Cooper B-Line Ltd's products that are subject to the WEEE Directive by Cooper B-Line Ltd from 13th August 2005 are compliant with the WEEE marking requirements. Such products are marked with the "crossed out wheelie bin" or WEEE symbol shown below in accordance with European Standard EN 50419.



3) Information for Users

According to the timelines and requirements of European Union member state WEEE legislation, the following user information is provided to customers in English for all Cooper B-Line Ltd branded products subject to the WEEE directive.



"This symbol on the product or on its packaging indicates that the product must not be disposed of with normal household waste. Instead, it is your responsibility to dispose of your waste equipment by arranging to return it to a designated collection point for the recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment. By separating and recycling your waste equipment at the time of disposal you will help to conserve natural resources and ensure that the equipment is recycled in a manner that protects human health and the environment. For more information about how to recycle your Cooper B-Line Ltd supplied waste equipment for recycling, please contact our customer services department on +44 (0)1278 788000 or visit www.cooperbline.co.uk/recycle."

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4) Registration and Reporting

Cooper B-Line Ltd will fulfil all legal requirements and register with all applicable authorities, on time, in all relevant countries. Registration and enforcement dates are country dependant. Cooper B-Line Ltd will also ensure that any information required for the calculation of Cooper B-Line Ltd's producer obligations will be provided as of the date specified in national legislation.

5) WEEE from users other than private households

For Cooper B-Line Ltd's products sold after 13th August 2005, Cooper B-Line Ltd will ensure that the waste resulting from these products will be properly recycled. Cooper B-Line will fund and arrange the recycling of products returned to us.

In such cases where the customer wishes to return the goods to Cooper B-Line Ltd for recycling, the customer will be responsible for shipping the goods back to our facility at:

Cooper B-Line Ltd,
Walrow Industrial Estate,
Highbridge,
Somerset,
TA9 4AQ,
United Kingdom

Prior to the goods being accepted by Cooper B-Line Ltd for recycling the customer will need to complete a "Hardware Recycling Request" and obtain a "Goods Return Number" from our customer services department on +44(0)1278 788000 or by contacting sales@cooperblines.co.uk.

Customers can access further details about Cooper B-Line Ltd's recycling service by visiting <http://www.cooperblines.co.uk/recycle>

6) Historical WEEE

Historical WEEE is equipment, from any manufacturer, placed onto the market before 15 August 2005 and therefore does not display the wheelie bin symbol. Cooper B-Line will take away historic WEEE when we have been contracted to replace it on a like for like basis, providing the historic WEEE is of equivalent type and same function as the new equipment. Whenever possible, to minimize cost and environmental impact, we would prefer to collect the WEEE at the time of delivery of the replacement product. When this is not possible, historic WEEE is to be returned to us within 28 days following delivery of the replacement equipment.

Any requirements which differ from the above will require alternative commercial arrangement.

7) Treatment

In accordance with Community waste legislation, Cooper B-Line Ltd confirms that treatment and recycling of WEEE done on behalf of Cooper B-Line Ltd, either by a collective scheme or individually, will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the WEEE Directive, as set out in the implementing legislation of the member states, including requirements respecting special treatment for specified parts and overall recovery rates achieved.

8) Information to Recyclers

As required by the WEEE Directive, Cooper B-Line Ltd will provide reuse and treatment information for each type of new EEE put on the market within one year after the equipment is put on the market. Cooper B-Line Ltd will make required information available to reuse centres by the date specified in member state legislation, typically within one year after the new products have been put on the market or sold after 13th August 2005.