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Waste management

Despite highly sophisticated environmental protection techniques in place, the manufacturing of passenger vehicles involves various types of waste.

Škoda Auto's waste management strategy is aimed at preventing the generation of waste in the first place, as well as at reducing the volume of such waste and eliminating its dangerous properties, utilising waste as a valuable resource and, if that is not possible, disposing of such waste in an environmentally-friendly manner.

Thanks to the Company's compliance with the principles outline below, the total volume of waste in 2006 has remained at the level of 1998, although the vehicle production has increased by 38 %. The effect of the said measures is even more visible in the history of generation of selected types of waste (metals not included) per vehicle produced. In 1993 this figure was 132 kg/vehicle, in 2005 it was only 41 kg/vehicle.

All waste disposal operations at Škoda Auto are outsourced, the Company does not operate any waste treatment, utilisation or disposal facility. Škoda Auto's own dumping sites used until 1993 have been re-cultivated and have become part of farming land again.



COMPACT NO 60 - automatic horizontal press for waste packaging



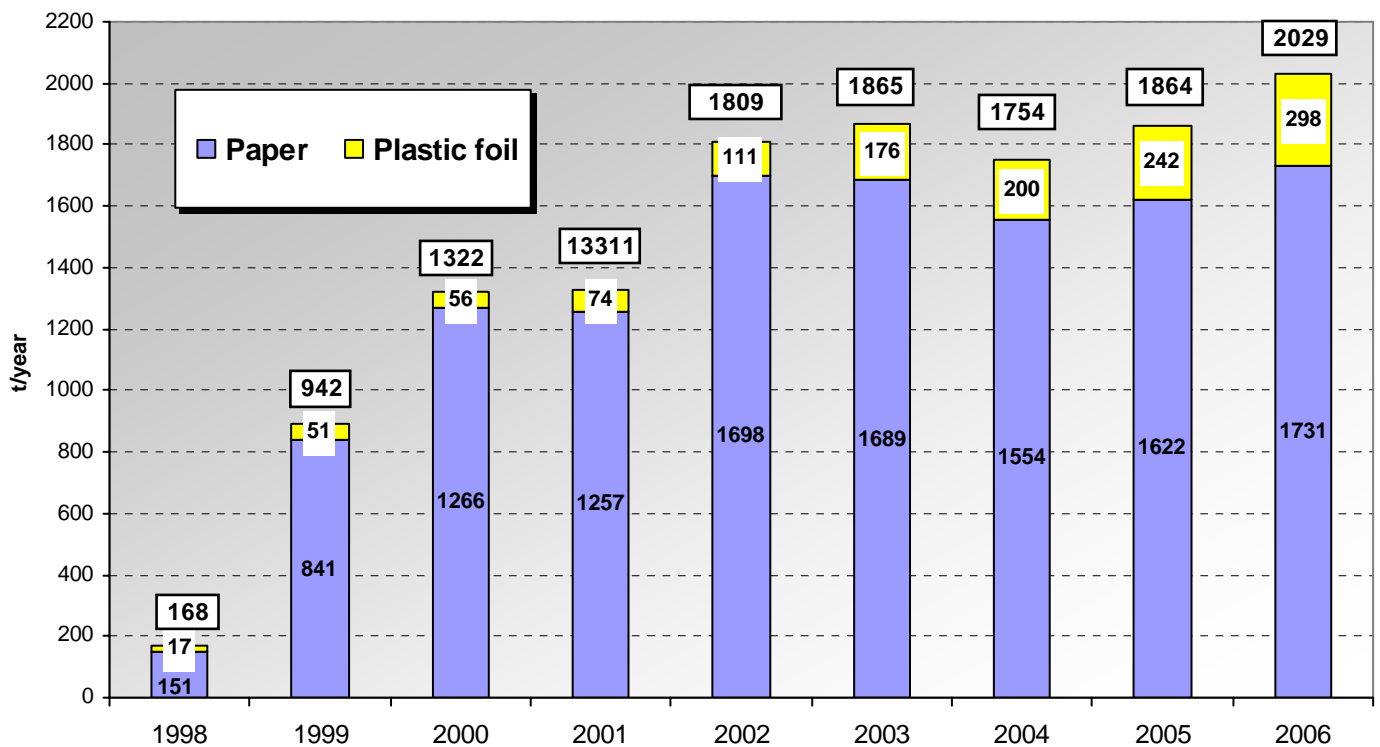
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88% of all Škoda Auto's waste disposal methods involve further utilisation of the existing waste. Only 12% of the waste the Company generates ends on dumping sites and in incinerators. Besides metal waste, the items subject to further utilisation include glass, paper, waste oils, solvents, cables, toners, foundry sands, plastics and plastic foils.

Special attention is paid to separated waste and the utilisation of waste packaging used for outsourced components. Considering the purpose of such packaging and the high transport costs involved, it is not possible to return such packaging. The key items include cartons, paper and plastic protection plates, and plastic foils. For example, the Mladá Boleslav plant handed over 1,731 tonnes of paper and 298 tonnes of plastic foils for recycling in 2006.

Besides saving raw materials and energy resources, further utilisation of waste for energy generation and/or for the production of secondary materials generates significant revenues through the sales of such resources.

Paper and plastic foil recycling at Škoda Auto



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