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### ■ What is the Green Purchasing Award?

Established in 1998, the Green Purchasing Award is a long-standing program to honor the practices of sustainable purchasing (consumption and production) that contribute to the achievement of the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals), especially the realization of a carbon-free society and circular economy.



The plastic resource recycling special category of the award evaluates actions that contribute to the effective use of plastic resources and the use of alternative materials toward the formation of a recycling society and to the resolution of the ocean plastic waste problem from the perspective of procurement (consumption and production).

### ■ Evaluation points by GPN

It is highly commendable that the company's recycling business for carpet tiles using horizontal recycling technology is a business activity that embodies the circular economy and is an advanced and unique initiative in that it has led a wide range of users to green purchasing. Since the company has steadily built an excellent track record, this recycling business is expected to serve as a business model for other companies, and the company is likely to spur even more progress in the future.

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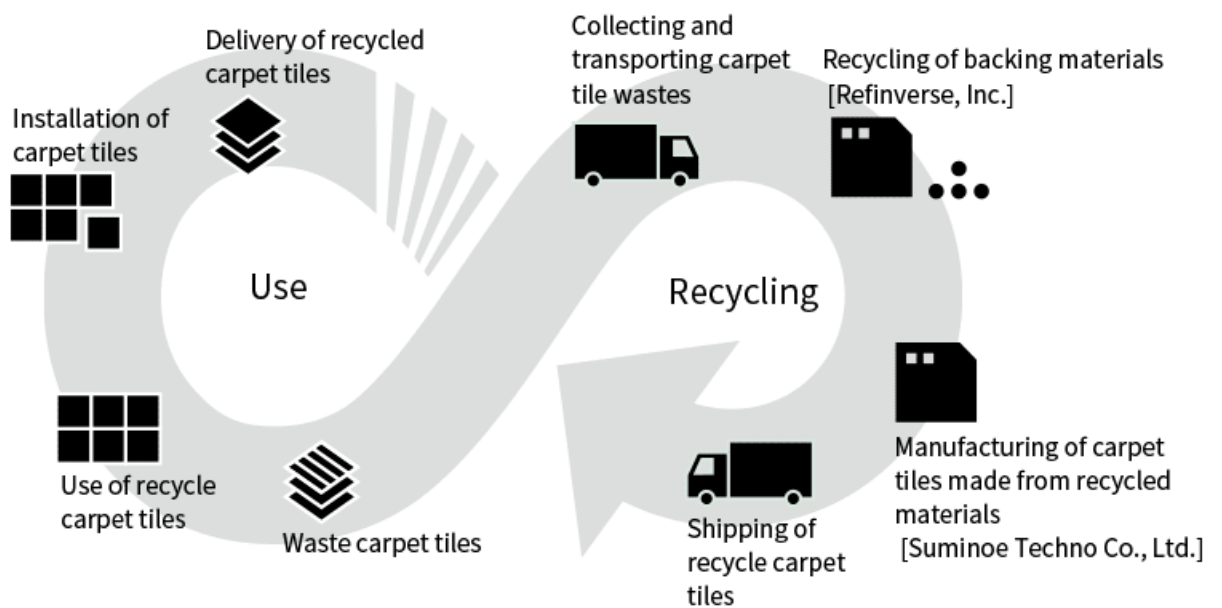
The Group has worked on the recycling of waste carpet tiles, which previously had to be disposed of in landfills, and in 2011 it established a closed-loop recycling system, which repeats the recycling cycle involving the same products, for carpet tiles. The ECOS® series, which has a track record of 10 years since its launch, is a one-of-a-kind product that is both environmentally friendly and economical and that helps us to be committed to “responsible production” as a manufacturer.



### <<Features>>

- Having achieved the recycled material ratio of up to 84%, which is one of the highest in the industry
- Having reduced CO2 emissions by up to 43%
- Thorough safety control of recycled materials
- Having achieved the same cost performance level as freshly-manufactured tiles
- All products in the series meet the requirements of the Act on Promoting Green Purchasing and are certified as Eco Mark products.

### <<ECOS® Backing Material Recycle System>>



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