

Recycling

The ever-growing number of vehicles being scrapped each year means that the environmentally-friendly recycling of vehicle components is an issue of major and increasing importance.

One of the most important principles for economical recycling is the use of easily separable materials for a given part or module. When scrapping old cars or parts in the future, this will permit parts made of the same materials to be grouped together. Opel has followed this principle for many years and, in 1979, became the first German automobile manufacturer to mark all parts made of synthetic materials with internationally standardised materials symbols, indicating the synthetic material used in each case. Recyclable plastic parts can be separated out and grouped together by checking their materials symbol.

Overview of laws and regulations (which may differ in other countries):

- Flammable Liquids Regulation
- Anti-pollution Laws (regulation on the prevention of harmful emissions, national regulations)
- Technical Instructions for Avoiding Air Pollution
- Waste Water Discharge Law
- Waste Disposal Law
- Waste Resources Law
- Materials Regulations