

Product Environmental Report

Galaxy Z Fold6

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At Samsung, we work to embed eco-conscious technology and innovation in all of our products. By considering sustainability throughout the product life cycle, we aim to inspire our customers to join us in our journey of building a better tomorrow.

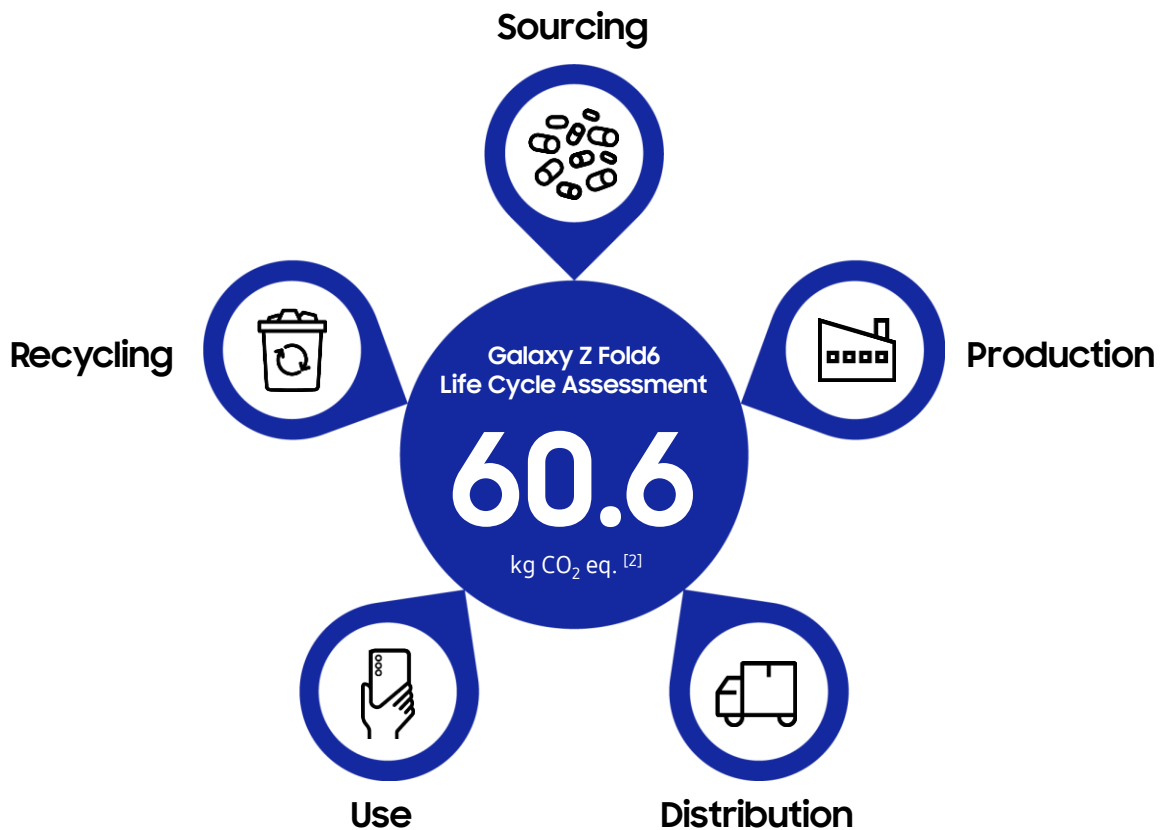


* UL certified only for the US configuration. ^[1]

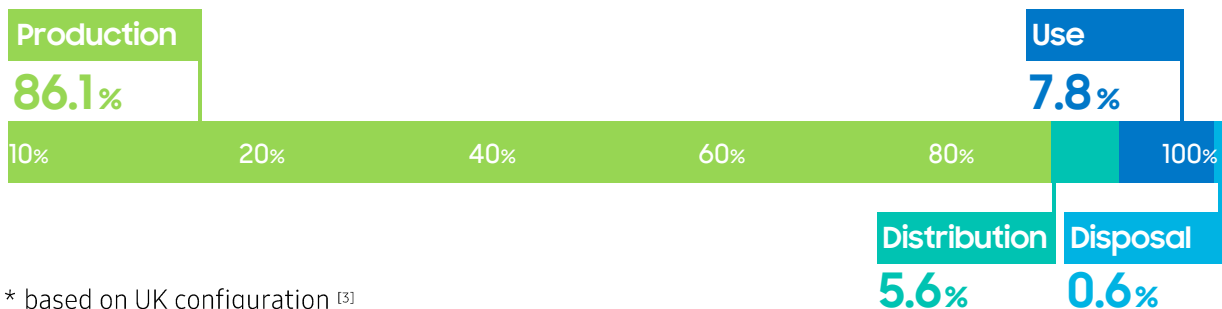
Product Carbon Footprint

To understand the environmental impacts of our products, at Samsung Electronics, we assess a product's entire life cycle, including the sourcing, production, distribution, product use and recycling phases.

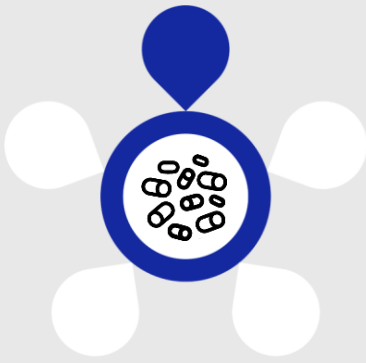
At the production stage, we are aiming to expand the development and application of recycled materials with a lower carbon footprint. At the distribution stage, we are working to minimize packaging volume and weight to reduce carbon emissions. Through initiatives like improving the energy efficiency of chargers, we are trying to improve the environmental impact at the use stage.



Galaxy Z Fold6 life cycle carbon emissions



Sourcing^[4]



Across the product lifecycle, from raw material sourcing to disposal and recycling, we are continuing our efforts to create a circular economy.

To build toward a circular system, we are using recycled materials and collecting e-waste to extract materials for reuse. By 2030, we aim for 50% of the plastic used in our DX products to incorporate recycled resin. By 2050, we anticipate this figure to increase to 100%.

The Galaxy Z Fold6 has newly introduced recycled gold and copper. We are making continuous efforts to expand the application of more diverse recycled materials to our products.



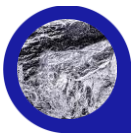
Plastic

Recycled plastic is included in various components such as the front case, volume key.^[5]



Cobalt

Cobalt used in the Galaxy Z Fold6 batteries contains a minimum of 50% recycled cobalt.



Aluminum

Aluminum in the volume key, SIM tray contains 28% recycled aluminum, in the case of camera deco, 30%.



Rare Earth Elements

Magnets in speakers and in certain other internal components are made of 100% recycled rare earth elements.



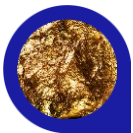
Glass

Glass in the Flex window and back glass contains an average of 25% recycled glass.



Steel

Steel in the top and bottom speaker modules contains at least 40% recycled steel.^[6]



Gold

Bonding wire used in the under display camera module contains 100% recycled gold.



Copper

Copper foil of main logic boards and select FPCBs contains 100% recycled copper.^[7]



Chemical Mgmt.

To prevent hazardous substances from entering our products, we inspect manufactured parts and raw materials rigorously through our chemical management system.

Our Standards for the Control of Substances Used in Products^[8] are based on global regulations and standards, and we voluntarily established reduction plans for the use of potentially hazardous substances, such as polyvinyl chloride(PVC), brominated flame retardants(BFRs), beryllium, and antimony, as well as legally regulated substances.

Production



We are expanding the use of renewable energy at our business sites around the world.

Energy infrastructure and regulations, which vary widely by jurisdiction, require region-specific transition plans.



Renewable
Energy

Safety and health
certification (ISO) at
our production sites

100%

We plan to run all operations of the DX(Device eXperience) Division on renewable energy by 2027. ^[9]

All of our business sites where Galaxy Z Fold6 is produced have attained ISO14001(environmental management system) and ISO50001(energy management system) certifications. ^[10]

Company-wide, we plan to obtain a platinum-level Zero Waste to Landfill Certification, issued by safety certification organization Underwriters Laboratories(UL), for all global operations by 2025.



Distribution



To reduce the environmental impact of our product packaging, we are replacing plastic packaging and protective films with paper and recycled materials to the extent possible.

We are also reducing the volume and weight of packaging to mitigate Greenhouse Gas emissions in the transportation and shipping process.



Eco
Packaging

Plastic
In packaging **1.7%**

Reduced plastic
in packaging **95.1%**

Recycled
paper **100%**

Our goal is to eliminate all single-use plastics in mobile product packaging by 2025. Since 2017, we have been exploring ways to eliminate single-use plastics in packaging by assessing every aspect of packaging design, down to the smallest details. ^[11]

As a result, Galaxy Z Fold6 contains only 1.7% plastic in terms of total weight of the packaging. ^[12]

Compared to Galaxy S7, when we began our initiative to eliminate plastic packaging, we reduced the use of plastic in packaging for Galaxy Z Fold6 by 95.1%. ^[13]

Paper used for the Galaxy Z Fold6 packaging box is 100% recycled paper. ^[14]



Use



Environmental experts participate throughout product development at Samsung Electronics so that our customers can more sustainably use our devices.

During the product development phase, our stress tests help ensure the longevity and consistent performance of our products. This enables users to enjoy our products for longer periods of time.



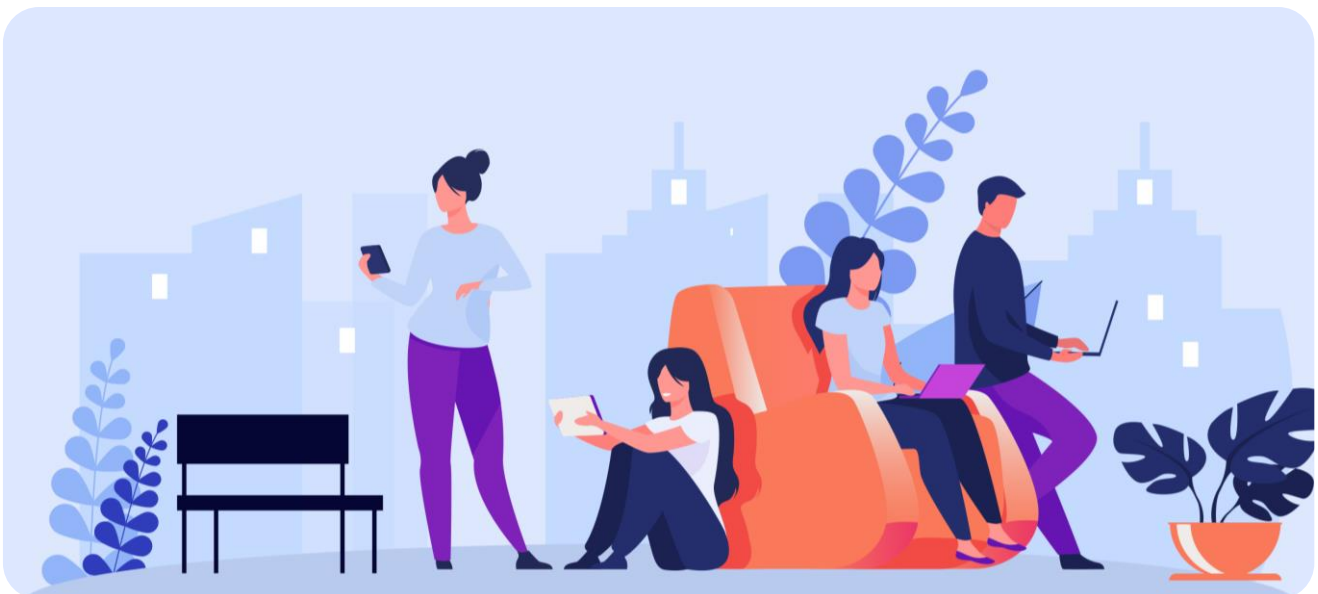
Repair &
Reuse

Security Update &
OS Upgrade ^[15]

7 yrs & 7 gens

Repairability is one of our main priorities in product development. In August 2022, we expanded the number of authorized and independent service providers, started a self-repair program in the US and will continue to expand this program.

Galaxy Z Fold6 has IP48 ^[16] water resistance and dust protection, and we provide seven generations of OS upgrades and seven years of security updates from the global launch date.





Recycling

To promote the circular economy and a low-carbon society, we are expanding responsible recycling globally.

Samsung's local recycling programs provide collection services tailored to each region for customers disposing e-waste, and we take back all electrical and electronic waste regardless of product brand.



Collection

Samsung Electronics supports e-waste collection and recycling services in 75 countries around the world, including the US, Brazil, and Spain. We plan to expand the scope of our e-waste collection system to about 180 countries by 2030.

Collected electronic goods are sorted, pre-processed, and shredded to be recycled as materials. Some of the materials like plastic are used for new product manufacturing. We also internally operate Requirements for Recycling Service Partners that specify requirements such as compliance obligations related to EHS-related laws and regulations, supplier management, and prohibition of illegal waste exportation.



Endnotes

1. Galaxy Z Fold6 devices sold, distributed, and/or produced for the US market have received UL ECOLOGO Certification in accordance with UL110 Standard for Sustainability for Mobile Phones.

<https://www.ul.com/el>

2. The Carbon Trust of the UK calculated greenhouse gases generated in the entire process from product production to disposal in accordance with the Carbon Footprint Evaluation Standard(PAS 2050) and obtained the 'CO₂ Measured' certification to evaluate product carbon emissions. Based on the certification results, Samsung Electronics continues to make efforts in the product development stage to improve the environmental characteristics of the product.

- PAS 2050:2011 – Specification for the assessment of the life cycle greenhouse gas emissions of goods and services
- Product Carbon Footprints : Requirements for Assurance v3.0
- Database : Footprint Expert v4.4, Ecoinvent 3.10

3. System boundary of Life Cycle Assessment

- Production : Pre-manufacturing(Parts and materials constituting the products and its transportation) and Product assembly by Samsung Electronics / Distribution : From Vietnam to UK / Use : 3 years use / Disposal : Waste treatment of parts and material

4. The content of all recycled materials shown here is a third-party verification figure based on ISO 14021 and the content was measured on a weight basis.

5. List of components containing recycled plastic

- 10% content : Volume Key (Inner), Case Front(Main), Case Front(Sub)
- 20% content : Vol Key FPCB Bkt, Cover Display Conn Cap, SPK Rear Sub Top, SPK Rear Sub Btm, Rear Main Bottom, LDS Ant Rear Main Top, Volume Key(Inner), Finger Key Bkt, Sim Tray (Inner), Bracket Cam Deco
- 80% content : Back Glass Deco film

6. List of components containing recycled steel

- 40% content : Top & Bottom Speaker Frame, Top & Bottom Speaker Module Upper
- 70% content : Top Speaker Module Lower

7. List of components containing recycled copper

- 100% Recycled copper foil content
- Display main FPCB, Display cover FPCB, UDC Module PCB, Front camera module PCB, UW camera module PCB, 3x Tele Camera module PCB, Wide Camera module PCB, Main PCB, Sub PCB
- Wireless charging coil

8. Standards for the Control of Substances Used in Products

<https://www.samsung.com/global/sustainability/digital-library/policy-document/>

9. Samsung Electronics joined RE100, a global initiative to reduce indirect carbon emissions from power usage (Scope 2), and is pursuing the conversion of used electricity to renewable energy by 2050. First, Samsung Electronics aims to achieve its renewable energy target at all overseas operations by 2027. In the case of the US, China, and Europe, which have already reached this target, we plan to expand direct power purchase agreements (PPAs) centering on the regions equipped with active renewable energy policies and systems. The DX division aims to achieve its renewable energy target by 2027, both at home and abroad.

<https://www.samsung.com/global/sustainability/planet/climate-action/#anchor2>

Endnotes

10. Our factory sites are required to meet international standards for ISO14001(environmental management system) and ISO50001(energy management system) certifications. We also strive to ensure that our suppliers have robust occupational health and safety management systems in place by encouraging them to attain certification for international standards and reflect related outcomes in the comprehensive supplier evaluations. As of 2022, all business sites of Samsung Electronics have attained the certifications and 90% of suppliers subject to comprehensive partner evaluations have acquired the certification.

11. History of Galaxy S Eco-Conscious Packaging

<https://news.samsung.com/us/infographic-history-of-galaxy-s-eco-conscious-packaging/>

12. To meet the request of some clients, plastic shrink vinyl or PP sealing sticker is applied to certain packaging box variation. Percentage calculated based on total weight of plastic components used in packaging divided by total weight of packaging.

13. Calculation based on total weight of all plastic packaging components for Galaxy Z Fold6 compared to total weight of all plastic packaging components for the S7.

14. 100% recycled paper was applied to the product package unit box, excluding PP sealing sticker and shrink vinyl at the request of some clients, and pulp tray inside packaging.

15. Availability and timing of Android OS upgrades and security updates may vary by device model and market.

16. Rated IP48 under IEC standard 60529. Based on lab test conditions for submersion in up to 1.5 meters of freshwater for up to 30 minutes. Not advised for beach or pool use. Water and dust resistance of device is not permanent and may diminish over time because of normal wear and tear.

Corporate Sustainability Management

Samsung is constantly striving to deliver innovative products and services across the value chain. This is rooted in our core values in economy, society and environment. Therefore, we monitor the financial and non-financial impacts that we exert on society in order to maximize our positive impacts while minimizing any negative ones.

<https://www.samsung.com/global/sustainability/main/>

Environmental Strategy

Samsung Electronics announced the New Environmental Strategy in September 2022 with the aim of addressing global environmental issues through our innovative technologies. This paradigm shift is essential for our sustainable growth and will create meaningful momentum to reinforce our competitiveness.

The New Environmental Strategy was developed based on our commitment to achieve net zero by 2050, joining the world's effort to combat climate change, maximize resource circularity to advance towards a circular economy, and continuously address environmental challenges with technological innovation. This effort is expected to bring positive change to the broader ecosystem of the ICT industry as we engage in the manufacturing and supply of an extensive range of products and services.

<https://www.samsung.com/global/sustainability/planet/environmental-strategy/>

Circular Economy

We aim to create a more sustainable resource cycle by using recycled materials and researching methods to extract and re-use resources from e-waste.

<https://www.samsung.com/global/sustainability/planet/circular-economy/>