



Environmental Practices of SNOWBOARD Companies Compared

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	Venture	Arbor	Burton	Niche	Jones	Libtech, Gnu, Roxy
Sustainably Harvested materials	-FSC approved wood for core	-Bamboo core -Sustainably sourced wood	-Yes	-Locally grown and harvested wood		-Sustainably harvested aspen trees
Recycled materials		-Recycled steel edges	-Recycled P-tex -Recycled sidewalls -Recycled base materials	-100% fully recyclable snowboard manufacturing to market -Recyclamine resin system snowboards are recyclable	-Recycled steel edges -Recycled ABS sidewalls	-Recycled UMHW sidewalls
Low toxin products & processes	-Veg-based alternatives for resins		-Avoids heavy metals and phthalates in products -Some lacquer-free top sheets	-Snappy sap Bio-resins -Water-based ink printing -Lacquer-free top sheet	-Non-toxic sidewall finishing solution replaces acetone -Bio waxes	-Low VOC resins -Water based sublimation processes for top sheet design
Alternative materials	-Veg-based alternatives for plastics	-Castor-bean bioplastic		-Basalt fiber and flax stringers	-Basalt fiber stringers -Flax natural fibers replacing fiberglass -Castor bean top sheets	-Bio bean top sheets
Alternative energy sources and emissions reductions	-Wind power		-100% Wind power	-No CO2 emissions from factory		-Wind power
Waste management practices	-Wood scraps recycled into signs or birdhouses. -Sawdust becomes horse bedding or compost -Flip flop bases avoid waste on base materials			-Flip flop bases avoid waste on base materials	-Finger joined wood cores reduces wood waste -Flip flop bases avoid waste on base materials	-Zero hazardous waste -Sawdust turned into compost -Scrap plastic is recycled
Packaging & Deliveries					-Reduced packaging on split boards	

