



Extending product  
life cycles\*

Kingfisher

Fact sheet:

# Power tools



## What it means to choose a green star product

Products marked with the green star are designed to help customers identify items within our ranges with a focus on reducing environmental impacts. Customers can use the information provided to filter and understand more about the products they're interested in or have purchased.

## Why choosing refurbished power tools matters

Giving tools a second life through refurbishing and reselling helps to keep the tool and the materials it is made of in use for longer.

Refurbished tools that had been returned to stores and refurbished by a third party who check, repair and refurbish the tools to a level where they can be resold.

## Criteria 1:

### How we assess green star products

Before assessment, every green star product must meet:

- All relevant legal requirements
- All Kingfisher policy requirements

[You can access the Kingfisher policies here.](#) These include Human Rights, Supply Chain Workplace Standards and Sustainable Packaging.

Products are also checked against a Watch List. The watch list contains several criteria or features, relevant to the product type, that if present disqualify the product from being marked with a green star. The relevant Watch List can be found at the end of this factsheet. The Watch List is reviewed and revised annually.

Life cycle assessments have not been completed for every green star product, but by employing policies and the Watch List Criteria in Kingfisher's Sustainable Home Product Guidelines, many factors in the life cycle of a product are considered.

The green star 'refurbished power tools' assessment focuses on the in-use phase of the product's life cycle. This is where the product can bring the biggest benefit to the user across its utilisation, however green star excludes products that may have other environmental aspects that are harmful either as a result of manufacture or end of life disposal.

## Criteria 2:

### Green star programme entry



The criteria for power tools is:

- Power tools that have been refurbished for sale
  - Must be electric (cordless or corded). Petrol powered tools are excluded.

**Providing Criteria 1 and 2 have been met, a product can be marked with the green star.**

### Reviewing and confirming green star status

- ⊕ All products nominated and that meet criteria 1 and 2 are assessed internally by our sustainability team and submitted to NGO Bioregional for external validation.
- ⊕ Once the external review is conducted, the product can then be confirmed and marked with the green star.
- ⊕ A full review is conducted annually to ensure all products continue to meet the selection criteria.

To find out more about NGO Bioregional, [click here](#)

### Watch List Criteria relevant to refurbished power tools

This criteria lists features or aspects of products that make them unsuitable to be marked with the green star:

- ⊗ Petrol powered tools
- ⊗ Components made from paper or wood that do not meet Kingfisher's Forest Positive policy
- ⊗ Recycled plastic products where the source of the plastic is not unknown and/or cannot be confirmed as being safe
- ⊗ Tools with a [L'Indice de Réparabilité](#) (Repairability Index) score of six or lower. This scheme, introduced by the French Government, aims to increase repairability by setting out clear requirements for product classes, scoring every product out of 10. For power tools, lawn mowers on sale in France must now be assessed. In time, more product classes will be added to the scheme - pressure washers will be added in 2023.



Any tool with a score of six or lower will not be assessed for Green star in any of Kingfisher's markets.

- ✘ Products containing palm oil, cotton, rubber or leather with no evidence that the materials have been responsibly sourced
- ✘ Products where the packaging contains PVC or expanded polystyrene.

