

ALPINTER

Sustainability Report 2026



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Introduction



Introduction

Message From The Founder

Since Alpinter's creation in the 80s, we have witnessed significant shifts in the world and the humanitarian aid market. In 2026, we are facing the ever-present global challenges of climate change, increasing conflicts, and humanitarian crises. Communities, organisations and markets are being tested to respond with greater agility and resilience.

Alpinter has always led with innovation and acted with urgency. The holistic concept of considering social, environmental, and economic impacts has been at the core of Alpinter's operations for decades – and continues to do so today. Product development ambitions such as introducing recycled materials to standard products, and designing for second-life applications, list a few of Alpinter's most recent activities.

Alpinter's efforts were previously

celebrated with the Sustainability Initiative Award at AIDEX in 2024. Since then, we have continued to introduce recycled material into our standard products.

Driven by our goals, partnerships and values we are sharing this report. A document that not only outlines Alpinter's past achievements but also provides a transparent view of our progress with ongoing initiatives. It is more than a mere fact and figure compilation; it reflects our commitment to self-regulation, fully acknowledging that this process is challenging, yet the most productive path toward sustainable growth.

Glenn Verborgh,
Founder of Alpinter

Introduction

About Alpinter



History

Locations

Product Overview

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History

Alpinter was born in the heart of Ronse, a city with a rich textile trade history.

Alpinter was founded

1988

ALPINTER

Rwanda: First international delivery

1994



Hurricane Mitch: First intervention in Latin America

1998



Aftermath of Balkan and Kosovo War: First intervention in a conflict region

1999



1989

Focus on shelter supplies for Belgian organisations



1998

Opening of bonded warehouse for relief items in Belgium



1999

First tent development: Yukatan tent

History

Tsunami: Supply of entire global stock and direct shipments from suppliers

2004



Pioneering production of Fleece Blankets in Pakistan

2009



NIZAM

2000

Start of partnership with H. Nizam Din and Sons



2007

First agreement with UNHCR for Portable Water Containers.



2012

Development of the Family Tent

History

Ebola crisis: HUB tent becomes the global standard for Multipurpose Tents

2013



Migrant crisis Europe: Alpinter partnered with most European NGOs

2015



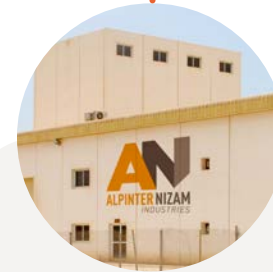
Rohingya crisis: Large shipment of Tarpaulins and HUB Tents

2017



2014

Ebola crisis: Alpinter supplied tents to NGOs



2016

Creation of ANI (now WOT Middle East)

History

Tent development with UNICEF: High Performance Tent (XPERT)

2019



Creation of World of Tents group

2020



First supply of EMT-2 Field Hospital for the Belgian government

2021



2018

New HQ Office



2019

ISO 9001 certification



2020

Covid-19: Supply of over 60,000 tents and large quantity of Hygiene Kits



2022

Ukraine war: Supply of over 2,000 trucks with relief items

History

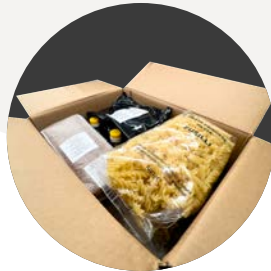
Creation of Alpinter Bulgaria

2023



First supplies of Food Parcels

2023



First contract for the Recycled Portable Water Containers

2024



WOT ME EPDA Certificate

2025



RAKEZ HSE Excellence Award

2025



2023

ISO 14001 certification



2023

Award at AIDEX: 'Sustainable Initiative of The Year' for Recycled Blankets



2024

World of Tents group is GRS certified



2024

Launched the Family Tent with ECO Tarp



2025

Sustainable Product Range Presented at DIHAD

Locations

With its offices, warehouses, production and assembly sites, Alpinter is spread out across the globe.



Product Overview

Alpinter holds a diverse and ever-growing product portfolio to best serve situations of crisis and hardship.



Family Tents



Multipurpose Tents



Shelter Materials and Tools



Blankets and Bedding



Hygiene Kits



Portable Water Containers
and Buckets



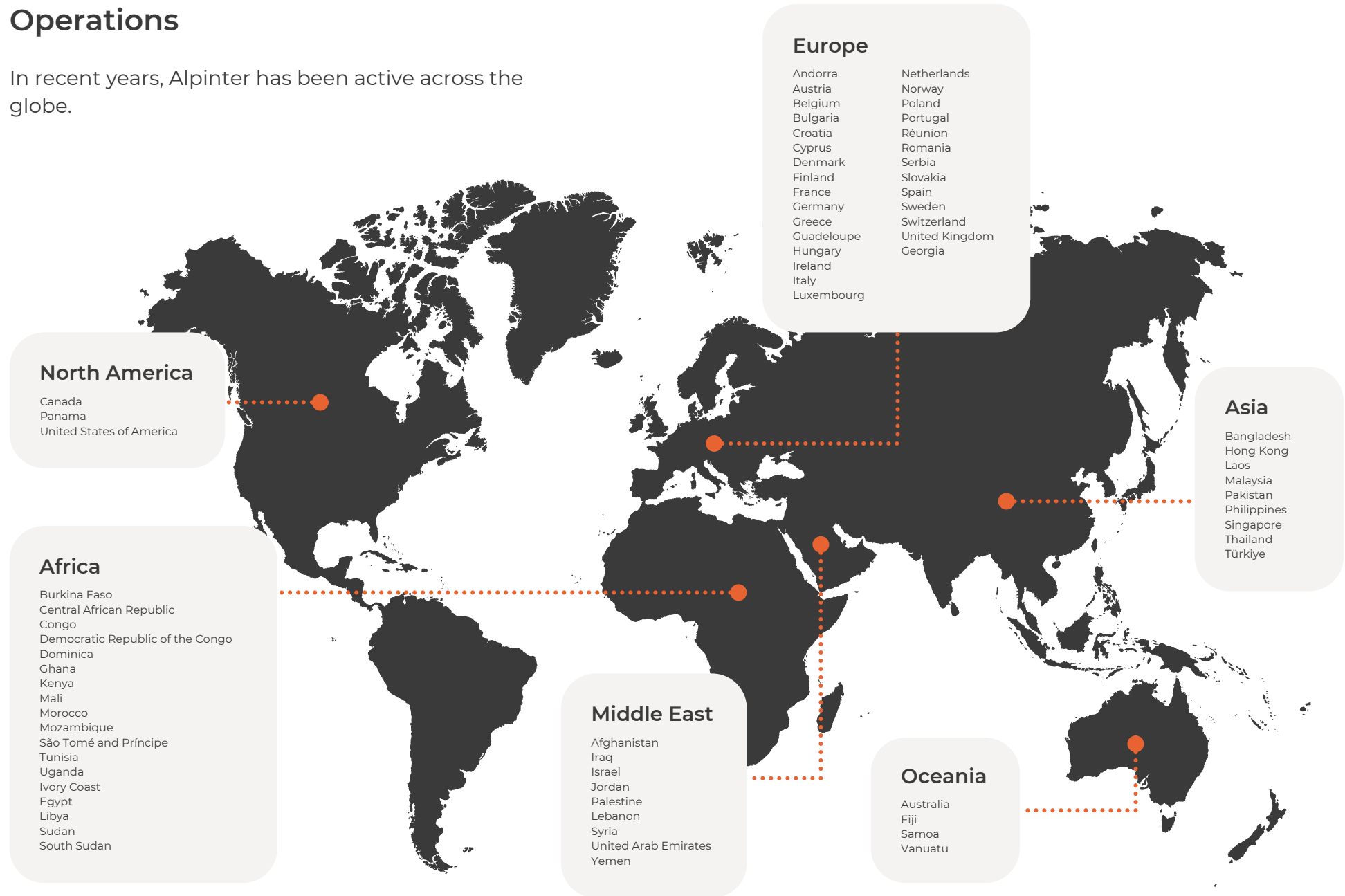
Cookware



Food Parcels

Operations

In recent years, Alpinter has been active across the globe.



North America

Canada
Panama
United States of America

Europe

Andorra
Austria
Belgium
Bulgaria
Croatia
Cyprus
Denmark
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Guadeloupe
Hungary
Ireland
Italy
Luxembourg
Netherlands
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Réunion
Romania
Serbia
Slovakia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
United Kingdom
Georgia

Asia

Bangladesh
Hong Kong
Laos
Malaysia
Pakistan
Philippines
Singapore
Thailand
Türkiye

Africa

Burkina Faso
Central African Republic
Congo
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Dominica
Ghana
Kenya
Mali
Morocco
Mozambique
São Tomé and Príncipe
Tunisia
Uganda
Ivory Coast
Egypt
Libya
Sudan
South Sudan

Middle East

Afghanistan
Iraq
Israel
Jordan
Palestine
Lebanon
Syria
United Arab Emirates
Yemen

Oceania

Australia
Fiji
Samoa
Vanuatu

Operations

From 2021 to 2025, Alpinter distributed a variety of products.



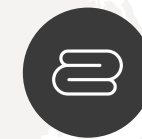
173,076
Family Tents



20,996
Multipurpose
Tents



5,281,057
Shelter Materials
and Tools



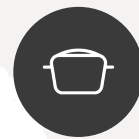
5,092,875
Blankets and
Bedding Items



996,374
Hygiene Kits



2,070,632
Portable Water
Containers and
Buckets



101,599
Kitchen Sets



66,422
Food Parcels

Introduction

Mission and Values

Alpinter was founded in 1988 with the mission to create efficient, effective, and reliable shelter and core relief solutions to support humanitarian crisis responses worldwide.

Alpinter aims to be a reliable partner for aid organisations,

continuously evolving to meet the challenges of a changing world and support life-saving projects globally.

Through innovation and a dedication to quality, Alpinter designs and delivers products that support safety, comfort, and resilience, wherever and whenever they are needed.



Mission and Values



Pioneering

We create solutions for the humanitarian market that make a difference.



Quality

Our quality inspection teams ensure the highest standards.



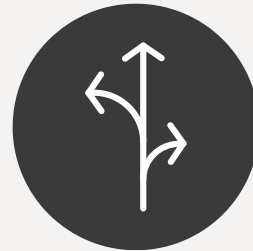
Commitment

We are committed to our beneficiaries. We deliver products for relief, hope, dignity and comfort.



Expertise

We have been serving the relief-aid industry since 1988.



Flexibility

We promise quick, efficient and suitable responses in emergency situations.



Global Presence

We are prepared for projects all around the world.

Participation in Global Action

Participation in Global Action

UN Sustainable Development Goals

Alpinter has set itself ambitious sustainability initiatives and aligned these with the UN Sustainable Development Goals which embody a shared vision among suppliers and partners alike. Highlighted below are Alpinter's specific SDGs.

Since January 2024, Alpinter has been part of the UN Global Compact.



Company Policies

Company Policies

Environmental Policy Overview

All policies were regularly reviewed for the ISO 14001 and 9001 re-certification.

Alpinter has taken action to...

- ✔ increase organisation-wide resilience to climate change.
- ✔ increase resilience in its supply chains.
- ✔ increase resilience in the communities in which it operates.

Environmental Policy Commitment and Engagement

Policy	Topic Commitment	Topic Engagement	Last Reviewed
Climate Change	Included within a broader policy or stand-alone policy	To collaborate in the prevention/mitigation of the risks/impacts in question	2025
Oceans	No plans to develop a policy	/	/
Forests/Biodiversity	No plans to develop a policy	/	/
Water	Included within a broader policy or stand-alone policy	To collaborate in the prevention/mitigation of the risks/impacts in question	2023
Waste	Included within a broader policy or stand-alone policy	To collaborate in the prevention/mitigation of the risks/impacts in question	2023
Air Pollution	Included within a broader policy or stand-alone policy	To collaborate in the prevention/mitigation of the risks/impacts in question	2023
Energy & Resource Use	Included within a broader policy or stand-alone policy	To collaborate in the prevention/mitigation of the risks/impacts in question	2023

Environmental Policy Assessment

Policy	Aligned with international environmental standards	Publicly available	Approved at most senior level of the company	Applied to the company's own operations	Applied to the company's own operations and the value chain	Developed involving environmental expertise from inside and outside the company	Progress Assessment
Climate Change	x	x	x	x	x	x	Set annual targets/goals, track progress over time (internal and external)
Oceans							/
Forests/ Biodiversity							/
Water		x	x	x			Review topics on ad hoc basis
Waste	x	x	x	x		x	Set annual targets/goals, track progress over time (internal and external)
Air Pollution	x	x	x	x			No monitoring of progress
Energy & Resource Use	x	x	x				Review topics on ad hoc basis

Company Policies

Human Rights Policy Overview

All policies were regularly reviewed for the ISO 14001 and 9001 re-certification.

Alpinter recognizes...

- ✓ Freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining as a human rights topic and it is connected with the company's operations/value chain.
- ✓ Forced labour as a human rights topic and it is connected with the company's operations/value chain.
- ✓ Digital security/privacy as a human rights topic and it is connected with the company's operations/value chain.
- ✓ A safe and healthy working environment as a human rights topic and it is connected with the company's operations/value chain.
- ✓ Gender equality and women's rights as a human rights topic and it is connected with the company's operations/value chain.
- ✓ Child labour as a human rights topic and it is connected with the company's operations/value chain.
- ✓ Working conditions (wages/working hours) as a human rights topic and they are connected with the company's operations/value chain.
- ✓ Non-discrimination in respect of employment and occupation as a human rights topic and it is connected with the company's operations/value chain.

Human Rights Policy Commitment and Engagement

Policy	Topic Commitment	Topic Engagement	Last Reviewed
Freedom of Expression	Included within a broader policy or stand-alone policy	No engagement on this topic	2024
Access to Water and Sanitation	No plans to develop a policy	/	/
Digital Security/Privacy	Included within a broader policy or stand-alone policy	To assess progress in preventing/mitigating the risks/impacts in question	2025
Gender Equality and Women's Rights	Included within a broader policy or stand-alone policy	To better understand the risks/impacts in question	2024
Right of Indigenous Peoples	No, but we plan to develop a policy in the next two years	/	/
Right of Indigenous Refugees and Migrants	No, but we plan to develop a policy in the next two years	/	/

Company Policies

Governance Policy Overview

All policies were regularly reviewed for the ISO 14001 and 9001 re-certification.

The most senior executive of Alpinter...

- ✓ Issues an annual statement about the relevance of sustainable development of the company.
- ✓ Issues an annual statement that addresses impacts on both people and the environment.
- ✓ Signs off on organisational sustainability targets.
- ✓ Regularly reviews potential risks related to the business model.
- ✓ Supervises Environmental, Social, and Governance reporting.

Governance Statements and Code of Conduct

Public Statement	Statement Commitment	Code of Conduct
Human Rights	Yes, and the commitment includes our own operations and suppliers.	Yes, and the commitment includes our own operations and the value chain.
Labour Rights/Decent Work	Yes, and the commitment includes our own operations and suppliers.	Yes, and the commitment includes our own operations and the value chain.
Environment	Yes, and the commitment includes our own operations and the value chain.	Yes, and the commitment includes our own operations and the value chain.
Anti-Corruption	No, but we plan to have a commitment within the next two years.	/

Company Policies

Labour Policy Overview

All policies were regularly reviewed for the ISO 14001 and 9001 re-certification.

Policy	Topic Commitment	Topic Engagement	Last Reviewed
Freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining	Included within a broader policy or stand-alone policy	/	2024
Forced Labour	Included within a broader policy or stand-alone policy	/	2023
Child Labour	Included within a broader policy or stand-alone policy	/	2023
Non-discrimination in respect of employment and occupation	Included within a broader policy or stand-alone policy	/	2024
Safe and healthy working environment	Included within a broader policy or stand-alone policy	To collaborate in the prevention/mitigation of the risks/impacts in question	2023
Working Conditions	Included within a broader policy or stand-alone policy	To collaborate in the prevention/mitigation of the risks/impacts in question	2023

ISO 14001 Overview

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Key Performance Indicators

As part of ISO 14001, Alpinter sets annual goals, and reports on progress at the end of the reporting period. In 2025, 12/14 goals were achieved or outperformed.

Process	KPI	Target 2025	Result 2025
Strategy Policy and Risk Management	Percentage of hybrid/electric cars	95% of cars converted	95% of cars converted
Commercial Management	Offer sustainable stock keeping unit to existing customers	1 new sustainable stock keeping unit	Completed ECO Tarp Unified AQL BLUE Geodesic Tent
Commercial Management	Eliminate single use plastics	1 stock keeping unit without single use plastics	Shelter Tool Kit without single use plastics
Warehouse Handling	Incorrect waste separation incidents	< 5/year	4 (Q1-Q3)
Supply Chain and Production Management	Percentage of direct shipments from the supplier to the customer (stock optimisation)	>50% of all deliveries	58% from our stock 41% from supplier stock
Q HSE Management	Occupational health and safety incidents in the laboratory	< 5 cases	0 incidents
Q HSE Management	Amount of waste generated at HQ	Average -10%/employee	Decrease of 37%
Q HSE Management	Incorrect waste separation incidents	< 5/quarter	3/quarter

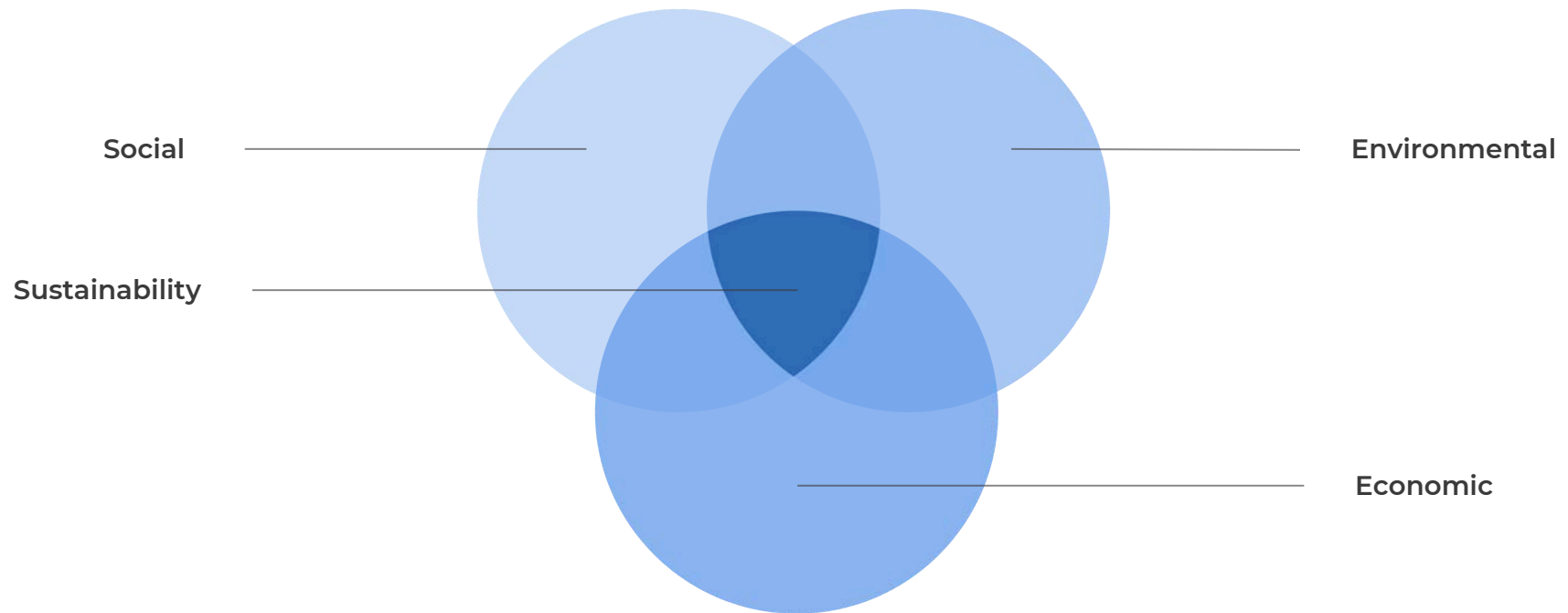
Process	KPI	Target 2025	Result 2025
Complaint Handling	Number of customer sustainability-related complaints	< 5 complaints	0 complaints
Laboratory & Sample Handling	Storage of dangerous goods/liquids	<30 litres	24.85 litres
Research & Development	Sustainable product catalog	> 1 new sustainable product	BLUE Tent with ECO Tarp (15% recycled) Second life application action list
Human Resources	Sustainability linked training hours	> Average of 6 hrs/employee	Average of 9 hrs/employee
Marketing Communication	Communication on sustainability on Alpinter channels	> 6x Website > 6x LinkedIn	4x Website 4x LinkedIn
Sourcing & Procurement	Percentage of critical suppliers with ISO 14001	>70%	79%

Sustainability Initiatives

Sustainability Initiatives

Scope

Alpinter views sustainability in its entirety with the ultimate goal of establishing a harmonious relationship between people and planet. As a company, the ability to impact sustaining life for coming generations is threefold; social, ecological, and financial.



Sustainability Initiatives

Social



Social Strategy

Social Goals

Social Strategy

With a people-first approach, Alpinter invests in its human capital, building a resilient company that furthers social justice. When people and society are healthier, the planet is too and vice versa.



Diversity and Inclusion



Training and Development



Community



Ethics and Governance



Health and Safety

Social Goals



Diversity and Inclusion

Gender Equality

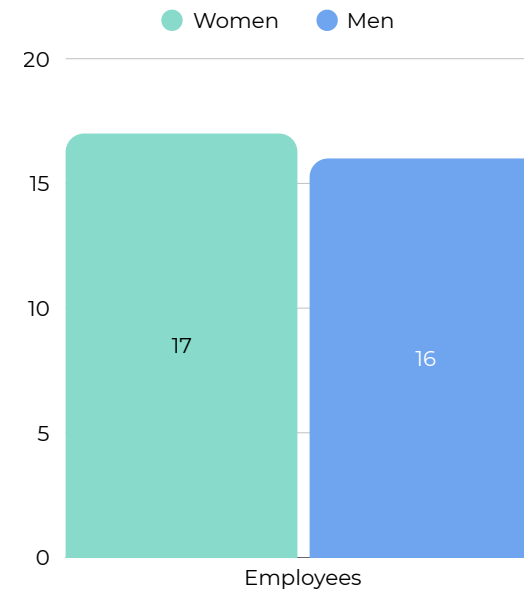
World of Tents, the parent company of Alpinter, has a total of 33 employees. Gender distribution is relatively equal with 17 women and 16 men. In the management team, 45% are female. The average age among employees is 40.

Equal Pay

Alpinter ensures equal pay by implementing a transparent compensation structure based on job responsibilities, skills, and experience, ensuring fairness and equity in the payment process. Alpinter's working regulations, containing the equal pay regulations, are available to all employees. If any changes are made, these are reviewed and registered with the Directorate of General Control and Social Legislation in Belgium.

Fair and Equitable Hiring

The hiring process values skills objectively regardless of race, nationality, cultural background, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, and disabilities.





Social Goals

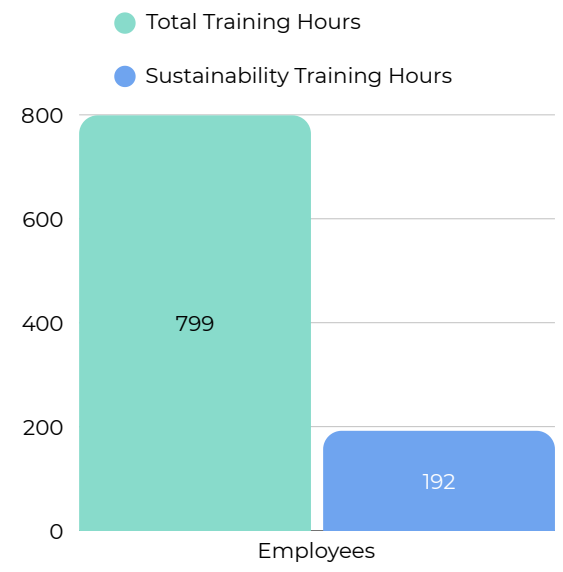
Training and Development

Through the collaboration with various training institutes (such as Cevora) and multiple high schools and universities in Belgium and abroad, Alpinter is able to offer its employees continuous learning opportunities. For external trainings, a Training Policy is available to all employees.

In 2024, a total of 798.5 training hours were completed by all employees collectively, of which a quarter were for sustainability related topics.

Trainings completed include:

- Onboarding
- Language Courses (English, Dutch)
- Finance Management (VAT, Customs)
- ISO 14001
- ISO 9001
- WOT Strategy
- Cyber Security
- First Aid
- Fire Prevention
- Sustainable Entrepreneurship
- WOT Waste Management System
- HR Policies for an Attractive and Sustainable Workplace



Social Goals



Community

Wellbeing

Alpinter offers several initiatives that support the mental and physical health of employees.

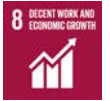
As required by law in Belgium, Alpinter has an external psychosocial advisor, to support employees when facing such risks.

Supporting employees in their pursuit of healthy lifestyles, the HQ office receives fresh fruit and nut deliveries on a bi-weekly basis from a local supplier. The benefits of this partnership are threefold: Healthy snacks are available to all employees, Alpinter is able to support local independent businesses, and lastly these deliveries are zero waste.

In 2024, WOT surveyed employees anonymously and found positive feedback such as: “I am enthusiastic about my job” or “I am proud of the work that I do.” The survey also assessed the ergonomic design of the workplace (e.g. standing desks), and found that the work from home policy and work-life balance are evaluated positively by the majority of the staff.



Social Goals



Community

Team Building Initiatives

To foster Alpinter’s tight-knit community, regular team building events and get-togethers are offered, such as occasional parties, potlucks, and sports activities.

Alpinter engages in opportunities to create stronger community connections and positively impact its surroundings. For example, every two years, the HQ office organises a community clean-up in its home-town Ronse.



Social Goals



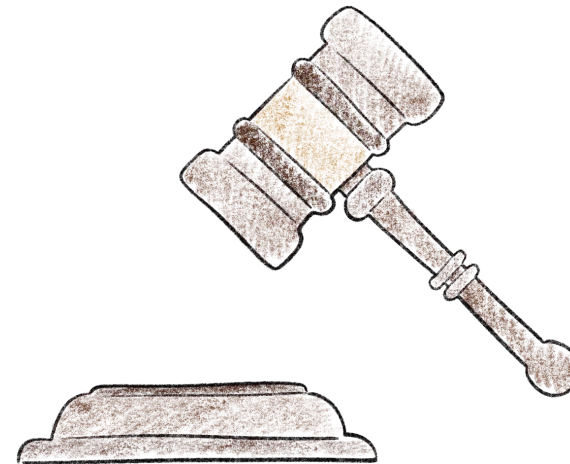
Ethics and Governance

Compliance with Belgian and EU Laws

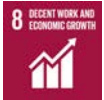
Being registered in Belgium, an EU member state, Alpinter conducts operations in accordance with national and international laws.

Ethics Policy

Alpinter has a detailed Ethics Policy to support a prosperous, inclusive, and respectful work environment. These guidelines are available to everyone at all times and are reviewed by Human Resources annually.



Social Goals



Health and Safety

Emergency Training at HQ and WOT ME

To warrant appropriate and rapid response in emergencies, following the themes of prevention and protection, employees at Alpinter have undergone various training courses. A first aid training, fire prevention training and a fire drill are organised annually. A first responder team and a fire prevention team were appointed in 2023 following the trainings.

Company Practices

In Alpinter's HQ Laboratory, work with hazardous chemicals for test purposes is sometimes involved. For health and safety measures, these chemicals have been labelled accordingly and are stored in a designated space. Dangerous chemicals are recorded in the Chemical Log.

With its suppliers, Alpinter conducts strict audits that assess the production, and (among other things) the health and safety of workers on site.



Sustainability Initiatives

Environmental



Environmental Strategy

Environmental Goals

Environmental Strategy

Natural resources are finite and by embracing circular systems for long-term sustainability, Alpinter can support current and future generations. Recognising its role in driving positive individual and systemic change, Alpinter champions environmentally responsible practices across its various locations. Commitments extend to responsible resource consumption and reducing greenhouse gas emissions where possible.



Alpinter Locations



Design and Production



Packaging and Logistics

Environmental Goals



Alpinter Locations

Where Alpinter is physically situated, it aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and waste as much as possible. Initiatives include the physical building infrastructure, policies, education, and changes to individual behavior.

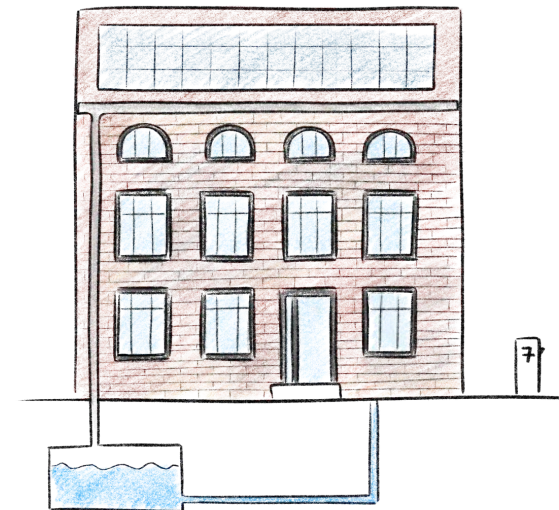
Rainwater Collection

Water is an incredibly scarce resource. Additionally, Alpinter is located in a region of medium to high water stress*. To forego freshwater use where it really isn't necessary, Alpinter collects rainwater at its HQ office (tank capacity of 20,000 litres) and uses this to flush the office toilets. An upgraded filter was added to avoid pump blockage and ensure continuous use.

Tap Water

A de-calcifier was added to the tap water for better personal health and a longer appliance lifespan. In 2026, an additional water filter was installed to replace water fountains and bottled water deliveries.

	Source	Water (mega litres)
Total Water Withdrawal	Rainwater collection	N/A (rainwater tank is 20,000 litres)
Total Water Consumption 2024	City network	0.17 megalitres



*WWF Water Risk Filter (2026), and Water Wise EU Belgium

Environmental Goals



Alpinter Locations

Low Emission Gas Heater

Heating can be a massive consumer of energy. When Alpinter’s HQ office was renovated, with the aim to preserve the existing heating infrastructure, a low emission gas heater was invested in as this presented itself as the most resource efficient and attainable option.

Smart Heating Regulation

To further push efficiency, Alpinter’s Facility department improved the monitoring of heating with remote controlled thermostats and automated timers. This way, temperature settings can be standardised according to date, time, and floor level.

Warm Sweater Week

To lower our ecological footprint, an annual “Warm Sweater Week” was first introduced in February 2025, during which the building heating was lowered by 2 °C.

	HQ Emissions (t)
NOx	0.0000181969
SOx	None known
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)	None known
Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)	None known
Particulate Matter	None known
Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)	None known

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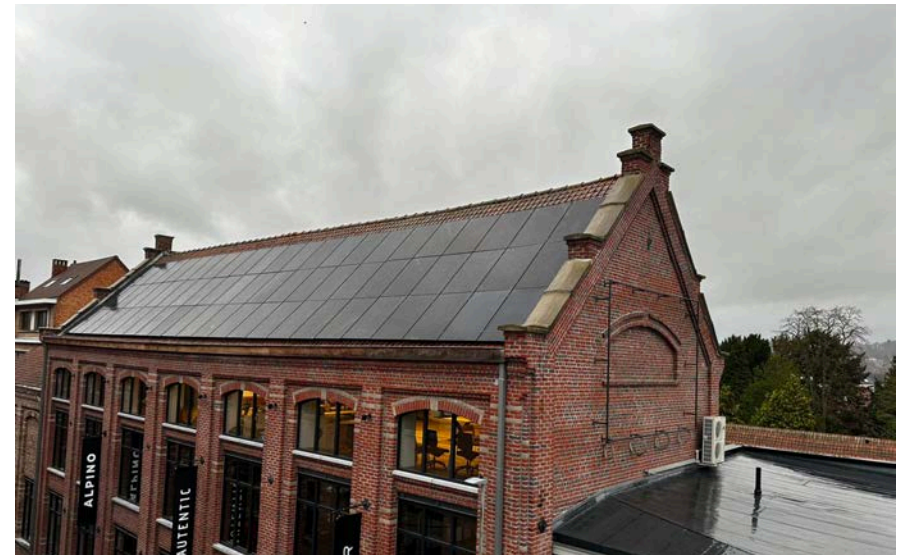
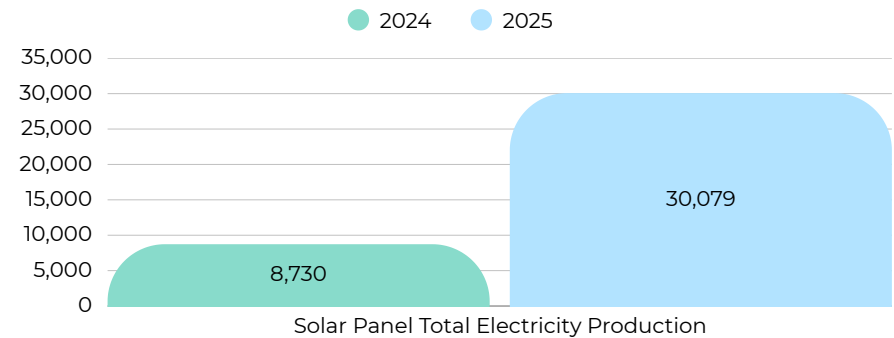
Solar Panels

Alpinter installed solar panels on the HQ office roof in January of 2024.

The solar panels produced 30,079 kWh of electricity in 2025. If all the electricity produced was consumed on site, this would indicate a self-sufficiency percentage of 37%.

The remaining electricity is sourced from the city grid which, in Belgium, is a mix of nuclear, gas, wind, and solar energy. If there is excess electricity generated by the solar panels that is not consumed on site, it is fed back into the city grid.

NIZAM, the main manufacturing partner of Alpinter, has also installed solar panels at their HQ to generate renewable energy for their productions.





Environmental Goals

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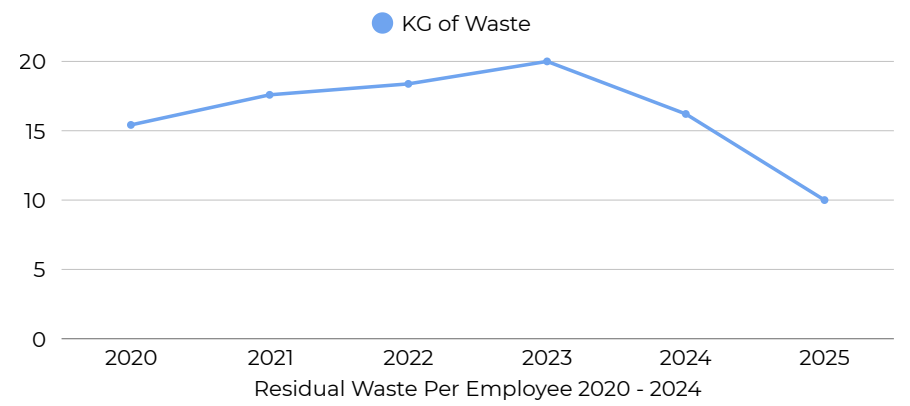
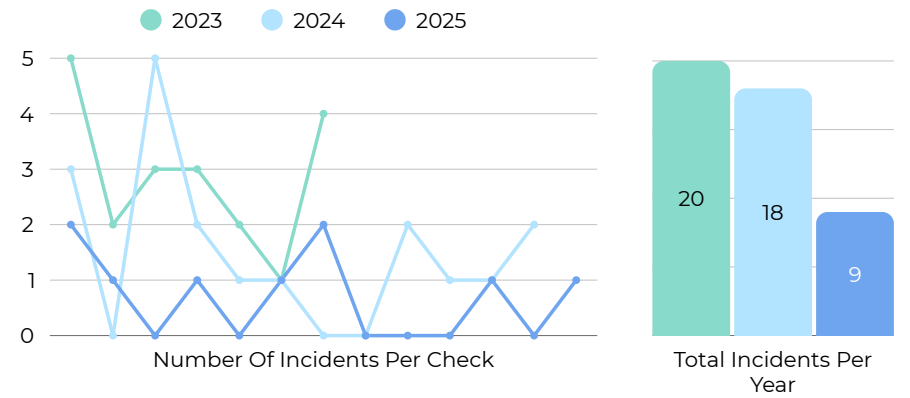
Waste Management

SEPARATE WASTE

In congruity with the ISO 14001 certification, Alpinter has expanded its waste management on site. In addition to general and industrial waste containers, Alpinter has designated recycling bins for cardboard/paper, PMD (plastic packaging, metal packaging, and drink cartons), glass, wood, metal. Random checks are performed to test for incorrectly separated waste. Alpinter is pursuing the goal that not more than five incidents occur per quarter.

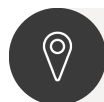
REDUCE WASTE

Alpinter aims to reduce its waste by 10% per employee annually. To achieve this, awareness sessions are held with the focus on eco-friendly behavior. In an effort to reduce plastic and glass bottle waste, employees were given reusable water bottles and water fountains were installed near desk spaces. A compost bin for food and other organic waste is available in all kitchens.





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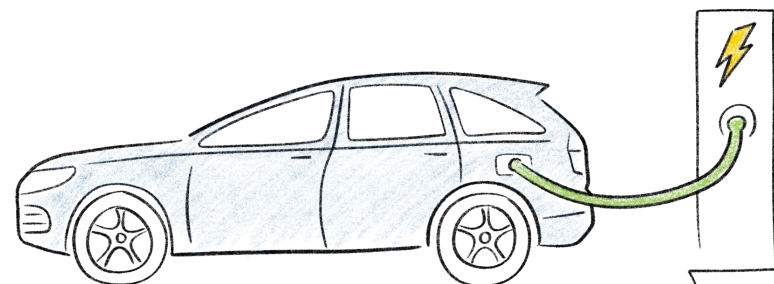
Electric Car Fleet

As the commuter culture in Belgium is strong and many employees work on site, Alpinter invested in making its car fleet 100% electric/hybrid. Though this represents a financial investment for Alpinter, it simultaneously is able to save a notable amount of emissions.

In numbers, with a petrol powered car, a daily commute from Ghent to Ronse and back in a mid-range car would produce 0.027 t of CO₂*. Over the course of a year, 6 tonnes of CO₂ emissions could be produced. By comparison, according to the International Energy Agency, the “global average energy-related carbon footprint is around 4.7 tonnes of CO₂ per person.” With an electric car, and a renewable energy source, no emissions are produced with the same commute distance.

Electric Car Infrastructure

To support the growing electric car fleet, the Facility department increased the number of loading docks and linked this with the solar panels for a higher power connection so more electric cars can be charged at once.



*Calculations according to myclimate.org

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Sustainable Commute Allowance

Alpinter subsidises bicycle and public transport expenses at a rate that is more than legally necessary to incentivise sustainable commutes.

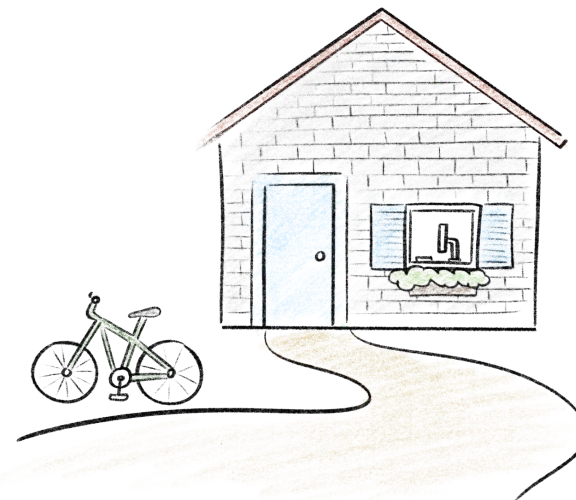
Travel Policy

Alpinter’s Travel Policy is available to all employees, outlining that emissions, costs, and the number of individual trips are reduced where possible when business travels are being planned. Suggestions in the policy include: exploring alternative communication methods, considering train or car pooling options, and rationalising trips to help consolidate travel plans. The document is reviewed annually by Human Resources or as necessary.

Through the investment of on-site liaisons, Alpinter employees are traveling to main suppliers less frequently, reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Remote Working

To reduce commutes and give employees more flexibility, individuals are free to take up to one day of home office per week, as operations and responsibilities permit.



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Digital Workflow

Communication is a core skill and activity with Alpinter’s daily operations. To push the paperless policy and transition to digital workflows, offices are equipped with e.g. software and presentation screens, making digital files readily available for viewing, editing, and sharing.

Though the upfront investment with digital workflow infrastructure may be higher, in the long-run Alpinter avoids running single-use resource investments. For example, by consuming less paper and printer ink, the impact that the production, supply chain, and product end of life can have is lessened. Additionally, E-waste is avoided through reselling schemes.

With the newly installed solar panels, some of the electricity needed to power digital workflows can come directly from a renewable on-site source.

Information Sessions

In January of 2024, an information session was held to educate employees on sustainable practices at the office. The presentation included raising awareness for recycling, composting, energy saving, and digital workflows.



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Design and Production

At the core, Alpinter is a developer and distributor of humanitarian aid products. How products are designed not only has a measurable impact on the company's carbon footprint but it can also inspire market reforms. To reference the findings of the Ellen Macarthur Foundation, “80% of a product's environmental impact is influenced in the design stage.” For this reason, Alpinter carefully considers material selection, production processes, and values a design with its entire lifecycle accounted for, all with the aim of circular product design and a circular economy.

Project Management

At Alpinter, a project sheet is filled out with every new development. Since 2022, consideration for sustainability is a set field that needs to be filled in. In addition to this, Alpinter aims to produce one project a year that is purely centered on sustainability. The recycled blankets were an outcome of this in the past. Alpinter aims to increase the sustainable project target in the coming years.



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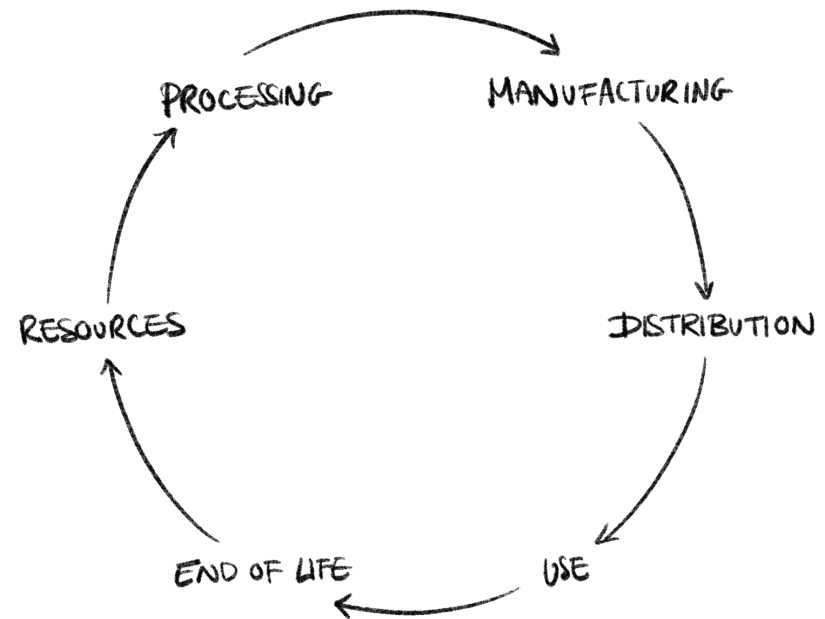
Design and Production

Prototype Production With Leftover Materials

When new products are first prototyped in the Product Development department, Alpinter consistently uses leftover materials from the sample library to reduce the purchasing and consumption of new resources.

Critical Thinking

Calculating the actual impact of a product's production is an elaborate mathematical simulation. The more volume, weight, and complexity a product has, the greater the impact in all stages of its life cycle. Past research concerned Alpinter's Hygiene Kits. Liquid detergent, shampoo, and soap have large percentages of water. This adds size, weight, and resources. The solid or concentrated alternatives offer the same performance but are much more efficient to package and transport which minimises the ecological footprint. Though solid or concentrated soap is not strictly a 'new' technological innovation, the standard in the humanitarian market is presently traditional liquid. It requires close cooperation with partners to meet market criteria, conduct adequate tests, and confirm changes to innovate on existing standards.



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Circular Manufacturing

Portable Water Containers are a frequently deployed core relief item used to transport and store water in emergency situations. Alpinter Water Containers feature a number of innovations to make their manufacture, distribution and use more sustainable.

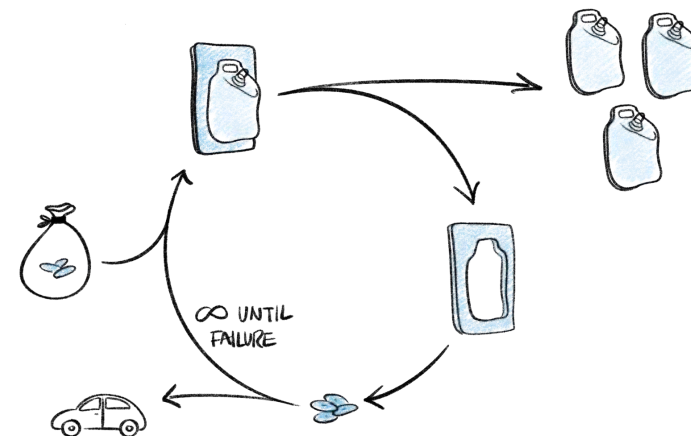
Firstly, with a collapsible design more Containers can be transported in a smaller amount of space, maximising the shipping efficiency and minimising transport CO₂ emissions.

Secondly, the manufacturing process is closed loop. Production waste is fed back into the system as material input, which means that the Portable Water Containers produced in Alpinter’s facility on average consist of 35% pre-consumer recycled content by weight. The remaining material that cannot be used in manufacturing (approximately 3.5%) is on-sold to a neighbouring manufacturer for use in making car components, making the Alpinter production facility a zero manufacturing waste site.

In 2024, Alpinter introduced food grade, post-consumer

recycled (PCR) High-density Polyethylene (HDPE) and Polypropylene (PP) as the material for the neck and cap respectively. This increased the proportion of recycled content in Alpinter’s Portable Water Containers up to 48%. In 2025, the first contract for these more sustainable Portable Water Containers was signed with a major partner. Since 2026, the Recycled Portable Water Container is listed as the standard product.

Research for the inclusion of food grade recycled plastics into the Low-density Polyethylene (LDPE) body is ongoing.



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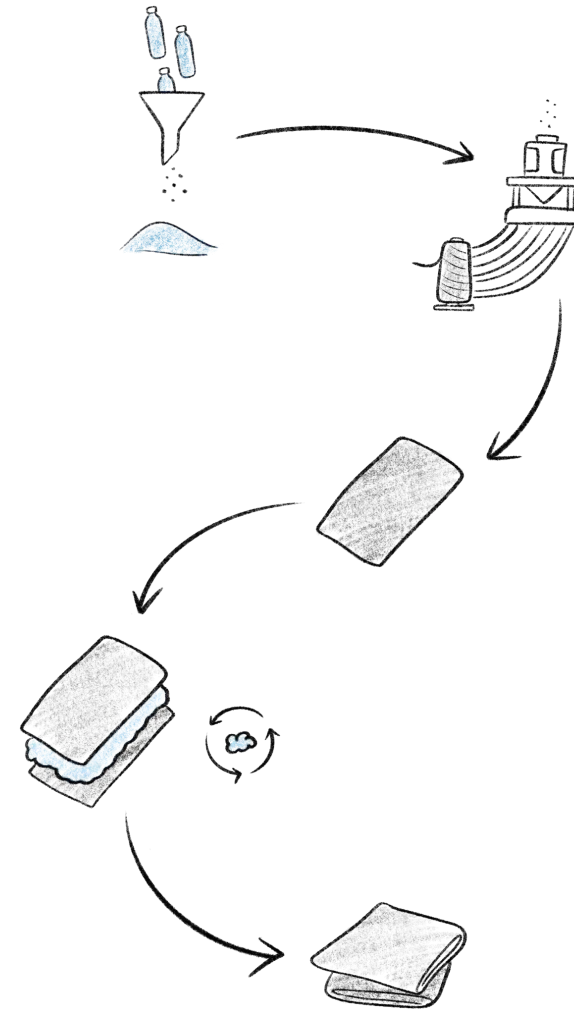
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Recycled Materials

BLANKETS

Switching from virgin raw materials to recycled can have a sizeable impact on the ecological footprint of a product. For this reason, Alpinter is eager to offer a product portfolio with recycled materials.

UNHCR previously announced that, as of 2024, only recycled blankets will be purchased as opposed to their virgin material predecessors. To meet this new requirement, Alpinter switched to a GRS certified yarn (made of either post-industrial or post-consumer recycled material) to make its Low, Medium, and High Thermal Blankets. The polyfill for the High Thermal Blankets is additionally made of a recycled material. Despite these material changes, Alpinter has been able to preserve the same product performance.





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Design and Production

SLEEPING MATS AND MATTRESSES

In 2024, Alpinter worked with long-term partners to offer mattresses and sleeping mats that are made of 100% recycled content.

LEIF TENT

As of 2025, the Family Tent will be available in ECO Tarp PE as opposed to the standard poly-cotton version. This is a major product improvement in regards to sustainability. Though it may sound counter-intuitive, PE is more easily recyclable than poly-cotton because it is not a composite material. Anti-rot, waterproofing and flame retardancy can be achieved without the use of any harmful chemicals. There is no use of phosphorus-based Flame Retardant (FR) additives, unlike with the poly-cotton version.

The ECO Tarp PE has at least a 15% recycled PE content for the outer tent and a 45% recycled yarn content for the inner tent. This has resulted in a longer lifespan of 36 months in all climates, and an approximate weight reduction of 15 kg per tent.

To support the product lifespan, the tent is supplied with a repair kit. The included tarpaulin reinforcement bands in the ECO Tarp PE mean the plastic sheeting can be used for a second life application once it is no longer functional for a tent.

Packing and pallet dimensions were designed for optimized loading, and all unnecessary plastic packaging was spared.

A first field test was done in Syria in 2025.



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SLEEPING BAGS

In 2025, Alpinter additionally worked to make its Sleeping Bag filling recycled and GRS certified. With this new filling, about 65% of the total product weight is made of recycled material and is certified.

BLUE GEODESIC TENT IN ECO TARP PE

A major partner has collaborated with Alpinter to produce a BLUE Geodesic Tent made of ECO Tarp PE, meaning a recycled PE content of at least 15%.



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Design and Production

Designing For A Second Life

Products for the humanitarian market are designed and tested rigorously as they need to be unforgivingly durable and reliable, performing consistently over long periods of time. Core relief items need to meet high criteria because they cannot fail.

However, natural material degradation and the associated product performance will occur over time. Even though a good may not be sufficient for its initial purpose anymore, it can be reused in another function. It can be given a second life.

In the design stage, a second life can be supported by choosing certain materials or making certain design choices that enable flexibility in giving the product a new function.

In June of 2025, Alpinter held a company-wide, hands-on, brainstorming session for second life applications specifically targeted at the RED Tent, the BLUE Geodesic Tent, and the Poly-cotton Family Tent.

RECYCLED BLANKETS

Alpinter’s Recycled Blankets offer themselves well for a second life because of how ‘simple’ and thus versatile they are by design.

In cooperation with NED University, the Textile Institute of Pakistan, design research was conducted to explore second life applications of the Blankets. Ideas ranged from insulating clothing, shoe insoles, slippers and hats, to baby carriers. In addition to this, Alpinter is also presently investigating using the Blankets as insulation in wall cavities as a second life application. For this, research is being continued on shredding and sealing techniques.



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WOOD TENT BOXES

The wooden boxes Alpinter's tents are packaged in have been designed with primary function and secondary versatility in mind.

In the field, the boxes are seen being reused as benches, shelves, and sleeping units.

PLASTIC SHEETING

Alpinter's plastic sheeting is designed to last and outperform technical requirements. In cases where it can no longer perform as tent wall or roof sections long term, the sheeting itself still has a high quality to be reused for e.g. short term emergency shelters, fences, latrines, floor covers or fumigation sheets.



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Design and Production

Monitor Product Lifespan

To guide research and development, Alpinter regularly asks for feedback from partners, and organises field visits to assess product performance in real time and under real conditions.

In the beginning of 2023, a team visited a deployed Alpinter Field Hospital in Türkiye to assess what is working well and where future improvements could be made.

Feedback is shared between the Quality and the Product Development departments. Any complaint files received, related to sustainability, are analysed and findings are quickly acted upon.

In addition to field feedback, Alpinter also has test sites in Belgium and the UAE to observe product longevity. In 2025, a tent with ECO Tarp began exposure in the UAE. This information helps Alpinter reassure the same product quality and define new sustainability goals.



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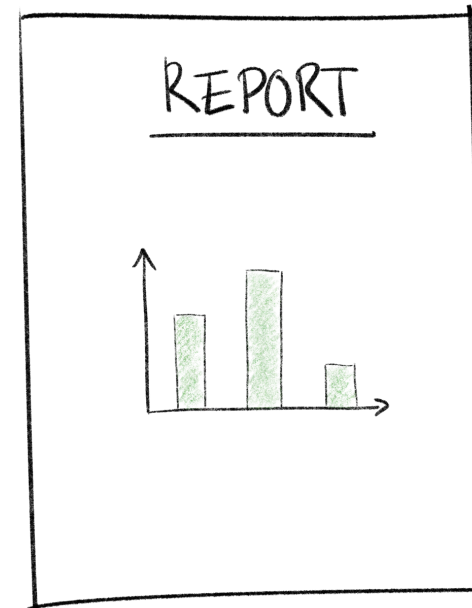


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Life Cycle Assessments

To further inform the design process and showcase sustainability-driven measures, Alpinter aims to create Life Cycle Assessments (LCA) for all core items.

Presently, an LCA has been calculated for the Recycled Blankets, the Family Tent in Poly-cotton and ECO PE, and the BLUE Geodesic Tent. An LCA analysis for the Tarpaulins is underway.



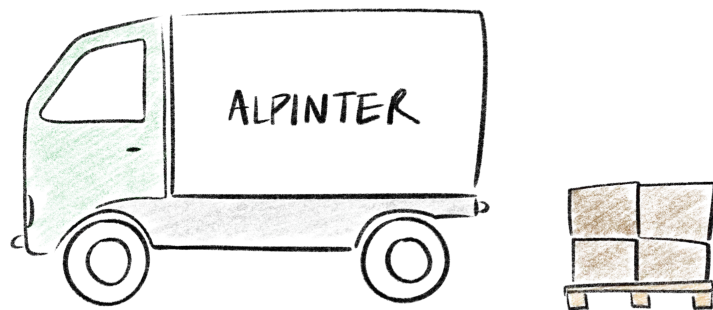


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Packaging and Logistics

By nature of the humanitarian market, logistics are an integral component of Alpinter’s operations. Transporting any good (with additional packaging) over large distances will negatively impact the carbon footprint of a product, and though this cannot realistically be nulled, Alpinter prioritises efficiency and arranges stock strategically to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. For delivery points in Europe, Alpinter was recently able to coordinate shipments by train.

Since 2025, the CO₂ emissions caused by transporting a given product via a certain method is listed in the in-house logistics software. This makes it possible for the Alpinter team to make more informed decisions.



Packaging

REDUCE MATERIALS

Removing superfluous packaging is an elementary method of improving a product's ecological footprint. To ensure further product viability, Alpinter tests whether changing or removing the packaging impacts the protection of the good. For example, with the Portable Water Containers, ingress of dust or other contaminants into the boxes was first tested for, to later confirm no additional single-use plastic bags are necessary and that these can be safely removed.

With other tests, Alpinter was able to determine that the single-use plastic bags on the Kitchen Sets do not provide added value in protecting the product, and they were subsequently removed. In 2024, the Shelter Tool Kit packaging was revised and all plastic packaging was removed or substituted. For safety reasons, only the plastic zip lock bags for the nails remained. A first production is ongoing.

For items such as the Kitchen Sets and Hygiene Kits, unbleached cardboard boxes are used.

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Packaging and Logistics

RECYCLED MATERIALS

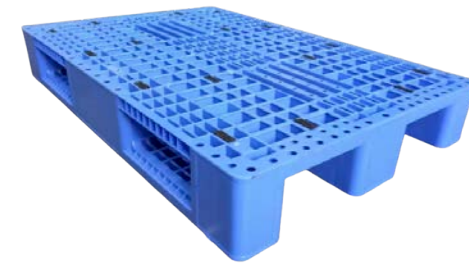
The plastic straps used for shipping pallets are made of 100% recycled PET.

REUSE MATERIALS

Production offcuts of PE material for the Blue Geodesic Family Tent and the Red Family Tent are repurposed to fabricate the bales in which the tents are packaged. The same thinking has been applied to the Tent Accessories bags - fabric cut-offs are used to create the packaging. This avoids using new material input streams to create packaging and reduces unnecessary production waste.

REUSABLE PACKAGING

For select projects, Alpinter has been able to deliver its goods in reusable packaging. For certain clients, this was simply a larger Xpert wooden box for easier repacking. For other larger projects, Alpinter was able to offer shipments with plastic pallets or plastic boxes with an integrated pallet foot. This cuts down on packaging resources long-term, and is additionally more practical for camps that are assembled, disassembled, and relocated frequently.



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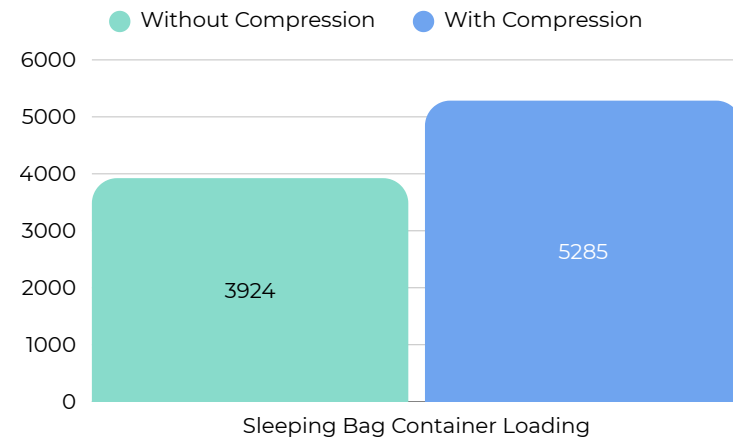
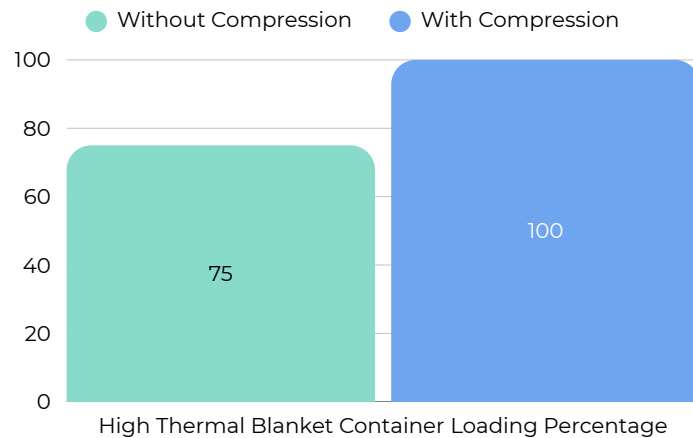
EFFICIENT PACKING

With efficient packing, loading rates are increased. This means the per item emissions caused through transportation decrease overall.

For the High Thermal Blankets, Alpinter researched improving packing compression. Findings demonstrated that the number of Blankets per bale could be increased from twelve to fifteen pieces. This represents a 25% loading

increase. By working transparently with partners, the proposal for this new packing was accepted and is now routine practice.

For Alpinter's Sleeping Bags, switching to vacuum sealed packaging and a slightly different box size, has allowed for a 35% increase in container loading. More products can be shipped at once, lowering total emissions, without compromising the quality of the product.



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Packaging and Logistics

Pallet Optimisation

CRI PALLET

Logistics is a large component of Alpinter’s daily operations. Many shipments are performed with sea cargo. Items are loaded onto pallets, these are stacked in standard shipping containers, and then loaded onto cargo ships. Maximising the amount of items per pallet, and the amount of pallets per container can reduce empty volume when shipping.

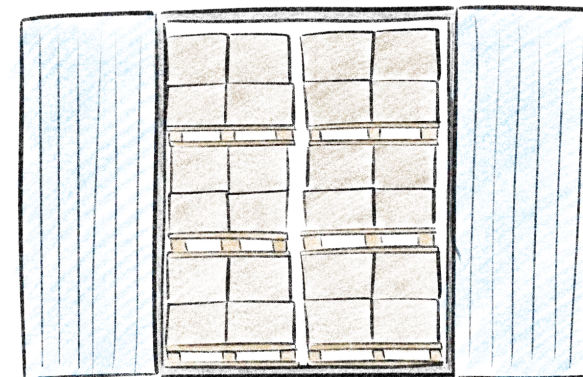
With sea cargo, 20 ft and 40 ft shipping containers are standard. The Euro-pallet (conventional universal shipping pallet) has a dimension of 80 x 120cm which does not allow the interior space of a shipping container to be used to its maximum potential. Alpinter developed the Core Relief Item (CRI) pallet, designed to optimise container loading rates. The CRI pallet is 75 x 117 cm which can increase container loading rates by up to 25%.

Alpinter is proud to see that CRI pallets have been accepted by major international humanitarian organisations. Increasing shipping efficiency is critical in minimising the carbon footprint of transporting relief items.

METAL STACKABLE PALLET

For heavy and bulky items, such as Family Tents, Winterisation Kits, and Shelter Tool Kits, Alpinter developed the Metal Stackable (MS) pallet. This pallet firstly allowed for easier handling and stacking, optimising loading rates. Secondly, as these MS pallets are more durable with heavy/bulky items and they can be reused for longer than their wood counterparts.

In 2024, the pallet of the BLUE tent was further optimised in size to increase the loading rate by 10% for 40 ft containers, and 7% for 20 ft containers.



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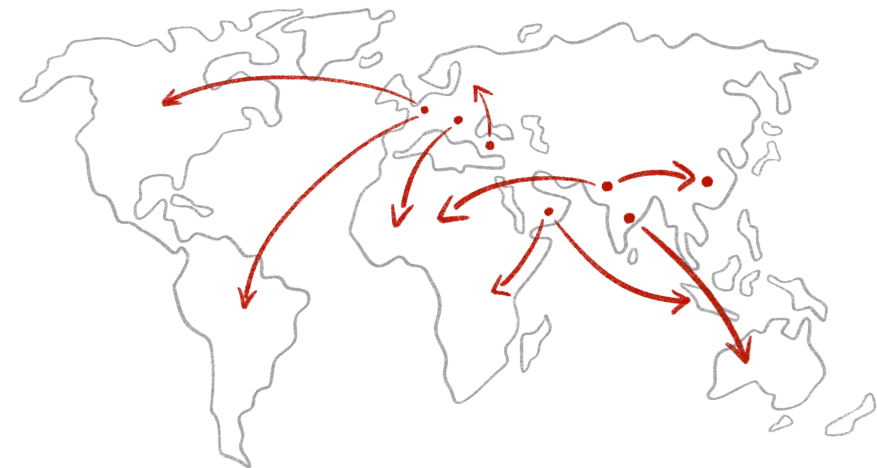
Packaging and Logistics

Strategic Stock Locations

To reduce shipping distances and travel time, Alpinter has opened warehouses in strategic locations (Belgium and the UAE). In addition to these company-owned warehouses, Alpinter collaborates with its suppliers to keep a certain stock at production locations (UAE, China, Pakistan).

If additional services are required for a good (e.g. kitting), Alpinter works to select local service providers from the standpoint of where the product is made. This reduces travel distances.

With its network, Alpinter can mobilise any of its core relief items within 24 hours. Direct shipments are dispatched where possible (from supplier stocks). Alpinter is currently working on the goal to make 50% of all deliveries, direct shipments.



Local Procurement

Alpinter, where possible, works with local suppliers so the production site is close to the shipping location.

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Economic Strategy

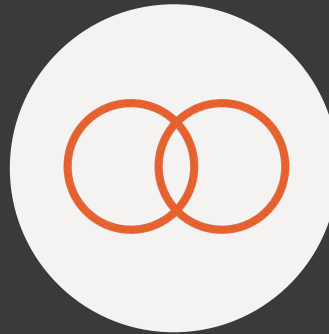
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Economic Strategy

Financially, Alpinter can invest in product and service innovation, and choose to work with like-minded partners and suppliers to support its environmental and social goals.



Company Efforts



Suppliers



Partnerships



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Company Efforts

Alpinter’s social and environmental initiatives are supported with its financial capabilities. Allocating a budget toward sustainability-driven projects, funds the time, energy, and resources needed to develop and execute them well. As part of encouraging responsible resource allocation and spending, Alpinter organised a finance training for employees, to inform on best practices.



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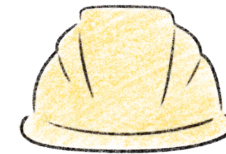
Suppliers

Alpinter closely supervises its suppliers to follow certain rules to ensure fair and safe working conditions in all supply chain steps.

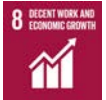
Fair Labour Practices

By prioritising suppliers with Ethical Labour Policies, Alpinter contributes to economic stability and social wellbeing. Adhering to fair labour practices, including reasonable working hours, fair wages, and safe working conditions are key points.

Alpinter encourages suppliers to have fixed employees and notifies opportunities for health and safety investments. For example, with one supplier Alpinter asked for the purchasing of a wrapping machine to speed up packaging time and contribute to greater worker safety.



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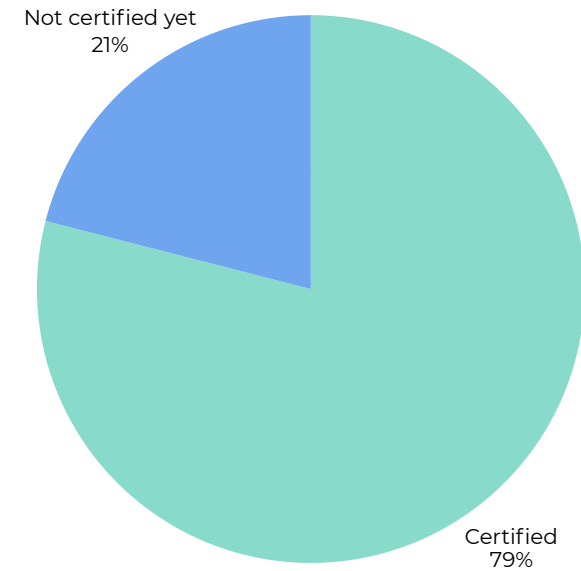
Risk Management

By diversifying Alpinter’s own supplier base and requesting the same from suppliers, Alpinter can continuously assess potential economic risks and safeguard against disruptions. This ensures the stability of the supply chain and the company's economic performance.

Compliance and Ethical Standards

For Alpinter, supplier requirements include adherence to ethical standards and legal compliance. These non-negotiable standards guarantee that economic transactions align with moral and legal frameworks cultivating a positive business environment.

Alpinter encourages suppliers to apply for the same certifications as it holds. By requesting planning and certification from suppliers, Alpinter has been able to increase the number of critical suppliers with ISO 14001 certification from 41% in 2023 to 79% in 2025.



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Partnerships

In all its activities, Alpinter assists its partners in making well-informed product purchases. To raise awareness about sustainability, related content is regularly posted on social media channels. In February 2024, Alpinter participated in the webinar series “Sustainability in Supply Chains: Bringing Suppliers on Board.”

Expert Guidance

Alpinter provides expert guidance to partners by leveraging its extensive experience and knowledge in the relief market.

Comprehensive Product Information

Providing educational resources and documentation empowers partners with a deeper understanding of the products available. This helps navigate product features, benefits, and potential applications more effectively. In 2025, Alpinter added eco labels to qualified products in its catalog for better consumer communication and understanding.



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Partnerships

Needs Assessment

Alpinter engages in a thorough needs assessment process with partners to understand the challenges and goals they aim to address through their product purchases. This allows for the identification of the most appropriate solution that aligns with the specific needs.



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Partnerships

Sustainability Considerations

Alpinter integrates sustainability into its product recommendations, guiding partners toward options that align with environmental and ethical considerations. This enables partners to make purchases that not only meet their immediate needs but also contribute to sustainable and responsible practices.

Taking the Thermal Blankets as an example, it is routine for Alpinter's Sales team to offer the sustainable product alternative even when the non-recycled version was initially inquired about. This procedure is part of Alpinter's engagement to clearly communicate innovation and inspire new standards.

Transport Methodologies

Though Alpinter is not, strictly speaking, a logistics service company, it is a fundamental task. If a product cannot reach its destination, then it cannot serve its purpose.

Since the beginning, Alpinter has built strong connections with transportation services so that, if the need arises, Alpinter can courteously and reliably arrange shipment to the final destination. From an ecological standpoint, sea cargo is less harmful. Alpinter therefore helps and advises its partners in making sea shipments as much as possible in all scenarios and under all deadlines.



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Collaborations

Alpinter deeply values its reputation as a pioneer in product development and optimization, and is proud to be considered a trusted partner in the joint search for more sustainable solutions. Alpinter takes responsibility to invest in research both internally and externally through collaborations.

Closed Loop Fashion

Together with Alpinter's production partner Nizam, Alpinter has engaged in a large-scale sustainability project, led by Closed Loop Fashion. The objective was to build knowledge and awareness about the circular economy, and identify more sustainable solutions in the production process of humanitarian Blankets, and Family Tents.

Shelterbox

Together with Shelterbox, a complete product portfolio analysis was conducted to investigate where single-use plastics can be removed. Based on the findings, packaging was subsequently eliminated where appropriate.



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Donations

In the past years, Alpinter has made various donations to projects and initiatives around the world. The largest donation went to a Belgian-French organisation supporting communities in the aftermath of the Türkiye Earthquake, and there is a running annual donation to the youth project Diospi Suyana in Peru.



Conclusion

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Closing Remarks

Throughout decades of operation, Alpinter's mission has remained unchanged and ever-relevant: to create a positive global impact through the development of reliable and efficient core relief solutions. Inseparable from this aim is the holistic approach to consider social, environmental, and financial aspects.

The landscape of the humanitarian market is changing as global dynamics shift, and the next few years are pivotal. This report is a valuable tool to measure, understand, and assess Alpinter's sustainability initiatives, both for itself and for its partners.

The sustainability strategies of Alpinter focus on investing in human capital to build social justice, reducing the ecological footprint of offices, products, their distribution, and lastly furthering innovation, and working with

suppliers or partners who share the same values. As outlined above, significant changes are already in place or are underway, to give the Recycled Portable Water Containers and recycled Family Tents as examples. Yet, opportunities to build global resilience are by no means exhausted. Alpinter will continue to work on meeting goals with persistent self-reflection and improvement.

Being forward-thinking and fast-acting is the very life and breath of Alpinter.

We are beyond excited to take on new challenges.



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