# Sustainability Initiatives



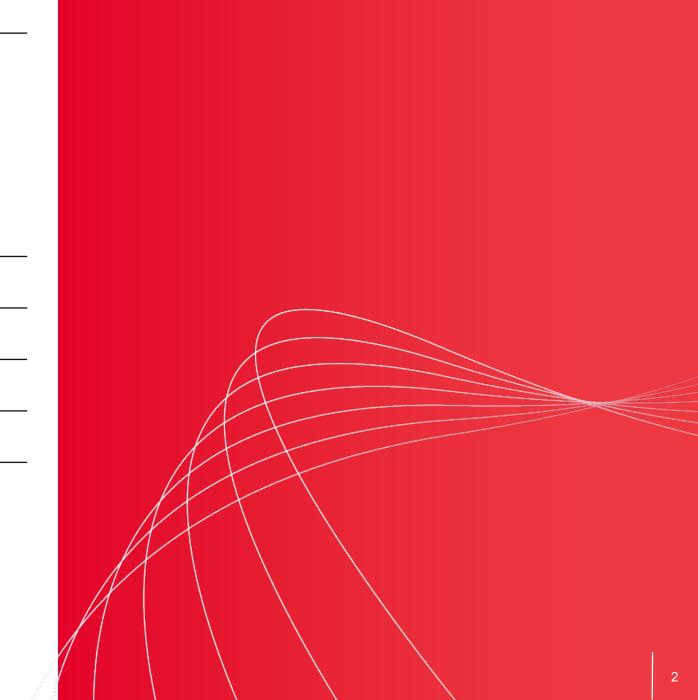
Green Manufacturing and Logistics





# Agenda

- 1 Plastic-free packaging
- 2 Plastics recycling
- 3 Eco-friendly paints
- 4 Green manufacturing
- 5 Remanufacturing: *Like New* program

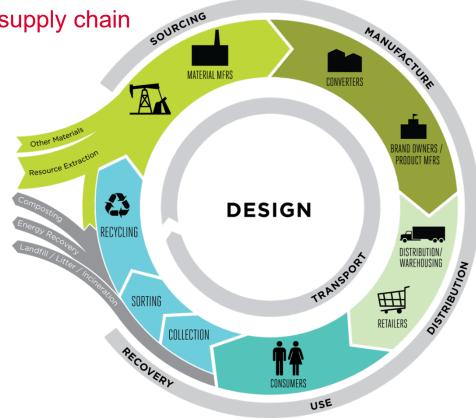


# UEI Sustainability program



UEI supports customers with sustainable initiatives throughout the supply chain

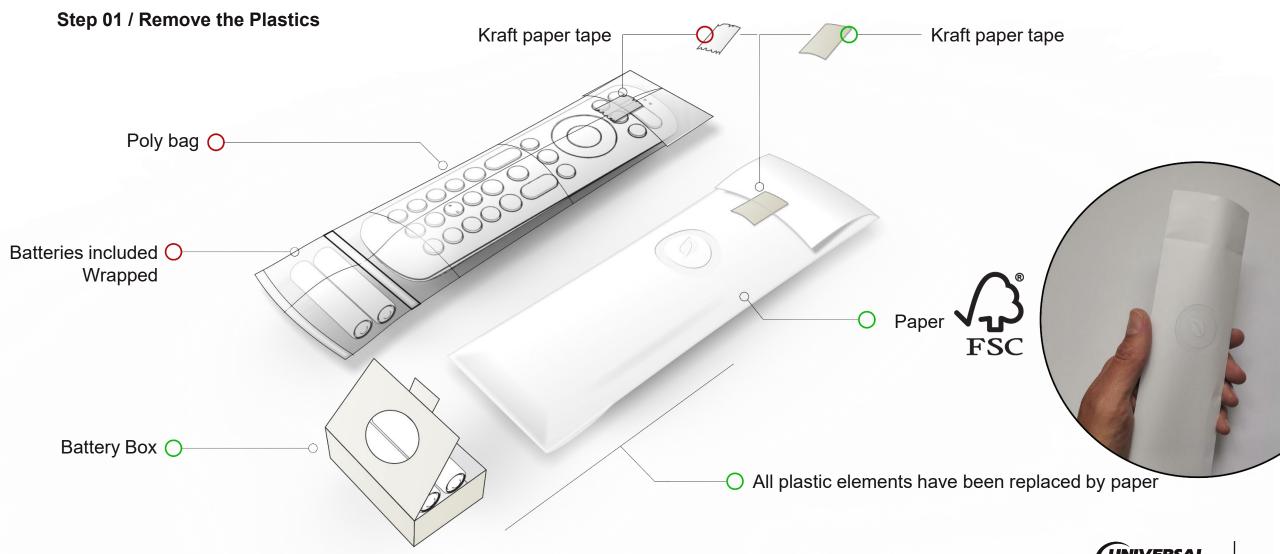
- Green by Design: UEI's R&D continually works towards more ecofriendly use of materials, including water-based paints and options for reuse of plastics.
- ZeroPlastic: UEI can deliver SUP-free packaging (free from Single-Use Plastics) and reduces use of plastics throughout the supply chain.
- Green initiatives: UEI offers to remanufacture remotes returned to operators by consumers: the *Like New* program. For Comcast, UEI has re-built 6.8 M XR11 and XR15 remotes since 2017.







## Protecting the remote / The Bag



#### PLASTIC FREE PACKAGING

## Protecting the remote / The Bag - Research

#### **Step 01 / Remove the Plastics**

	Performance (++ / +)	Perception (Green / Polluting)	Sustainability (++ / + / -)
Poly bag (PET)	++	Polluting	-
(01) White coated Paper bag	+	Green	++
(02) Bamboo bag (Bamboo fibre T0.12mm)	+	Green	++
(03) PLA + PBAT bag	+	Green	+
(04) Tea bag 26 gsm, 70% wood pulp, 30% food grade PP fibre	+	Green	+
Notes	Some dust and additional minor appearance imperfections to the product during shipping		Tea bag contains PP and therefore will not completely break down in a home composter, PLA_PBAT requires unique recyclable





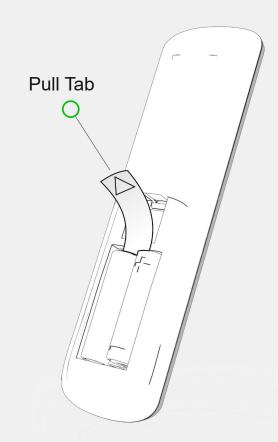




## Protecting the remote / Pull Tab Research

#### **Step 01 / Remove the Plastics**





## Protecting the remote / Pull Tab Research

#### **Step 01 / Remove the Plastics**

	Performance at room temperature	Performance in temperature & humidity testing	Electrical isolation
White 100 gsm coated paper	Low tensile strength	Humidity is an issue	Performance risk in temp. testing
Kraft paper	OK	Humidity is an issue	Performance risk in temp. testing
Vulcanized fish fibre paper	OK	Humidity is an issue	Performance risk in temp. testing
PLA Biodegradable sheet material	Research in progress	Research in progress	Research in progress
PET	OK	ОК	ок







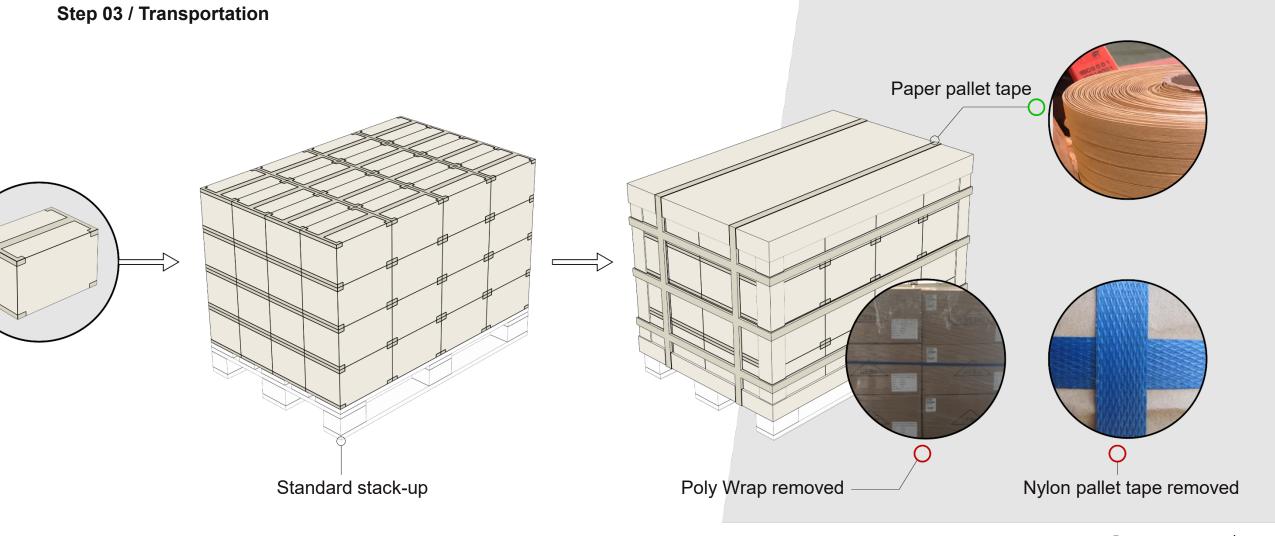




## Protecting the remote / The Box

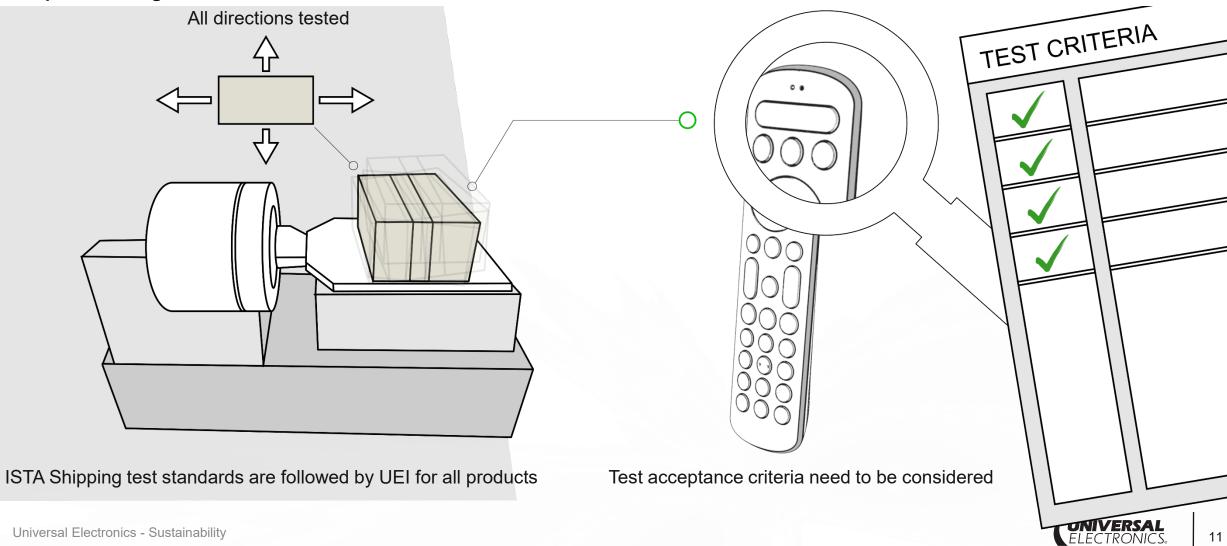
**Step 02 / The orientation** Separate battery boxes Paper bags Horizontal placement / Tested & Approved Paper tape No vertical placement

## Protecting the remote / The Pallets



## **Testing & Criteria**

#### Step 04 / Testing



## **Considerations / Protective Wrap**

#### Packaging / Alternatives



## Considerations / Design & Finishes

#### **Texture considerations**

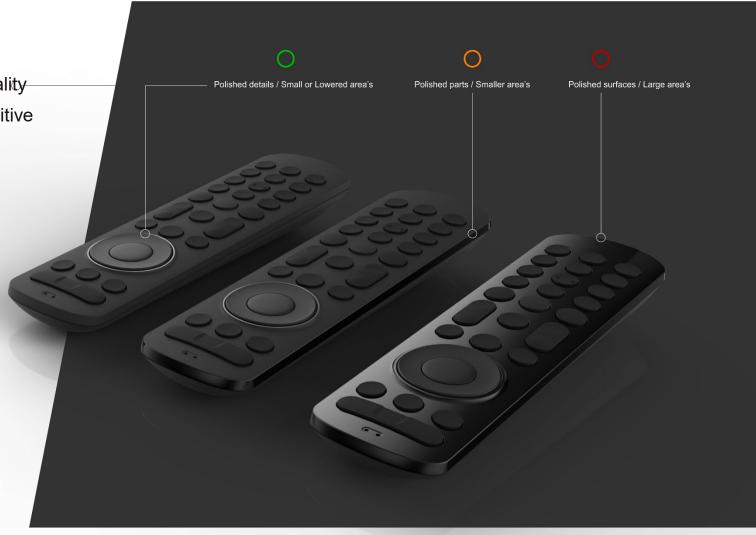
Textures will impact the perceived quality

Polished areas are more sensitive

 Increased texture coarseness will help to maintain appearance

Example / VDI3400 29-32





## Considerations / Design & Finishes



#### User satisfaction / A better World

# Perception of Millennials purchased at least one product of Americans respect brands that produce eco-friendly products and do not harm the environment



#### of Americans

would prefer to buy from a company that contributes to social or environmental improvements

www.belvg.com



IN PRACTICE

## Create a better living

The amount of PET (protective film & poly bag) used in 1 million units would cover 37,500 - 40,000 m<sup>2</sup> - Enough to cover more than 5 football (soccer) fields.

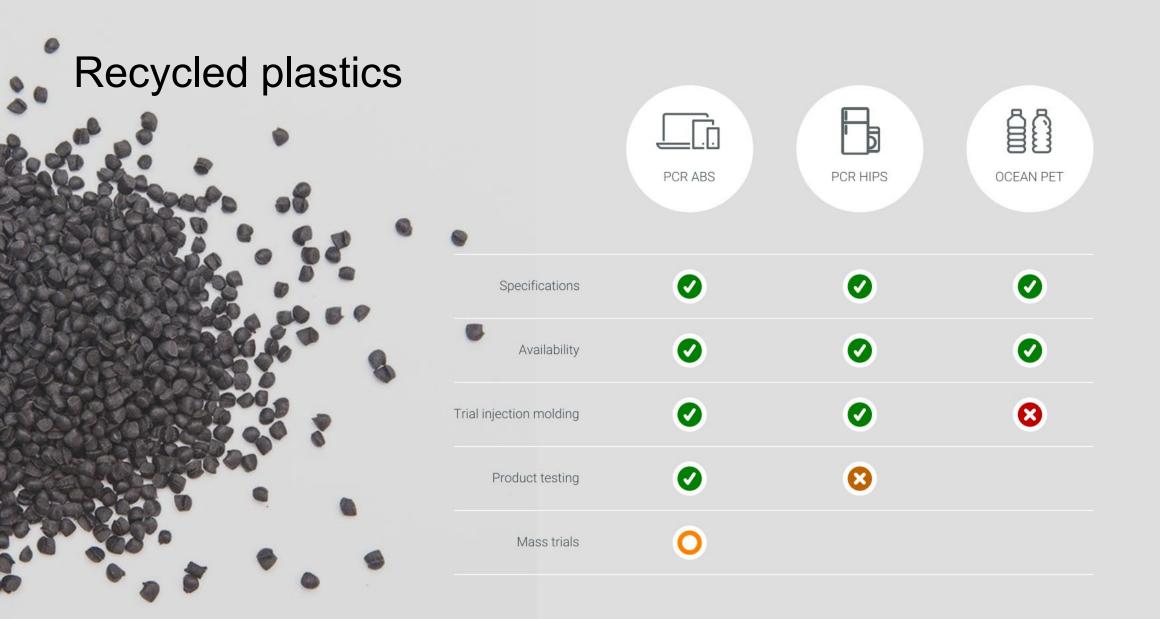














# Like New Re-manufacturing



#### RECYCLING OF REMOTE CONTROLS

## Like New program

- As of 2016, UEM has become our first site for re-manufacturing of remote controls that returned from the field due to churn with pay-TV service providers
- As lead development partner for many of the original RCUs, UEI
  was the ideal re-manufacturing partner to recycle field returns
  and create economic and ecologic value
- Expertise in efficient disassembly, inspection and cleaning, updating software, re-assembly and testing of RF and voice devices
- 100% original quality with full warranty on workmanship, cosmetics and functional performance
- As of 2021, UEM has processed over 15 million units of returned remotes for major U.S. service providers





15 Million "Like News"

#### RECYCLING OF REMOTE CONTROLS

## Like New program

Over 95% of the materials in used remote controls are recycled or reused

- ABS is ground and used in recycled molded plastics
- Silicon is ground and reused in products like playground mats
- PCBA is cleaned, tested, updated, and reused in new remotes
- Provides a "green" eco-friendly message/image

Purchase "Like New remotes" at a discounted price

- Reduce the ASP for remotes
- Like-New remotes carry a full warranty for wear and operation



Reducing Carbon Footprint





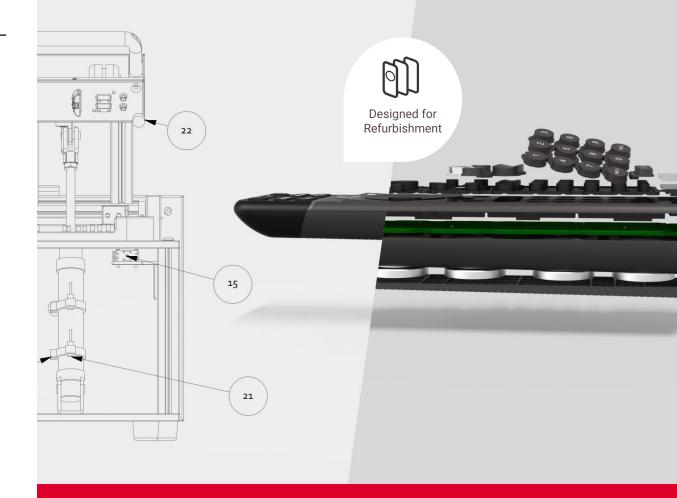
UEI sells the Like-New remotes back to customer at a reduced price. These warrantied remotes are used by customer in new installations



#### SUSTAINABILITIY - END OF LIFE RECYCLING

# Design for easy recycling or refurbishment

- Refurbishment centers can easily open appropriately designed UEI remotes as an easy first step in their clean and screen process.
- Since 2016 refurbishment centers have been purchasing UEI plastics for use in refurbished remote controls.
- Spare part purchasing quantities vary from part to part, showing that our patented technology is already helping customers reuse post consumer parts in refurbished products.
- This maximizes the length of time until UEIs customer parts become waste.
- Since 2016 UEI has been supplying customers with fixtures that aid both the end-of-life recycling and refurbishment process.



UEI's patented design for disassembly allows our customer to easily separate our remote control aiding simple EOL recycling.



Thank you!

