



# Environmental Statement



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## About Victory Blinds

At Victory we believe windows are the most important feature of every room. We also like to think of them as being the eyes to a home. The way a window is dressed not only says a great deal about personal style and taste, but also instantly creates a certain mood or atmosphere in each room. With the right curtains and blinds, a room can become instantly vibrant and contemporary, or conservative and traditional, the choices are endless.

At Victory we have Australia's biggest range of the highest quality curtains and blinds to choose from. Our commitment to customer satisfaction doesn't end at installation. In the unlikely event of an inherent product concern, Victory will replace or repair it (Conditions apply). Should any assistance, advice or maintenance be required over the lifetime of the curtains and blinds, a Victory consultant is available to assist.

Not only is Victory Blinds committed to excellent customer service and sourcing the best products, it is also dedicated to leaving a lighter footprint on the environment. Victory Blinds achieves this aim by providing energy-efficient, cost-effective, high quality, and low-maintenance products to its clients. Victory Blinds is dedicated to using resources responsibly and to helping to create healthier and more energy-efficient environments.

Victory Blinds window coverings are assessed by independent environmental organisation, ecospecifier, setting the benchmark for others to follow. A range of Victory Blinds's quality products has been tested and assessed to ensure they meet the highest industry environmental and sustainability standards both nationally and internationally. Victory Blinds's eco-assessed products not only contribute to the aesthetic of a building, they can also assist in the achievement of green building ratings.

We invite you to share in the Victory Blinds commitment to living and working sustainably and responsibly.

## Victory Blinds Environmental products

The range of Victory Blinds products have been fully assessed by independent Australian organization ecospecifier and have achieved the highest rating possible within the ecospecifier criteria. The following products have been assessed and have earned the ecospecifier Enhanced Content Plus Green Stars (ECG) rating:

- o Euroscreen, Metalo and Channel
- o Eloquent (Blockout) and Zing
- o Madison (Blockout) and Eloquent (Translucent)

All of the eco-assessed products are very low VOC. VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds) are emitted as gases from certain solids or liquids. These include a variety of chemicals that may have short or long term adverse health effects. Victory Blinds is committed to producing low VOC products that in turn help create better living and working spaces.

In addition to achieving the highest possible eco rating from ecospecifier, the Victory Blinds fabric ranges also meet the requirements set out by the international Okeo-Tex 100 certification.



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### Euroscreen, Metalo and Chanell products - Trevira CS Fabrics

The Victory Blinds Trevira CS Fabrics (Euroscreen, Chanell and Metalo) range of polyester window coverings is recognised as being very low VOC.

The Victory Blinds Trevira CS fabrics (Euroscreen, Chanell and Metalo) range is:

- o free of any chemical coatings.
- o finished using a special heating process, no chemicals are applied, giving each fabric its own unique quality and feel.
- o made with yarn that is specifically constructed for use in roller blinds.
- o PVC free.

Victory Blinds Euroscreen, Metalo and Chanell Trevira CS fabrics are twice the weight of other Trevira CS fabrics in the marketplace, respectively. The benefit of this specifically constructed fabric property is that it hangs consistently flat and stable, compared to a lighter weighted fabric, essential for use on large window systems.

The construction of the Victory Blinds Trevira CS fabric, with its weight and density, gives it exceptional solar properties and makes it perfectly equipped for the purpose of roller blinds, panel glides and roman blind systems. A large range of colours in all of the Victory Blinds Trevira CS ranges achieves excellent solar properties for both metallised and non-metallised fabrics.

Energy efficiency: Trevira CS fabrics reduce heat and glare internally in summer and provide heat insulation in winter. This allows for a significant reduction in the need for air-conditioning, and reduces electricity consumption and greenhouse gases.

VOC emissions: This is a very low VOC product (below 0.5mg/m<sup>2</sup>). The product is 100% polyester with no use of PVC.

Green Star Criteria: A selection of fabrics within the Trevira CS range meets the Green Star requirements for daylight glare control (these must have a visual light transmittance (VLT) of less than 10%). As there is no PVC used in the Trevira CS ranges, the fabrics meet any requirements for PVC minimisation in the design and fit-out of a building.

Trevira CS Fabrics can effectively contribute to the energy efficiency and improvements of a building.

Reusability: This product has been designed for disassembly with all components able to be stripped from the blind. The product is reusable and recyclable. Victory Blinds encourages the reuse of the fabrics for things such as car interior protectors and outdoor furniture covers.

### Eloquent Blockout and Zing Blockout

The Eloquent Blockout and Zing Blockout fabric ranges are made from 100% polyester with acrylic backing.

Energy efficiency: The Eloquent Blockout and Zing Blockout fabric ranges effectively contribute to a reduction in heat and glare internally and assist in reducing the need for air conditioning. As a result these fabrics significantly reduce electricity consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

VOC emissions : This is a low VOC product as it is 100% polyester with no use of PVC.



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Green Star Criteria: All of the fabrics within the Eloquent Blockout and Zing Blockout ranges meet the Green Star requirements for daylight glare control. These requirements state the product must have a visual light transmittance (VLT) of less than 10%. All of the fabrics within these ranges have a 0% VLT.

As there is no PVC used in the Eloquent Blockout and Zing ranges, the fabrics meet any requirements for PVC minimisation in design and fit-out of a building.

Eloquent Blockout and Zing Blockout fabrics can effectively contribute to the energy efficiency and improvements of a building.

Reusability: This product range is reusable. Victory Blinds encourages its customers to reuse the fabrics for things such as car interior protectors and outdoor furniture covers.

### Eloquent Translucent and Madison Blockout

The Eloquent Translucent and Madison Blockout fabric ranges are made from 100% polyester.

Energy efficiency: The Eloquent Translucent and Madison Blockout fabric ranges effectively contribute to a reduction in heat and glare internally and assist in reducing the need for air conditioning. As a result these fabrics significantly reduce electricity consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

VOC emissions: This is a low VOC product as it is 100% polyester with no use of PVC.

Green Star Criteria: All of the Madison Blockout range and a selection of the Eloquent Translucent range meet the Green Star requirements for daylight glare control. These requirements state the product must have a visual light transmittance (VLT) of less than 10%. All of the Madison Blockout fabrics have a 0% VLT.

As there is no PVC used in the Eloquent Translucent and Madison Blockout fabric ranges, the fabrics meet any requirements for PVC minimisation in design and fit-out of a building.

Eloquent Translucent and Madison Blockout fabrics can effectively contribute to the energy efficiency and improvements of a building.

Reusability: This product range is reusable. Victory Blinds encourages its customers to reuse the fabrics for things such as car interior protectors and outdoor furniture covers.

## Energy Efficiency

The choice of window coverings can have a significant effect on the energy efficiency and improvements within a building whether commercial or residential. The process and materials used to produce the window coverings can also have a positive or negative impact on the greater environment.

Victory Blinds is committed to assisting its clients in creating healthier working and living environments through its choice of materials and manufacturing processes.

Specification of the right Victory Blinds product can significantly reduce heat and glare in internal spaces and help reduce the need for air conditioning in summer and heating in winter. In turn Victory Blinds window coverings can help to reduce a building's energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.



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## Environmental Certification of suppliers

Please refer to the attached certificates covering supplier certification.

### Green Buildings

Green Star™, developed by the Green Building Council of Australia, is an effective design and operational assessment tool for commercial building. The Green Star program has a number of assessments and ratings to monitor the energy efficiency and environmental impact of a building.

All of the Victory Blinds green star products meet specific Green Star criteria and can assist in achieving Green Star credit points for a building. These include:

IEQ-4 Daylight Glare Control : The use of appropriate Eloquent, Madison, Zing, Euroscreen, Chanell and Metalo (Trevira CS) fabrics can contribute to the achievement of one credit point.

IEQ-5 Daylight Glare Control: The use of appropriate Eloquent, Madison, Zing, Euroscreen, Chanell or Metalo (Trevira CS) fabrics can contribute to the achievement of one credit point.

Ene-1 Energy Efficiency: The use of appropriate Eloquent, Madison, Zing, Euroscreen, Chanell or Metalo (Trevira CS) fabrics can assist in the reduction of a building's energy consumption.

Ene-2 Energy Improvements: The use of appropriate Eloquent, Madison, Zing, Euroscreen, Chanell or Metalo (Trevira CS) fabrics can contribute to reduced energy consumption.

### Creating Healthier Environments

Energy efficient and environmentally-friendly Victory Blinds products can assist in creating healthier work, living and recreational environments in a number of ways:

- o Reduction of energy consumption and greenhouse gases by producing products that make buildings more energy efficient.
- o Reducing impacts on habitat and land by making its products recyclable and reusable and reducing the use of PVC.
- o Reducing adverse impacts on human health through PVC-free products with very low VOC emissions.
- o Reducing pollution to the environment through use of low VOC materials with reduced smog-forming potential.

### Recyclable and Reusable

A number of Victory Blinds products are reusable and can be recycled. The blind systems for example, are designed for disassembly with all of the components able to be stripped from the blind for other uses.

The Trevira CS Fabrics used in the Victory Blinds ranges are not blended with any other class of chemical, allowing the fabrics to be successfully recycled.

Victory Blinds encourages its clients to reuse products wherever possible; suggesting uses such as car interior protection or outdoor furniture covers.



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## Environmentally-friendly Materials

The Victory Blinds Trevira CS Fabrics ranges (Euroscreen, Chanell and Metalo) along with Eloquent, Zing and Madison fabric ranges are all made from 100% polyester with no use of PVC. With many green building-rating programs requiring the reduction of PVC-use within the building process, Victory Blinds products can have a positive impact on a building's green rating.

The use of polyester instead of PVC means that these Victory Blinds products reduce negative impacts on human health and on the environment due to their low VOC emissions.

## Victory Blinds Internal Company green policy

Victory Blinds is serious about its commitment to the environment and continues its green efforts beyond the products it manufactures.

Victory Blinds recycles:

- o Paper
- o Metal off-cuts
- o Packaging received from suppliers

Victory Blinds uses:

- o Recycled paper in printed order forms
- o Recycles all printer cartridges

The company is constantly looking for ways to expand its green policy to achieve its aim of leaving a lighter footprint on the earth and helping its clients to do the same.



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**Products:** Trevira cs Fabrics  
**Valid:** Valid to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2008

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  - they need to exhibit one or more eco or health preferable characteristic compared to other products in their category; or
  - be a member of a product category that is in itself an eco or health preferred category; and
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Eloquent (Blockout) & Zing Fabrics

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CERTIFICATE

**Deutsche Zertifizierungsstelle Öko-Tex**  
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is granted authorization according to Oeko-Tex Standard 100 to use the  
Oeko-Tex mark, based on our **test report S06-0324**



for the following articles:

**VEROSAFE (100% polyester type Trevira CS), VEROFLEX & CLASSIC made of acrylat-coated polyester fabric, VEROGLIM made of 100% polyester, one-side aluminized, VEROFASHION, sun protection made of 100% polyester, as vertical blinds, roller fabrics, pleated blinds for the interior sun and blind protection.**

The results of the inspection made according to Oeko-Tex Standard 100, **product class IV** have shown that the above mentioned goods meet the human-ecological requirements of the standard presently established for decoration material and mattresses.

The certified articles fulfil the requirements of the existing European legislation regarding the use of azo-dyes.

The holder of the certificate, who has issued a conformity declaration according to EN 45 014, is under an obligation to use the Oeko-Tex mark only in conjunction with products that conform with the sample initially tested.

Eschborn, 28.08.2006

**This authorisation is valid until 31.08.2007**



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## Perfectly equipped

*{ The arguments for flame retardant Trevira CS fabrics }*

- Wide selection of product offering many possible applications: drapes, nets, bedding fabrics, roller and vertical blinds, awnings, room dividers, upholstery fabrics, wall coverings
- Innovative products through continuous development of Trevira fibres and filament types
- Easy care, low-crease and dimensionally stable
- Short wash cycles at low temperatures, saving water, detergent and energy
- Withstands all methods of disinfection
- High colour brilliance and fastness to light
- High abrasion resistance
- Extremely comfortable for upholstered seating due to excellent breathability
- Flame retardant Trevira fibres and filament yarns are free from toxic substances (certification to Oeko-Tex Standard 100) and are anti-allergenic
- No decay or mould
- Permanent flame retardancy achieved by chemical modification of the polyester molecule is not lost as a result of use, washing or ageing
- Permanently flame retardant without the use of additional finishes
- No after-glow, very low emission of fumes in the event of fire
- Safety based on testing and approval of trademarks
- Satisfies all the relevant and important international fire protection standards: e.g. DIN 4102 Part 1/B1; ÖNORM 3820/B1, SNV 198898/V; NF P 92501-7/M1; BS 5867, Part 2 Type C; UNI VF 8456/I; UNE 23721-27/M1 and EN 1021 Parts 1 + 2
- Backed up by general test certification
- Continuous trademark monitoring by Trevira ensures high quality products
- Ideal for use in the private sector as well as in contract business



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