The Akebono Group has a shared Environmental Declaration and Basic Environmental Policies that govern its efforts to reduce the environmental impact of its business activities and promote development of environmentally considerate products.

## **Basic Policy and Structure**

The Environmental Declaration and Basic Environmental Policies that were formulated in 2001 will be shared throughout the Group, and we will continue to undertake

environmental preservation activities led by the Global Environment Committee.

## **Environmental Declaration**

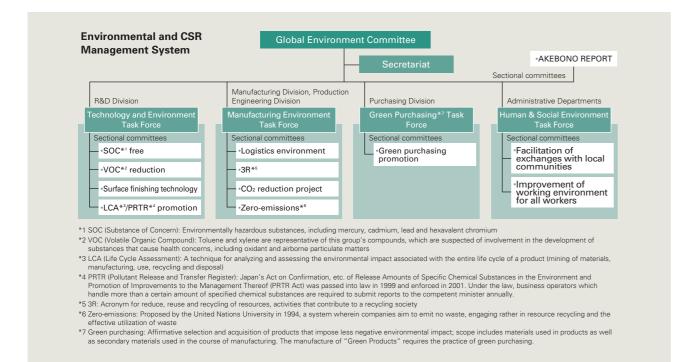
Based on our Corporate Mission and Declaration for the 21st Century, we will continue to create new value in the new millennium, contributing to both the Company and the environment. As a global corporate citizen, we will also strive to protect the environment on a global scale and implement ongoing voluntary activities aimed at creating a safe, vibrant society that co-exists in harmony with the environment.

Established 2001

## **Basic Environmental Policies**

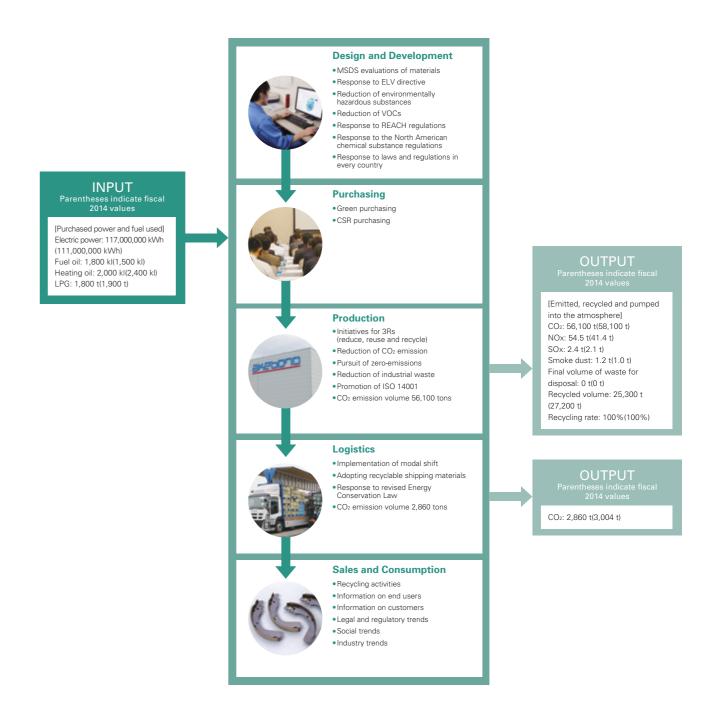
- From the early development and design stages, we will actively pursue initiatives that give consideration to both safety and the environment. We will promote the development of technologies and products that minimize environmental impact.
- Each and every associate will make ongoing efforts to reduce environmental impact and promote an eco-friendly society by conserving energy and resources, recycling and reducing waste.
- In addition to complying with environmental laws, regulations and agreements, we will endeavor to enhance our environmental management by establishing voluntary management standards both in Japan and overseas.
- 4. We will actively disclose information to increase understanding of our environmental initiatives and encourage positive relationships with communities with the aim of creating a better living environment.

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## Environment | Product Life Cycles and Environmental Impact Mass Balance

We will work to reduce environmental impacts at every stage in the product life cycle, from design and development through to recovery and recycling.



- \* Mass balance is a quantitative balance that represents the balance of resources consumed and waste emitted (including gas, smoke dust, etc.) during the entire life cycle of a given material, from generation through use, emission, recovery, recycling and re-use after recycling to final disposal.
- \* Values for NOx, SOx and smoke dust represent total emission volumes from facilities subject to regulations
- \* Scope of calculation covers operations in Yamagata, Fukushima, Tatebayashi, Iwatsuki and Sanyo
- \* REACH: Registration, Evaluation Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals

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