

Instructions on reuse for the WEEE collection points

In order to promote reuse, these instructions have to be adhered to at the collection or other reception points where there is an agreement to separate waste electronic and electric equipment to be channelled for reuse. These instructions are general instructions. More specific instructions will be agreed upon between the operator and the society of producers and the instructions in question can be updated in a fashion mutually accepted by the parties.

Separating the WEEE equipment suited for reuse

All equipment and parts for which there can be assumed to be a demand on the market even second-hand is suited for reuse. Newer and externally intact equipment may especially be suited for reuse.

Equipment and parts suited for reuse have to be separated from the materials flow. The equipment has to be handled and stored in such a way that it is not damaged.

At for example collection points with only a small volume, the WEEE equipment suited for reuse is not separated at the collection point but only at the pre-treatment point.

Instructions for selection by equipment category

These instructions are general instructions for the selection of WEEE equipment that might be reused.

General matters (concerns all of the equipment categories mentioned below):

1. Equipment for reuse has to be reasonably new
2. The equipment is not to have visible damage
3. The equipment can not have a damaged frame (warped etc.)
4. The equipment must not have been in outdoor storage after it has been removed from use
5. The protective shield/cover of the equipment is not to be inadequately attached.

1. Large and small household appliances

Refrigerators, freezers and combined fridge-freezers

No internal refrigerant leaks

(evaporator, condenser, radiator pipe for the front edge)

No compressor faults

Washing machines

Sufficient spinning speed

The basin and the drum have to be intact

No program mechanism, motor or electronic fault or any related problems

Dish washing machines

The water jacket has to be intact

No program mechanism, motor or electronic fault or any related problems

Dryers

The drum has to be intact

No program mechanism, motor or electronic fault or any related problems.

Kitchen stoves, cook tops and ovens

No electronic fault or any related problems

No damage to the enamel in the oven (safety risk)

Ceramic cook-tops have to be in order

Small appliances (vacuum cleaners, microwaves, coffee makers etc.)

No electronic fault (problem)

2. Consumer electronics and information technology

TV sets and monitors

The screen has to be mechanically intact

Computers

Data security has to be ensured

3. Other equipment categories and parts

When it comes to the other equipment categories, the general rule to be adhered to is that equipment and parts that can be assumed to have a market demand also second-hand will be directed for reuse. Attention is to be paid to the age and external condition of the equipment and parts.

Even if the equipment as a whole would not fulfil the criteria for reuse, it might still have parts suited for reuse, and these can then be directed to reuse.

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