

## Environmental Communications

### Current Activities

In order to further gain the trust of society through business expansion focusing on environmental conservation, it is important that we be active in information disclosure on environmental issues ourselves, and in keeping society informed of our activities. This leads to enhanced communication

between society and NGK. Additionally, it is important for us as a good corporate citizen to achieve further communications with a wide range of generations, and we believe that this leads to protection of the environment.

### Participation via the Environmental and Social Responsibility Report Reader's Questionnaire

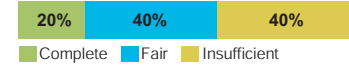
In response to the questionnaire provided with the 2004 Environmental & Social Responsibility Report, we received some comments from outside the Company. We received invaluable comments such as praise for the ease-of-understanding of our activities, and that the lack of numerical values for corporate responsibility made understanding levels of achievement difficult. We value such comments in our business activities, and look forward to additional comments and suggestions.

#### Top 5 Items

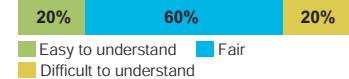
- Environmentally Conscious Technologies and Products
- Overall Perspective of Environmental Impact
- CO<sub>2</sub> Emission Reductions
- Recycling of By-products
- Activities in Each Business Group

#### Disclosure

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##### Readability



##### Amount of information



### Information Disclosure on the NGK Web Site

With NGK's corporate web site, we provide the most up-to-date information, as well as details from the Environmental Reports and Environmental & Social Responsibility Reports. We have also made a large amount of information regarding the environment and our environmental conservation activities available to the general public. We are working to further increase our level of disclosure and provide even more information beyond what is covered in the report.



The NGK Environmental Activities Web Site  
<http://www.ngk.co.jp/english/eco/index.html>

### Participation in Re-STEP

In July 2004, we started to participate in the Reciprocal Study System for Environmental Promotion (Re-STEP). Participating companies that are involved in environmental management activities can engage in mutual tours of facilities and exchanges of views on environmental activities. Through these interactions among companies, the system aims to upgrade overall level of environmental activities. NGK has registered the Nagoya and Komaki plants. In 2004, there were two tours of our plants, and NGK participated in three tours of other companies' plants. In the future, we will continue to participate in this system as a means to revitalize our environmental activities.

### Participation in the Environmental Partnership Organizing Club

The Environmental Partnership Organizing Club (EPOC) was established in February 2000 by a diverse group of corporations in the Chubu area of Japan with the objective of working toward a recycling-based society. The promotion of communication among differing industries, which is themed around environmental issues and aimed at reducing the impact on the

environment, is very important for manufacturers in the Chubu area.

NGK is an active member of EPOC, and as its vice chairman from 2004, NGK President Matsushita has been promoting overseas exchanges, and educational activities.

### Awards Received

Date	Award	Granted for	Sponsor
April	The 36th Ichimura Prize in Industry - Contribution Prize	NAS <sup>®</sup> battery	New Technology Development Foundation
June	Technical Prize	Cordierite DPF	Catalyst Manufacturers Association
June	Horikawa Grand Prize	Horikawa Water Quality Survey	Nagoya Lions Club
February	Award for Excellence in the Implementation of Energy Saving Measures	Chita Business Group Energy Conservation Activities	The Energy Conservation Center

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