

GREEN OFFICE

Wood as a natural resource is known, technology made of wood however is not. Along with eco toys, the mail order company Vireo also offers a computer mouse and the corresponding keyboard made of solid bamboo wood. From a functional point of view, the green technology is identical to any other technology. The difference lies in the anti-sweat coating for sweaty hands and in the fact that the equipment is both compostable and recyclable. In the case of these products, attention must be paid that they are CO₂-friendly and are made of regenerative materials. vireo-store.de



SUSTAINABLE HOCKENHEIMER

Design has a huge influence on the range of products and therefore also on their usefulness, resources, and worth. The Graz-based company kwirl offers a platform for sustainable design. All products on offer – regardless of whether design objects, gifts, or souvenirs – are manufactured under fair social and ecological aspects. For instance, the “Hockenheimer” is an ingenious, automatically growing storage system for magazines. The stool frame is made of the finest birch wood and is manufactured, waxed, and brushed in an adolescent-run workshop. kwirl.at

WATER BIKE

Take a cycle on the water; that is what the technology company BionX from Weiz thought. They used the drive technology of the electric bicycle in a catamaran. The WaterPedelec is the first of its type in the entire world. It has a length of approx. 3.5 m, a width of 2 m, and is intended for two people. The „cyclist“ can choose whether he wants to start the electric motor or whether he wants to journey under his own steam by means of the pedals. The electric support offers four levels and reaches a maximum speed of five knots. bionxinternational.com



SMART GREENIES

Owners of smartphones now cannot only use their phone to communicate, but also to live in a more ecological way. So-called green apps are becoming more popular and many of these manage to establish themselves in the long run. To begin with, location-based apps use the position of the user to provide the user with personalised information, like showing him where the next organic shop is to be found. Other apps show climate-friendly food and as a result can also protect endangered animal species, for example. ecolibris.net/greenapps.asp



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