Single Use Camera Recycle

Kodak has significantly contributed to the world's recycling program. Since 1990, over 1.5 billion single use cameras have been recycled. Compared to the recycling rate of Major Appliances (55%), office paper (55%), and plastic beverage containers (25%), Kodak’s single use cameras have an extremely high recycle rate. The rate was 84% in 2008! Today, this recycle rate is even higher.

When a single use camera is used up, consumers drop off their camera to a person called a photofinisher. These photofinishers collect the used cameras and return them to the collection center. Here the used cameras will be divided and sent back to their original factory. In the factory, all the functional internal parts will be developed and put into new single use cameras. That means if you bought a single use camera from Kodak, your camera now consists of 84% reused internal parts. In general, the average Kodak single use camera body is recycled more than three times.

In addition, most of the silver material in the single use camera such as the silver flake from the electrolytic recovery units and silver-rich sludge’s will be recycled. The packing of the camera including the plastic casing will be recycled as well.

Reference: