



UNICOR Office Furniture Group
Creating the Right
ENVIRONMENT
for your Office





Our Commitment

The Office Furniture Group and UNICOR have a firm commitment and pledge to strive to develop sustainable business practices. We are continuing to develop strategies and products that move toward sound environmental programs and enhance the value being offered to our customers and business partners.

We are dedicated to continuing to help our customers achieve their goals of promoting healthful office surroundings and environmental stewardship.

OFG Green Initiatives

From supplier selection and product design to manufacturing processes and distribution, the Office Furniture Group integrates environmental sustainability in every aspect of our operations.

Respect for the environment is a mandate we follow on a day-to-day basis and is an integral part of the way we do business. For many years, OFG has provided customers with environmentally sound products ensuring safe, healthy and productive office surroundings.

Environmental stewardship and our emphasis on using safe, recycled content for our products, is not only a sound business practice but the right thing to do—for our customers, workers, communities and the nation.

Lifecycle Planning

OFG's environmental program spans the lifecycle of our products:

- Selecting suppliers based on the strength of their environmental processes and programs.
- Designing and implementing environmentally sound, energy-efficient production systems.
- Minimizing waste and find uses for materials left over from the production process.

- Capturing and reusing oils for lubricating parts and minimizing the use of hazardous materials.
- Using electric forklifts, ventilation and other safeguards to provide healthy manufacturing environment for workers.
- Transportation partners using biodiesel fuel across the U.S.

Leading-Edge Facilities and Processes

Our products are manufactured in leading-edge, nationwide, safe, clean and efficient facilities with ISO 9001 certification.

An integral part of our manufacturing process is the use of water-based glues and finishes exclusively which help limit VOCs from our processes and the potential for off-gassing in office surroundings.





OFG's commitment to environmental sustainability extends to recycling materials left over from the manufacturing process. For example, extra lumber is used for firewood in the federal park system or ground into wood chips for landscaping.

Products that Meet Environmental Standards

We are committed to helping to create a natural and sustainable environment including minimizing the environmental impact of our products.

OFG's seating, casegoods and systems furniture products are in full compliance with the low-emitting furniture standards of BIFMA and the U.S. Green Building Council.

Seating

- Many seating fabrics include 100% recycled materials.
- Foam cushioning and plastics in seating lines are 100% recyclable.

Case Goods

- All wood from case goods are from renewable sources.
- No wood from rain forests or virgin forests are used in our products.
- Majority of lumber suppliers are Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified.
- Laminates contain 20% post-industrial recycled material.
- Baritone, Concerto and Symphony lines are 100% recyclable.

Systems Furniture

- Polyester fabric is 100% recycled.
- Steel components have 75-85% recycled content.
- All metal systems components are 100% recyclable.

GREENGUARD Certification

The GREENGUARD Environmental Institute (GEI) has awarded GREENGUARD Certification for low emitting products to the Office Furniture Group's leading group of products. Products with GREENGUARD Certification must pass a series of rigorous emissions tests and undergo quarterly monitoring tests to ensure their low emitting status.



The furniture tested and certified by GEI was found to have low chemical emissions that are GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certified .

Manufacturing Processes Mandate:

Water-based finishes and glues—All OFG furniture finishes and glues are environmentally safe and water-based, a statement few in the office furniture industry can make.

Our finishes are durable, look new for years, and meet or exceed the durability standards of Federal Specification TT-L57-C for water-based coatings.

Powder-coated metals—OFG maximizes the use of powder-coated components. This process provides a more durable, attractive finish; does not produce harmful fumes during manufacturing; and allows excess powder to be captured and reused.

Efficient lighting—Our lighting products produce less heat, use less energy and are safer for the environment. We converted the bulbs in our lighting products from using magnetic to electronic ballasts in 1992, prior to EPA requirements for this change.



Recycled and recyclable content—UNICOR’s emphasis on using high levels of recycled content in our office furniture products conserves natural resources and diverts them from the solid waste stream. It also extends the lives of resources already in circulation, such as aluminum, steel, plastics, wood and fiber.

Vendor selection—Our vendors are selected based on their records of environmental stewardship. We pay particular attention to the recycled content used by our fabric suppliers as well as the low-emission standards and biodiesel fuel used by our transportation partners.

All of our vendors and partners are North American, so that materials we use in manufacturing our office

furniture products are produced under the strict environmental and safety standards that many other countries do not have.

UNICOR’s Environmental Record

OFG and UNICOR’s other product groups have kept more than 32.5 million tons from America’s landfills.

UNICOR is proud of its long-standing record of successful and impactful environmental programs. UNICOR has recycled 185 million pounds of computers and other electronic equipment, conserving resources and keeping potentially hazardous waste out of America’s landfills.

UNICOR Recycles and Renews Lives

While UNICOR is a self-funded, self-supporting government corporation with the same

profit-and-loss issues as other companies, we also have a vital role in society—we recycle and renew lives. By providing valuable real-world job skills, training and career counseling, UNICOR assists federal inmates to transition to law-abiding citizenship at the end of their sentences. Many inmates employed by UNICOR’s program have gone on to become productive citizens and support their families, saving taxpayers money and benefiting society.

A Brighter Future

UNICOR is committed to supporting the letter and spirit of federal EPA and other environmental standards. Our goal is to continue providing federal inmates with a fresh start toward a brighter future, while helping safeguard the environment for this and succeeding generations of Americans.



Working together to make a difference!

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