

GREENGUARD CERTIFIED



PEOPLE SPEND ALMOST 90% OF THEIR TIME INDOORS, WHERE AIR CAN BE UP TO 5 TIMES MORE POLLUTED THAN OUTDOOR AIR.

The indoor products we are surrounded by can release thousands of potentially harmful chemicals. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are emitted as gasses from certain solids or liquids. Once airborne, VOCs can easily be inhaled by building occupants. Poor indoor air quality can trigger a number of health problems, including asthma and allergy attacks, headaches and flu-like symptoms.

When a product bears the GREENGUARD Gold Certification it signifies that it is designed for indoor spaces in such a way that it meets strict chemical emission limits. These products have backing from UL Environment, a business unit of UL (Underwriters Laboratories), based on empirical scientific data. The idea is to produce healthier interiors free from harmful emissions. The GREENGUARD Gold standard includes health based criteria for additional chemicals and also requires lower total VOC emissions levels to ensure that products are acceptable for use in environments such as schools and healthcare facilities.

Winsted achieved the worldwide GREENGUARD Gold Certification by submitting their product lines to U.L. for precise testing procedures. Some of the tested components include: substrate materials, PVA glues, plastic laminates, powder coated baked enamel finishes on aluminum, and steel components. Winsted's international manufacturing practices and finished products complied with the organization's comprehensive standards for low emissions of VOCs, which helps everyone breathe just a little easier.

Winsted Consoles and Workstations offered under the GREENGUARD Gold Certificate include: Atlas, Envision, E-Soc, FreeForm, Horizon, Impulse, Matrix, M-View, Prestige (Ascend, Insight, Sight-line and Slat-Wall), Pro-Series Equipment Racks, Reception Desks and Talon2.

GREENGUARD Gold Certification criteria have been the basis for the LEED EQ 4.5 credit for Low-Emitting Materials: System Furniture since 2002. Office furniture products that are GREENGUARD Certified are also compliant with the BIFMA X7.1 standard and BIFMA e3 credits 7.6.1, 7.6.2 and 7.6.3. Also complies with California Section 01350.

In addition, GREENGUARD Gold Certification is recommended by the EPA as an environmental standard approved for use by federal purchasers in order to comply with Executive Order 13693, which states that products purchased by federal agencies be environmentally preferable.



ALUMINUM COMPONENTS

Our extruded aluminum contains up to 10% recycled material. Aluminum is 100% recyclable and is the most commonly recycled post-consumer metal in the world.

POWDER COAT FINISHES

Our colorful powder coat finishes are VOC (volatile organic compound) free and produce less waste than spray systems.

LED LIGHTING

LED lighting uses nearly 80% less energy and lasts 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs.

ADHESIVES

Our laminate adhesives are VOC (volatile organic compound) free, which means the solvents don't hurt air quality or deplete the ozone layer.

STEEL COMPONENTS

The steel used in our racks and consoles contains up to 90% recycled content and is 100% recyclable.

WOOD COMPONENTS

The fiberboard used in our wood components is 100% wood fiber containing at least 60% post-industrial recycled content.

LAMINATE SURFACES

Our custom laminate surface finishes include up to 22% recycled content to help reduce global waste.

VENTILATION

Reduce thermal power requirements with properly designed ventilation.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT IN OUR ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

In 2002 our worldwide distribution center's metal halide lighting was replaced with fluorescent fixtures, which require up to 50% less energy to power.

In 2008 we installed high-volume industrial ceiling fans in our worldwide distribution center, which resulted in significant energy savings.

Winsted continuously replaces outdated CRTs with LCD monitors, which consume up to 60% less energy.

PRINTING/MAILING

All of our catalogs and brochures are produced at FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certified print vendors. All literature is printed with non-toxic soy inks on paper containing at least 10% recycled content. We also practice good mailing list hygiene and data management to reduce unwanted and duplicate mailings.

PACKAGING

A vast majority of Winsted's products are packaged in corrugated cardboard containers made with 52% recycled content. All of our cardboard boxes can be reused and recycled. We have also made a company-wide effort to significantly reduce, or eliminate, the use of polystyrene loose fill, blister packs and other traditional packaging materials that are not environmentally friendly.

RECYCLING

Over 20 years ago, Winsted implemented a company-wide recycling program. We recycle more than 10,000 pounds of cardboard a year and 15,000 pounds of steel a year.

We also recycle:

- Aluminum cans
- Copier/printer paper
- Ink cartridges
- Toner cartridges
- Computer equipment
- Unused monitors
- Plastic bags
- Junk mail
- Warehouse pallets

