

**Environmental Statement** Norix Furniture strives to be environmentally friendly through its procedures, suppliers, and products, and we will continue to adopt practices that are environmentally responsible. It is our mission to be the most eco-conscience company we can be by incorporating state-of-the-art green initiatives throughout our organization.



## GREENGUARD Certification



Recently, Norix received GREENGUARD and GREENGUARD Gold Certification for its complete line of products after it was shown to be in compliance with the program's chemical emissions standards designated by UL Environment, the governing body for this globally recognized certification program.

Recognized throughout the world, UL Environment's GREENGUARD Certification recognizes products with low chemical emissions, which can contribute to healthier indoor environments. In particular, GREENGUARD Certification can help manufacturers create products with low chemical emissions while also giving consumers the knowledge they need when looking for products that meet stringent emissions standards.

Representative samples of products that have achieved certifications through this program have been tested and certified to meet some of the world's most rigorous, third-party chemical emissions standards—helping reduce indoor air pollution and the risk of chemical exposure while aiding in the creation of healthier indoor environments.

The GREENGUARD Certification is the first voluntary North American product emissions certification created specifically for commercial building products. This certification verifies that products meet stringent chemical emission limits originally developed as purchasing specifications for building projects for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Washington.

GREENGUARD Gold Certification includes safety factors to account for sensitive individuals (such as children and the elderly) and helps ensure that a product is acceptable for use in environments such as schools and healthcare facilities.

Certified products are compliant with stringent emission levels for over 360 VOCs, plus a limit on the total of all chemical emissions combined (TVOC). Products that have achieved GREENGUARD Gold Certification can qualify for Indoor Environmental Quality credits within the LEED Rating System. Office furniture products that are GREENGUARD Certified are also compliant with the BIFMA X7.1 standard and BIFMA e3 credit 7.6.1.

Norix Furniture will continue to review its products, procedures and materials on a regular basis and will look for future opportunities to ensure our products are as environmentally friendly as possible. That is our promise to you – the consumer – and to all of those who use our products in facilities around the world.

## SUPPLIERS

Norix produces a variety of products in a wide-range of materials, and we seek partnerships with suppliers of components and raw materials that are environmentally responsible. The vast majority of our products are manufactured in our home state of Illinois, or adjacent states – reducing energy costs associated with national or international manufacturing.

## MATERIALS

Norix produces intensive-use products to niche markets where customers expect the furniture to stand the test of time. Our products are still in service at facilities across the United States 30 years after being installed. Consequently, if customers do not need to replace their furniture for many years, less energy is expended to manufacture a replacement product, and disposal issues are less frequent. The majority of Norix plastic products are made with either polyethylene or polypropylene, which are among the most commonly recycled plastics.

Norix laminated tables are fully CARB (California Air Resource Board) Compliant, a program that aims to reduce formaldehyde emissions from composite wood products. We also produce a variety of steel products for a variety of facilities. This material is the most widely recycled post-consumer material in North America. Additionally, we recycle our scrap metal and use electro-static powder coating on our steel products. Unlike wet paint, powder coating is more environmentally responsible since the process does not contain any VOCs and the unused powder paint is recovered for later use.

## PROCEDURES

The vast majority of Norix products are shipped directly to customers (not through dealers, distributors or brokers.) This streamlines the delivery process and reduces transportation costs. Norix re-uses pallets and packing materials wherever possible. Where corrugated packing is required, Norix uses products from companies providing recycled-content products. All packaging materials are easily recyclable. At Norix offices, the company maintains ongoing programs to recycle waste and paper products.

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