



THE GREEN BEHIND THE RED



The Facts: KI's Commitment to Sustainability

At KI, we recognize and embrace our responsibility to safeguard human health, preserve natural resources and protect the environment.



Sustainability is a strong part of who we are, and it starts with “the green behind the red” icon—a symbol of our ongoing mission to “Impact less.” In fact, the more you look behind the red, the more you’ll find green in everything we do.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY POLICY

KI takes a three-pronged approach to its environmental efforts:

1. Manufacturing Processes—We make sure every process, whether it’s constructing a chair or marketing our products, reduces or eliminates the impact on the environment
2. Material Selection—We incorporate renewable and recyclable materials, such as bio-based foam or recycled aluminum framework, in all of our products as much as we can
3. Product Design—KI manufactures with longevity in mind, by using recyclable components that make our products easy to disassemble and repair—or recycle at the end of their life cycle

By integrating sustainable efforts into our corporate culture, we:

- Limit our impact on the environment
- Reduce environmental risks to our employees and the communities where we operate
- Continually assess all of our environmental programs and performance
- Comply with environmental guidelines, ordinances and laws

RESPONSIBLE PRODUCT DESIGN

It’s important to us to produce sustainably friendly furniture. Therefore, we design each product with longevity in mind, manufacturing with components that are easily field replaceable, should wear and tear occur or an aesthetic update be

CERTIFICATIONS

LEED®

KI can help you secure points toward LEED certification in four categories: energy and atmosphere; materials and resources; indoor environmental quality; and innovation.

GREENGUARD®

KI designs and manufactures low-emission products to help improve indoor air quality for both our customers and employees, as well as for interiors catering to sensitive environments such as schools and healthcare facilities. We do not use any chemicals that exceed any known federal, state or municipal government indoor air quality measurement.

Most KI products are GreenGuard-certified or GreenGuard-certified for Children & Schools. To see if a KI product you’re interested in meets these certifications, go to www.greenguard.org.

FSC

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is widely regarded as one of the most important initiatives of the last decade to promote responsible forest management worldwide—and we agree. All of our wood products can be produced using FSC-certified wood materials. Plus, all of our factories are FSC-certified and carry their own Chain of Custody (CoC) number.

required. Components are also recyclable whenever possible. When a product's life cycle does end, it's then disassembled and recycled instead of dumped in a landfill.

SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

An important part of responsible product design lies in material selection. Choosing the right raw materials—rapidly renewable materials, that is—positively impacts the environment. Whenever possible, we use materials made with a high percentage of recycled content, as well as such renewable materials as wheat board, soy board, sunflower board, linoleum, cork, rubberwood, soy-blend foams and more.

SUSTAINABLE MANUFACTURING PROCESSES

We continually discover new ways to make our corporate headquarters and manufacturing facilities more environmentally friendly. From turning down the heat on weekends to alternative painting processes to monitoring our lights on timers and sensors, sustainable practices are part of our ongoing mission to conserve energy and water, reduce waste, increase the use of recycled content, improve indoor air quality and more.

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

We've made a comprehensive effort to incorporate sustainable practices and policies into our manufacturing responsibilities. We practice the following goals: eliminate solvent-based materials; incorporate the largest percentage of recycled content; reduce the use of packaging materials; and conserve fuel and energy.

COMPLIANCE STANDARDS

Part of being a good environmental steward is complying with environmental guidelines, ordinances and laws.

- ISO 9001:2000—KI implemented a Quality Management System for all of its manufacturing plants and related corporate functions. From an environmental standpoint, this certification:
 - Ensures KI products are designed and produced with environmental considerations
 - Involves all team members in continuous improvement processes, which leads to resource conservation, waste reduction and efficiency
 - Encourages continuous environmental improvement
 - Supports relationships with suppliers who are also environmental stewards
- CPSIA Compliance—The Consumer Protection Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA), signed into law on August 14, 2008, provides regulations for the testing and certification of certain products. Among items regulated by Section 102 of the Act is school furniture with paint finish. All applicable KI products are tested by a third-party laboratory and certified to comply.

AIR EMISSIONS

Improving air quality is very important to KI. Our products are designed to reduce off-gassing, protecting the users of our products. From an internal standpoint, we've made considerable progress in reducing the amount and toxicity of air emissions in each of our manufacturing facilities.

PACKAGING

KI's sustainable approach to packaging is summarized by the following initiatives:

- Reduce packaging materials
- Increase the amount of recycled content in packaging materials and reduce the use of virgin materials
- Ensure that all materials can be easily recycled post shipment

TRANSPORTATION

We have our own private trucking fleet consisting of fuel-efficient vehicles and the smallest diesel engines available. In fact, KI recently acquired a new fleet of SmartWay Certified trucks. The fleet averages 8 miles per gallon, resulting in less fuel usage, decreased exhaust output, and economic savings.

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA SHEETS

EDS are available for all KI products and posted on KI's websites. These data sheets provide the information needed in selecting the most environmentally friendly products by communicating the material makeup and various certifications available for each product.

Transparency is important to KI. All environmental information can be reviewed at www.ki.com/green.



KI is a corporate member of USGBC and is committed to following the sustainable movement closely.



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