

We care



Environmental Policy...

Gresham Office Furniture Limited is accredited to BS EN ISO 14001: 2004 Environmental Management System (EMS).

Gresham Office Furniture Limited is a leading manufacturer of wooden and metal based office furniture and seating and as a Company we are committed to protecting the environment with a sensitive and responsive attitude.

Gresham Office Furniture Limited are also aware of the effects that its manufacturing processes, waste materials and packaging may have on the environment and will integrate environmental protection into our business plans and continue to ensure we are committed.

We are committed to

- Complying fully with all applicable legislation and regulations that affect our activities.
- Continually identifying, evaluating and controlling the environmental risks associated with our products.
- Providing sufficient human and financial resources for maintaining an EMS and implementing measurable objectives and targets for continuing environmental improvement.
- Reducing the Company's use of energy and other resources by increasing efficiency and by reducing all forms of waste, air and water pollution from its site.
- Conducting environmental audits on all our departments and operations at regular intervals appropriate to their risk.
- Providing training and information for all our employees to ensure they fully integrate this policy into their responsibilities at work.
- Making this policy available to members of the public on request.

Signed:



J.D. Roebuck
managing Director
Dated: 19.04.12

Accreditations and Certifications...

We have a sensitive and responsive attitude to the effects that our manufacturing processes, waste materials and packaging may have on the environment.



BS EN ISO 14001: 2004

Environmental Management System - Achieved May 2001.



Investor in People

New standard for Training, Commitment, Planning and Communications. - Achieved March 2001.



Club Green

FIRA's environmental initiative, Club Green. Helping companies improve their environmental impacts.



BS EN ISO 9001: 2008

British Standards Institute BS EN ISO 9001: 2008 Quality Management System Revised 2003 - Full Member.

This commitment has led us to attain numerous accreditations and professional memberships of the following associations:



FIRA

Furniture industry Research Association - Full Member.



BCFA

British Contract Furniture Association.



CHAS

Construction Health & Safety Assessment Scheme - Full Member Since 2005.



FSC

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Other Information...

Gresham Office Furniture is accredited to BS EN ISO 14001.

We are a large manufacturer of Office Furniture and our manual covering environmental procedures is a lengthy and detailed document.

Environmental...

Management procedure index

EMP1 Environmental Aspects - Scope:

To ensure all environmental aspects of the Company's activities, products or services that it can control, or over which it has an influence, have been identified and are reviewed accordingly.

EMP2 Environmental Legislation - Scope:

To identify environmental legislation and other requirements which are relevant to Company activities, products and services.

EMP3 Objectives and Targets - Scope:

To specify the means by which the Company will compile and manage documented environmental objectives and targets.

EMP4 Training Awareness and Competence - Scope:

To ensure that all employees are aware and comply with the Company's Environmental Policy.

EMP5 Communication - Scope:

To identify the routes of communication for environmental information to relevant personnel.

EMP6 Control of Documentation - Scope:

To ensure that documentation is readily accessible and current.

EMP7 Operational Control - Scope:

To establish and maintain operational procedures and controls, ensuring that the Company's Environmental Policy, Objectives and Targets are met.

EMP8 Emergency Preparedness - Scope:

To identify the potential for accidents, emergency situations and to enable the Company to respond to the situation and prevent or reduce environmental impact.

EMP9 Monitoring and Measuring - Scope:

To monitor and measure its environmental performance in relation to the significant impacts that have been identified and to ensure that Environmental Policy and Objectives and Targets are adhered to.

EMP10 Non-Conformance, Corrective & Preventative Action - Scope:

To enable the Company to monitor the effectiveness of its Environmental Policy, Procedures and Work Instructions and ensure that any problem areas are dealt with quickly and efficiently.

EMP11 Record Keeping - Scope:

To create and maintain documentation that will enable the implementation and maintenance of the Environmental Management System.

EMP12 Environmental Management System Audit - Scope:

To ensure the Environmental Management System conforms to planned arrangements and has been correctly implemented and maintained.

EMP13 Management Review - Scope:

To maintain continual improvement and assess the suitability and effectiveness of its Environmental Management System.

EMP14 Waste Management Procedure - Scope:

To ensure the environmental impact of waste produced is reduced in line with the requirements of the Environmental Management System.

EMP15 Purchasing Procedure - Scope:

To ensure materials purchased for use in the manufacturing process and goods bought in for onward sale comply with the requirements of the Company's Environmental Policy.



Melamine faced chipboard



Polypropylene edging



Incineration plant



Cardboard Waste



Steel recycled by local company

General:

The main elements of Gresham Furniture are melamine faced chipboard (MFC) with steel and alloy components. The chipboard is manufactured from wood residues and soft and hardwood thinning from sustainable sources. The resins and processes used conform to the lowest European Formaldehyde Emissions Standard E1.

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Edging:

Polypropylene edging is used on the board in preference to the less environmentally friendly Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC).

Waste Management:

The company has invested heavily in a dust extraction unit and a 2.5 Mega Watts wood incineration plant. Wooden off-cuts from our processes are either returned to the board manufacturer for recycling or burned on site with the energy used to heat the factory and offices.

Powder Coating:

Waste powder from our powder coating operations posed the potential risk of releasing dust particles into the atmosphere. This has been overcome by placing the powder into a drying kiln for 24 hours. The method turns the powder into solid briquettes which are disposed of without further risk.

Steel Components:

To minimise waste we purchase in cut to size lengths where possible. Where this is not practicable, any waste generated is collected by a local company and recycled.



Screen construction



Water based glues



Powder coating



Powder correction units



Heating system

Cardboard Waste:

Originally going to landfill, is now compacted on site into manageable bales and is returned to our supplier for recycling. "White" paper waste is collected and given to a local hospice who sell the waste for recycling.

Screen Panels

Honeycomb construction screen panels are made entirely from recycled paper. Panels are 100% recyclable and biodegradable. Variety of surface cover materials available including totally recycled fabrics.

Screen frames and cable risers are manufactured from aluminium which is 100% recyclable. Aluminium is the most cost effective type of material to recycle, saving up to 95% of energy needed to produce primary product.

General Environmental Issues:

During the assembly of chairs and other office furniture solvent based glues are widely used. The damage to the ozone layer from Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOC's) used in the manufacture of such glues is widely publicised.

Following extensive trials we have broken with tradition and now use water based glues. The quality of our products has not been affected and the decision has eliminated any environmental impact from the process.

Energy Conservation:

The factory and office accommodation is heated by incinerating waste from our board processing.

Energy:

Power Correction Units have been installed at a cost of £10,000 and have reduced the daily energy consumption by 200/300 amps across three phases.

Energy used in the generation of compressed air has been reduced by installing 'Change Switches' which only allow the compressors to operate when there is demand.



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