

CARB COMPLIANCE

What is CARB Compliance?

The California Air Resources Board has enforced an airborne toxic control measure to reduce formaldehyde emissions from composite wood products. The composite wood products covered by this regulation are hardwood plywood, particleboard, and medium density fiberboard. All finished goods that contain composite wood products, that are sold, offered for sale, supplied, used, or manufactured for sale in California must follow this standard.

How is OFS Brands CARB Compliant?

Under the CARB regulations, OFS Brands is considered to be a 'fabricator,' which allows us to utilize the sell-through provision put in place for fabricators to flush out and sell all non-CARB compliant Pre-Phase 1 materials by June 30th, 2010. It is important to note that all OFS Brands furniture is already CARB Phase 1 compliant at this time, prior to the deadline allowed in the sell-through provision, and is collaborating with our supply chain to purchase non added urea formaldehyde composite materials well in advance of Phase 2 deadlines.

 **OFS BRANDS**

   

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LEED®2009 CI Commercial Interiors

ENERGY AND ATMOSPHERE

EA1.1 Optimize Energy Performance - 1-5 points

OFS Brands can manufacture furniture with energy efficient task lighting which can assist in the reduction of overall energy consumption of the building.

MATERIALS AND RESOURCES

MR2.1 Construction Waste Management: Divert 50% from Landfill - 1 point

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MR2.2 Construction Waste Management: Divert 75% from Landfill - 1 point

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MR4.1 Recycled Content 10% Post-consumer + 1/2 Pre-consumer - 1 point

MR4.2 Recycled Content 20% Post-consumer + 1/2 Pre-consumer - 1 point (in addition to MR4.1)

Generally, OFS Brands casegood products will meet and exceed these intent requirements qualifying for 2 LEED points with the total recycled content percentage meeting or exceeding the minimum required of 40% recycled content (20% as 1/2 pre-consumer, which meets the 20% requirement); however, the entire recycled content is comprised of pre-consumer material.

MR5.1 Regional Materials 20% Manufactured Regionally - 1 point

When applicable to project location of final assembly, OFS Brands manufactures or assembles our finished products within a 500 mile radius of the project site.

MR5.2 Regional Materials 10% Extracted and Manufactured Regionally - 1 point (in addition to MR5.1)

OFS Brands utilizes raw materials extracted, harvested, or manufactured in the construction and assembly of our products from vendors within a 500 mile radius of the project site.

MR7 Certified Wood

OFS Brands now offers many of its casegood and conference product lines as FSC certified.

INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

EQ4.5 Low-Emitting Materials Systems Furniture and Seating, Option A-1 - 1 point

The GREENGUARD Environmental Institute has awarded its GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certification® to OFS Brands for all products within the wood veneer casegoods, laminate casegoods, guest, lounge and swivel seating collections. GREENGUARD certification deems these products as environmentally-friendly for indoor air applications, making a significant contribution to indoor air quality by meeting strict chemical and particle emission guidelines. Office furniture products meeting these allowable emission levels also meet the requirements of LEED credit 4.5 and the BIFMA X71 conformance standard.

EQ 6.1 Controllability of Systems, Lighting - 1 point

OFS Brands' accessory task lighting options will contribute to this credit by providing the user or occupant the flexibility of adjusting the lighting within the space.

INNOVATION IN DESIGN

Innovation and Design credits are achieved when a project exceeds a LEED® 2009- CI or LEED® 2009- NC performance credit through exemplary performance above the requirements set by the LEED Green Building Rating Systems and/or innovative performance in Green Building categories not specifically addressed by the LEED Green Building Rating System. All ID credit submissions are reviewed by the USGBC for qualification and merit.

OFS Brands' company owned transportation division, Styline Logistics, is a voluntary participant in the EPA's SmartWay program. SmartWay Transport Partners are commercial, industrial, and public sector organizations that commit to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution and to improve fuel efficiency of ground freight transportation.

OFS Brands has the capability to assist in the reduction or offset of carbon emissions representing a declination in carbon dioxide (CO2) as applicable in qualified project opportunities which are excluded from achieving the LEED® 2009 CI or NC MR5.1 & 5.2 credits for Regional Materials outside of the 500 mile radius, a leader in the fight against climate change.

LEED®2009 NC New Construction

ENERGY AND ATMOSPHERE

EA1 Optimize Energy Performance - 1-10 points

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A GREENER FUTURE

OFS BRANDS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

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GREEN SINCE DAY ONE



A greener future builds on a responsible past.

OFS Brands founder, Bob Menke, created a culture of environmental consciousness dating back to the 50's, years before most people were concerned about protecting our natural resources. He and his wife Phyllis—inspired by their love for Audubon Camps, moved by the writings and lectures of Rachel Carson—are widely recognized for their contributions to preserving natural areas and encouraging multi-purpose forestry. Bob was intrinsic in establishing Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs, and lectured on campus at the first Earth Day in 1970. Throughout Bob's life his writings on forestry management and wildlife preservation were widely published. He believed we must preserve and learn from natural systems, minimize the impact of chemicals, and consider the potential for human activity to disrupt ecosystems, all at a time when most were scared to speak these thoughts.

Today, OFS Brands is just as passionately committed to meeting the needs of its customers with more environmental accountability. It is continuous improvements in air quality controls, ongoing waste reduction processes, expanded use of sustainable and recycled materials in manufacturing, and a focus on education and certification criteria that OFS Brands pursues to create healthier future generations.

GREENGUARD CERTIFICATION

www.greenguard.org

What is Greenguard?

Greenguard is committed to clean air. The GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certified® mark assures you that products used to construct, furnish, decorate and maintain your buildings meet some of the most stringent and proven public health standards in the world. The GREENGUARD Environmental Institute (GEI), a highly respected resource on indoor air quality, established the GREENGUARD Certification ProgramSM in 2001. As an industry-independent, non-profit organization, GEI develops rigorous, consensus-based standards for indoor air quality (IAQ) following globally recognized scientific methods. Decades of experience led to establishing the GREENGUARD product certification programs. These programs apply strict chemical emissions standards to ensure the acceptability of products for use indoors. Only products achieving these high standards are approved to bear the GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certified mark. Our commitment to improve public health by improving indoor air quality is further enhanced through periodic testing of the certified products to verify their continuing acceptable performance.

OFS Brands goes all Greenguard

All OFS Brands products within wood veneer casegoods, laminate casegoods, conference and seating in OFS, First Office, Carolina and Loewenstein, have achieved GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certification® by the GREENGUARD Environmental Institute. This is an extremely important achievement for OFS Brands and our customers. This level of commitment is a genuine illustration of our dedication and continuous commitment to being excellent stewards of our environment.



EUROLUXE™ FINISH SYSTEM

What is Euroluxe finish?

The Euroluxe finish is a chemically re-engineered Urethane clear coat that preserves the beautiful depth and clarity of OFS Brands' finishes, but allows for much greater performance with chemical and scratch resistance, as well as the complete elimination of dangerous formaldehyde emissions.

What is Euroluxe finish system?

For the last 3 years OFS Brands has been working with European and American scientists to develop the unique properties of the patented Euroluxe finish. The Euroluxe finish is applied with a premium patented spray process which requires nano technology to precisely regulate the timing and mixture of the sensitive materials.

Benefits of using OFS Brands' Euroluxe finish system

- Enhances natural beauty of the wood veneers by preserving depth and clarity of the wood grain.
- Superior finish consistency between horizontal and vertical surfaces for a richer and more durable finish all the way around.
- Enables us to finish very large pieces of furniture such as cockpit shape desks, reception centers and storage cabinets.
- Excellent hardness and adhesion.
- Mar, abrasion, impact resistant.
- Able to withstand repeated freeze and thaw cycles.
- Highly resistant to attack from cleaning agents, chemicals, solvents, water and boiling water.
- Highly resistant to industrial strength alcohol-based cleaning agents
- Plasticizer migration resistant.
- Resistant to discoloration from incidental exposure to sunlight.
- Field repairable.
- Free of hazard from formaldehyde, lead and chromates.
- Achieves indoor air quality standards set by LEED and BIFMA furniture emission standards.
- Allows all OFS Brands products within wood casegoods, conference and seating in OFS, First Office, Carolina and Loewenstein, to achieve GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certification® by the GREENGUARD Environmental Institute.
- Exceeds the requirements of federal and state air quality regulations.
- Enables OFS Brands to consolidate all of its furniture brands onto one finish platform.
- Stands up to the daily rigors required by the contract office, hospitality, healthcare, education, and GSA markets.
- Anti-microbial properties are standard in the patented Finiguard finish with all Carolina products; the anti-microbial element can be offered upon request for OFS, First Office, and Loewenstein products.
- UV inhibitors provide maximum resistance to fading.
- Maintains its original sheen over time.

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FSC COC CERTIFICATION

What is FSC?

The FSC standards (Forest Stewardship Council) represent the world's strongest system for guiding forest management toward sustainable outcomes. (fscus.org)

What are FSC Certified Products?

FSC certified products are manufactured with material that comes from managed forests that are traceable from the time the logs are cut to the time the final project is installed and are recorded by way of a COC or chain of custody claim on all invoices.

OFS Brands FSC Information

The demand for certified forest products has grown significantly in recent years. OFS Brands' goal to act as a responsible steward of the environment encouraged us to pursue our FSC Chain of Custody (COC) certification which would provide our customers (Dealer, A&D Community and End-users) the added reassurance they've done their part to be earth friendly in their product purchase and enable them to substantiate the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Materials & Resources Credit 7 for Certified Wood, in which the intent is to encourage environmentally responsible forest management. By obtaining our FSC COC certification, OFS Brands can now actively participate in these LEED project opportunities and contribute to the ultimate goal of responsible forest management. One of the many requirements of our FSC COC preparation was to develop a 'Policy for Sourcing Wood and Wood Fiber for All Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certified Products.'

OFS Brands FSC Policy

It is the policy of OFS Brands, Inc. to avoid using wood from forest areas where traditional or civil rights are violated; forest areas where high conservation values are threatened by management activities; wood from forest in which genetically modified trees are planted; wood that has been harvested illegally or wood harvested from areas which have been converted from natural forest to plantations or non-forest uses. OFS Brands, Inc. has appointed Vanessa Hartke as the contact person responsible for implementing this policy.

OFS Brands' FSC Chain of Custody Info:

FSC Chain of Custody Number: SCS-COC-002456,
Valid from 27 May, 2009 to 26 May, 2014
FSC Credit Claim: FSC Mixed
Scope of Certificate: Manufacturer of Office Furniture,
Solid Wood Parts and Mouldings.
FSC COC Certification Acquired Through SCS (Scientific
Certification Systems)

