

what is GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL CHOICE AUSTRALIA?



The Good Environmental Choice Label is an independent non-profit environmental research and certification organisation recognised as the Australian member of an international network of ecolabelling schemes under the Global Ecolabelling Network. (www.geca.org.au)

Following an independent audit against the recognised requirements of the Australian Ecolabel Program, a number of Gregory Commercial Furniture products have been awarded the "Good Environmental Choice" (GECA) label.

At present GECA approved products automatically achieve a product score of 100% in the Green Star - Office Interiors, Mat 4 Chairs Calculator

Our Objectives:

We work with suppliers to reduce the environmental impacts of components manufactured.

We provide a clear, credible and independent guide to consumers wishing to take account of environmental factors in their purchasing decisions.

We promote products which have lower environmental impacts.

We recognise genuine moves by companies to reduce the adverse environmental impacts of their products.

We aim to ultimately improve the quality of the environment and to encourage the sustainable management resources.

Criteria on which GCF were assessed and findings by GECA (further detail and findings are available upon request)

- Fit for purpose - ISO 9001 certified
- Timber and other natural materials sourced from sustainably managed plantation and regrowth hardwood forests
- Treatments used are non-carcinogenic
- Air Emissions comply with GECA requirements
- Plastics are labelled for recycling
- Foams do not contain hazardous chemicals
- Fabrics recommended are GECA certified or eco-friendly
- Adhesives are water-based
- Do not use Prohibited Substances
- Separability for recycling
- End of Life Chair Take Back service
- Coatings / treatments do not prevent post consumer recycling
- 5 Year Warranty
- Packaging requirements meet GECA criteria
- Product Information swing tags on all chairs
- Our manufacturing plant



creating solutions for a sustainable future



Creative Vibe™

The Creative Vibe™ design competition was launched in 2006. It was established to allow up and coming local designers the opportunity to have their designs realised through a mentoring and prototyping process, with the winning design being launched into the local market.

The annual Creative Vibe™ competition has included design a "lounge" and design a "storage system" for the local corporate and commercial sector. After shortlisting, the Creative Vibe™ judging panel, whom also act as mentors, select the winner. The finalists design is showcased by Gregory Commercial Furniture and distributed through their sales network.

A large focus of the design brief is to use recycled materials and develop sustainable products.

Ergo-Eco Logical™

Ergonomics and the environment are important to us.

GCF is committed to the continuous improvement of our manufacturing processes to ensure the benefits of sustainable design over all aspects of the product lifecycle. This includes component selection, production methods, reduction of waste and the recycling of components at the end of their life.

The development of new product designs, including the sustainability of our designs is vitally important to us.

We have a dedicated team working on sourcing componentry and developing new ergonomic and environmental designs. This team constantly addresses our focus on Continuous Improvement.

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Meeting the needs of future generations

- A wide variety of GECA approved products.
- At present GECA approved products, currently achieve 100% score on the Green star - Office Interiors calculator.
- Most products are up to 90% recyclable.
- Where quality can be maintained GCF will endeavour to use recycled content in their products.
- Green Building Council Member.
- ISO 9001 certified.
- Designed for disassembly.
- Recyclable symbol is identified on most of our products.
- Most products carry at least a 5 year warranty. Warranty's can be extended, contact us for more information.
- Many of our suppliers are Green Building Council members and have GECA approved products.
- Australian factories are GECA certified.
- Most foam production uses no hazardous chemicals.
- End Of Life Take Back Service, for further information on this service contact us.
- Where possible we will offer you coatings or treatments to steel to improve end of life recycling.

environmental policy statement

Gregory Commercial Furniture (GCF) is committed to providing a superior product, whilst minimising adverse impacts to the environment.

We care about the environment. We not only recognise, but appreciate that our operations may have an impact on the environment locally and ultimately globally.

At Gregory Commercial Furniture we believe it is our obligation to consider all aspects of our impact on the environment. Throughout a products lifecycle, from design and raw material selection right through to sustainable production methods, we endeavour to reduce waste and pollution in all aspects of our manufacturing process.

The four primary design criteria applied to all our products are:

- Quality and durability.
- Ergonomic function.
- Style and aesthetics.
- Minimization of environmental impact across the product life cycle.

We are and will continue to address the latest environmental issues through our awareness of ISO14001 Environmental Management System (EMS), GCF constantly review and assess against this standard. We ensure that the policy continually evolves to suit the ever-changing needs of the environment we live in, our customers, and legislation that we must adhere to.

We are committed to continuous improvement in all aspects. This is reflected in our ISO 9001 accreditation, of which environmental concerns form a substantive part.

Our responsibility to the environment is also reflected in our commitment to achieve the best environmental ratings outcome possible, for our entire product range.

GCF is a member of the Green Building Council of Australia. Established in 2002, the Green Building Council's objective is to promote sustainable development and drive the transition of the Australian property industry towards sustainability by promoting Green Building programs, technologies, design practices and operations.

GCF is proud to announce it has acquired Good Environmental Choice Australia (GECA) certification on a wide range of products, for further information view www.gregoryaustralia.com.au, www.geca.org.au or contact us.

These certified products carry the GECA Eco-Label standard for Furniture and Fittings. At present products carrying this label receive a 100% score on the Green Star - Office Interiors calculator.

GCF is actively acquiring certification on a wider range of products. Please check our website for further updates of new products being certified.

To further demonstrate our commitment to environmental issues key staff will be attending the Green Star Accredited Professional Course.

Our Credentials checklist

- GECA approved products
- ISO 9001 accredited
- End of Life Take Back Policy
- Green Building Council Member
- 5 year warranty on all products with the option to extend
- ISO14001 Environmental Management System compliant
- Commitment to Continuous Improvement

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