



**Environmental consideration is a touchstone for every chair we build.**

Situated in the grain belt of northwest Ohio, our neighbors take the environment pretty seriously, and we do too. So at BioFit, we constantly strive to reduce any negative environmental impact created by our processes, facilities, finished goods, and packing materials – from the elimination of harmful compounds used in furniture components to break room beverage cans and office paper recycling.



**All BioFit Seating and Tables Now Qualify for Use in Green Buildings**

Specifiers of any BioFit seating or table products for use in commercial interiors are now eligible to receive credit under the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. Our full line of seating products recently earned compliance for indoor air quality requirements in accordance with ANSI/BIFMA protocol M7.1-2007, and by doing so was also rated compliant with USGBC standard LEED CI EQ Credit 4.5, Low Emitting Material, Systems Furniture and Seating, Option C. Additionally, in early 2009, all four of our table lines were awarded GREENGUARD Environmental Institute Indoor Air Quality and Children and Schools program certifications for low emission of volatile organic compounds as a result of passing rigorous testing, allowing specifiers of GREENGUARD-certified BioFit tables to qualify for LEED program credits.



Voluntarily submitting to and meeting rigid indoor air quality testing standards such as these reinforces BioFit's commitment to protecting the environment as well as the health and welfare of those who use our products.



**We Practice What We Preach – Daily**

Here are some of the things BioFit does every day to keep your world and ours clean and green:

- Positioning recycling stations throughout our factory and offices for all cardboard, paper, aluminum and metal waste.
- Employing the most environmentally friendly production processes available, including non-toxic powder coating of components versus traditional painting to eliminate VOCs. As an added benefit, powder coating provides a much tougher finish.
- Ensuring hazardous materials are not used in our manufacturing processes or final products.



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# BioFit Seating Takes A Stand For Green

- Utilizing chrome plating processes which are compliant with the End-Of-Life-Vehicle Directive (ELV), and Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive (RoHS). No cadmium, lead or mercury is used in our plating processes.
- Incorporating recycled materials in new product and processes:
  - All aluminum castings are – 100% recycled material
  - Composite bases – 10% recycled material
  - Seat Controls/Steel – 30% recycled material
  - Cartons – 30% recycled material
- Shipping fully assembled, blanket-wrapped products to eliminate the use of cardboard.
- Lighting with T-8 energy-efficient fluorescent bulbs in all pertinent applications.
- Turning off all office and factory equipment when not in use.
- Using only biodegradable equipment degreasers and hand-cleaning solutions.
- Eliminating VOCs by using water-soluble glues and lacquers only.

## Helping Our Customers Be Green As Well

Depending on their location and local capabilities, the following materials may be recycled by customers at the life-end of our products:

- Steel contained in chair bases, back bars, seat controls, table and book truck frames
- Plastic in chair backrest panels
- Cardboard used in product cartons
- Aluminum from those chair models with aluminum chair bases appropriate for recycling
- Plywood in the internal seat and back pans of upholstered models

## Adding More Quality to Life

BioFit's goal is to become as renowned for our environmental stewardship as we are for our durable ergonomic seating, tables and booktrucks. You can depend on us to continue keeping things greener and safer in your workplace and ours. Ask your BioFit representative for more information on our green initiatives, or contact us at **800.597.0246** or at **biofit.com**.



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