

Green. By design.

Thanks to our SynerGreen® program, MTS is green and getting greener.



"We are continually advancing our SynerGreen® program to ensure that our operations and manufacturing processes support our commitment to environmental responsibility and sustainability."

Phil Swy, CEO, MTS Seating

At MTS, making great chairs means continuous sustainability improvements. As part of our SynerGreen® philosophy, we have embraced aggressive recycling, energy conservation and emission reduction efforts. These efforts have earned us GREENGUARD Certification for low product emissions on our entire seating line, as well as Sustainability Leader status on the MindClick Global Sustainability Index.



2014 MTS Sustainability Scorecard

-  Sustainability Leader rating on the MindClick Global Sustainability Index 
-  8th consecutive year with all seating products UL GREENGUARD® Certified 
-  All seating products CAL 117-2013 compliant
-  2.4 million pounds of waste diverted from landfills through recycling program
-  Implemented 100% recycled (IRT) composite substrate on élan nesting chairs
-  Reduced waste to landfills by 14% compared to 2013

"MTS seating is produced in socially and environmentally responsible ways so designers can feel confident in the choices they are making."

JoAnna Abrams, CEO, MindClick

Green through and through.

Product Content

Steel – The steel we purchase contains approximately 35% recycled material, 20% of which is post-consumer material.

Substrates – Particleboard and MDF for both chairs and tables is composed of 100% pre-consumer recycled fiber and has been evaluated and certified as such by Scientific Certification Systems (SCS). In addition, the Composite Panel Association (CPA) certifies our MDF substrate as an Environmentally Preferable Product. Our primary plywood and hardboard supplier is certified as meeting the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Standard for procurement programs and our OSB supplier practices sustainable manufacturing operations.

Wood Veneer – Our veneer suppliers ensure proper sustained yield harvesting is practiced, and procure all wood products through Forestry Best Management Practices established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Foam – MTS uses BioFlex Hybrid Foam for the padding in our standard seat styles. BioFlex is made of approximately 20% soy-based polyols in place of the standard petroleum-based polyols in urethane foam, while providing the same comfort and durability as standard urethane.

Nylon/Butyrate/HDPE – Our suppliers of plastic components regrind all post-industrial scrap and defective components for reuse in first-run manufacturing.

Powder coating – The powder we use does not contain any Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) or Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs).

Stains/Finishes – Our water-based wood stains and clear coats, as well as our powder coat metal finishing, avoid the release of solvents into the environment.

Laminate Tabletops – We procure our laminates from Wilsonart, Nevamar, Pionite and Formica, each of which has established environmental programs (see their websites for more details). We use water-based glues and recycled substrates on most of our laminate tabletops.

SierraSolid Tabletops – Our solid surface tabletops are repairable, thus yielding a longer life cycle of the product. Most color blends are made up of over 50% post-consumer recycled material, and the closed-mold casting process uses no formaldehyde and eliminates VOC emissions.

Butcher Block Tabletops – Our supplier of butcher blocks harvests all the wood used in manufacturing from privately owned and sustainably maintained forests. The glue is formaldehyde-free, and all scrap wood is re-used to heat their facilities.

Innovative Resin Technologies® (IRT) – MTS has implemented the use of IRT molded components in select seating product lines. IRT utilizes technology called ReTex®, which is the result of a patented process that uses 100% Polyolefin-based post-consumer plastic industrial waste. The resulting product is ultra-durable, moisture-resistant and free of toxic byproducts.

Operations & Processes

- Our powder coating system utilizes cyclone-based reclaim technology to collect overspray and reuse 98% of the excess powder. Since 2004 we have eliminated more than 1.5 million pounds of waste with this system.
- Recycling programs are in place for scrap steel, aluminum, wood and corrugated materials. In each of the last five years, we have recycled more than 3 million pounds of scrap from our manufacturing facilities. We have also established recycling programs for paper and beverage containers throughout all three of our facilities.
- All of our manufacturing facilities and offices utilize energy-efficient T8 fluorescent lighting. Since 2006, our collective energy-conservation efforts have saved us approximately 3,225,000 kilowatt hours, the equivalent of almost 2,630 metric tons of carbon dioxide!

Corporate Social Responsibility

Our top priority at MTS is our people. We pride ourselves on having one of the best benefit packages in the industry, offering a full line of health care benefits with no contribution required from our employees. We also have a very competitive 401(k) retirement savings plan. We promote from within and encourage our employees to seek further knowledge and skill in their fields with a generous education assistance program.

Recycling Guidelines

MTS Seating encourages its customers to continue the SynerGreen® philosophy by donating or recycling their furniture at the end of its use. Our chairs can be disassembled and recycled through local processors or given to charitable organizations for reuse.

For more information, please visit us at: www.seating.green.

