

Environmental Policy
Architectural Response Kollection, Inc.

ARK



Our role in protecting our environment

Architectural Response Kollektion (ARK) is firmly committed to [responsible environmental policies and practices](#) in all that we do. Our activities as a manufacturer of high quality wood office furniture creates a recognizable debt to nature. Our way of repaying the wonderful gifts is to be responsible and sensitive to the environment.

[Environmental management](#) is firmly embedded in all ARK Company manufacturing processes. We define waste as anything that does not bring value to the customer, and life cycle considerations are a significant part of all product development efforts.

[We purchase our veneers cut-to-size to reduce waste.](#)

[We have the ability to utilize FSC certified substrates, veneer and solid hardwood.](#)

[No added formaldehyde substrates are also available.](#)

[We use high solids finishes from Sherwin Williams, a world leader in residential, commercial and industrial finishes. We use their low VOC conversion varnish, a hard durable catalyzed finish that has high-solids and low VOC's and approved by California's EPA Board.](#)

[All of our adhesives are water-based with minimal formaldehyde.](#)

[Our products are shipped blanket wrapped; a reusable wrapping method, eliminating packing materials and waste.](#)

We believe in the integration of safety into environmental philosophy and policies. To us, [safety and environment](#) go hand in hand — our overriding goal is to increase safety at the same time we reduce our impact on the environment. Individual responsibility is a fundamental, based on the knowledge that we can each positively impact the environment and workplace safety every day. We strive always to move beyond what we are required to do — to focus on what we are capable of doing.

At ARK, lean is green. The manufacturing techniques we use bring human scale to process requirements. [Processes have to be human-friendly](#). This serves to eliminate harmful solvents and reduce waste, enabling improvement of environmental performance and business performance at the same time — less waste equals less cost.

LEED Credits

The [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design \(LEED®\) Green Building Rating System™](#) is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings. LEED gives building owners and operators a road map for making environmentally conscientious decisions. Buildings can achieve LEED certification by meeting certain prerequisites and performance benchmarks (“credits”).

Visit www.usgbc.org for more information on LEED certification.

Most ARK products can contribute toward one or more LEED credits. Following are the areas where the furniture portion of a project can positively influence LEED credits.

Leed Credit	Intent	ARK Capability
Construction Waste Management MR Credit 2.1 & 2.2 LEED-CI Reference Manual page 213	Reduce the amount of packing material delivered to the site.	ARK ships blanket-wrap to minimize packaging. ARK will provide documentation of volume avoidance per LEED-CI template.
Manufactured Regionally MR Credit 5.1	Furniture manufactured within 500-mile radius of the jobsite.	ARK products are manufactured in Santa Ana, CA 92705
Extracted and Manufactured Regionally MR Credit 5.2	Furniture extracted, harvested, recovered, or manufactured within 500-mile radius of the jobsite.	ARK products are manufactured in Santa Ana, CA 92705
Certified Wood MR Credit 7.0	Use minimum of 50% FSC Certified wood and wood-based materials.	ARK can supply Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified wood for furniture substrate and veneer if desired. Using FSC certified substrates we can reach a level of at least 70% FSC Certified wood for our casegoods while continuing to use the premium veneers that ARK is known for.





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