



Contemporary Interiors Inc. “Going Green”

If you ask 100 people what “going green” means, you will most likely get 100 different answers.

The list may include:

- 1) Reducing carbon emissions.
- 2) Reducing the volume of garbage going into landfills.
- 3) Recycling items instead of going to the dump.
- 4) Creating more energy efficient buildings.
- 5) Not cutting down trees.
- 6) Using options other than fossil fuel.
- 7) Keeping our environment clean.

Etc., etc., etc., the list goes on and on.

In today’s “Green Building” movement, the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system is presently the most successful program we have. LEED is administered by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

The USGBC, however, has not included a life-cycle analysis in the LEED rating tool, nor does it force producers of other building materials - most notably steel - to offer an environmental certification system. The LEED rating system is simple in concept. Architects and engineers shoot for points in six categories:

- 1) Site location.
- 2) Water use.
- 3) Energy.
- 4) Materials.
- 5) Indoor air quality.
- 6) Innovative design.

To help us on our path of going green we agree to:

- A) Discuss function, design and color selection of the project, thereby determining the best yield of materials.
- B) Talk about durability and safety.
- C) Explain the use of materials (Architects tend to specify plywood and laminate. Plywood and laminate do not go together and plywood is not green).
- D) Talk about the flexibility and modularity of our product. (Our goal is a product that can be modified as the new innovations, growth and changes arise).



Conserving Natural Resources - Growing Beyond Green

Robert Hanselman, currently the State Director of the American Institute of Architects, (AIA) Florida, states the following about going green:

“The overall purpose is to conserve our planet’s valuable resources and reduce the amount of energy consumption.” The state goal of AIA is to reduce fossil fuel consumption by 90% before the year 2035. (source: Commercial Building Edge Magazine, summer 2007) To accomplish this we:

- 1) Build in Florida for Florida - saving fuel.
- 2) Blanket wrap our products for delivery which eliminates cardboard, packing material and the need for addition to a landfill.
- 3) Provide a 10-15 year warranty.
- 4) Use certified board.
- 5) Use certified laminate.
- 6) Use PVA glue.
- 7) Use hardware that has a lifetime warranty.
- 8) Building modular, (change part not the total).

Location, Location, Location - Saving on Fuel

“In the United States, transportation contributes almost 30% of our carbon dioxide emissions and about half of our country’s oil consumption,” says Sara Gutterman of Green Builder Magazine in an article dated September 2007. Trucks are the largest source of a variety of unhealthy gases, including carbon monoxide, nitrous-oxide and other products of incomplete combustion.

Obviously, trucking is probably our most polluting activity in getting furniture to the building site. Located in Central Florida, we deliver to directly to our customers, no middlemen. Furniture for Florida, built in Florida. We help limit the effect that transportation has on the environment. If you are going “Green,” this must be a consideration for your quest to reduce greenhouse gases.

Longevity of Product

All Contemporary Interiors, Inc. products carry a 10 year warranty. All products built for LEED certified projects will have a 15 year warranty. In an article in the Green Builder magazine (Feb. 2008) “What to Seek in Green Building Material,” the question is how durable is the product? How long is it expected to last?

We have given a 10 year warranty since 1989. Durability, longevity, and quality has always been our goal. If part of your “Going Green” is to reduce solid waste dump sites, then our furniture will do just that with our 15 year warranty on any LEED project.



Industrial Grade Particle Board

Temple-Inland and Roseburg industrial products have been certified to be an Environmentally Preferable Product (specification CPA 2-06), which means it can contribute towards points in both LEED and Green Globe rating systems.

This M-2 grade high density composite board contains 100% recycled and/or recovered fibers. This board (used in all our product lines) conforms to ANSI 208.1 and HUD CFR Part 3280 Formaldehyde Emission Requirements for particle board.

When cabinetry or furniture is painted, laminated, or otherwise coated, emissions from wood are reduced to almost zero. Our product is fully laminated before assembly with any exposed raw wood painted. Formaldehyde occurs naturally. It is all around us. The fact is: formaldehyde is normally present at low levels in both outdoor and indoor air. Humans, plants, and animals produce it as a normal part of life.

If cost is not a major factor, our product can be built with board that does not have added urea formaldehyde, using TEMSTOCK-FREE.

High Pressure Laminate

Wilsonart International has been awarded “Green Guard Indoor Air Quality Certification,” by the Green Guard Environment Institute, for its high pressure laminate. All their high pressure laminate products have been tested to ensure that the level of emission from the substances, such as formaldehyde, are well within the WHO, OSHA, The USEPA, and other Public Health Organization recommendations.

Laminates are manufactured using Phenol-Formaldehyde Resin, a petroleum derived material that does not offgas once the material hardens. This is why Wilsonart, among others, carry the Greenguard Indoor Air Quality Certification for low emitting materials. These products ensure minimal impact on the indoor environment.

Another green feature today’s laminates offer is their near perfect replication of exotic materials. Extracting natural resources, such as stone or wood, can come with a high price to the environment and an owners budget.



The Cost of Going “Green”

In January 2008, Sara Gutterman, publisher of Green Builder Magazine, stated “The core of green buildings beauty is derived not only from its reduced environmental impact, but also its connection to better building practices and higher quality.”

There are also many myths that green is ugly, unaffordable, and inaccessible. Our product definitely proves this to be false. Our rounded edges (180 degree post-formed), attention to detail, the use of industrial, high density particle board, (not plywood), custom factory built furniture with high pressure laminate, blanket wrapped and delivered, installed and serviced by a Florida based company in Florida is sure to be a long-term winner.

Since 1989, Contemporary Interiors, Inc. has produced high quality, durable, and functional furniture. Our product line is based on the need for furniture to survive the middle and high school student environment and not fail. We have done just that, with a ten year warranty.

OVERVIEW

CONTEMPORARY INTERIORS, INC. is a manufacturer of high quality commercial, educational and institutional furniture lines. Based out of Ocala, FL, our company's growth and reputation of more than 20 years has been achieved through our ability to meet the requirements of each individual customer. In other words, we build "furniture that fits you".

- Over 20 years of furniture experience in commercial, educational and institutional environments
- Our factory trained team design, build, deliver, install, and service our product line
- Post formed radius edges are used to create durability, safety, and comfort
- Furniture products are wrapped completely with laminate (No Melamine)
- Lifetime warranty on all drawer glides and door hinges
- Unlimited color selection from Wilsonart & Formica
- Furniture is modular for flexibility in design and future modification
- Our built in cabinets are designed to match our furniture line for continuity throughout the building
- Wire management and electrical access are built into our product
- Full line of seating
- Computer generated drawings are supplied by our sales team
- We are on the **State of Florida Contract, #420-420-10-1**, Educational/Institutional Furniture
- Price includes design, manufacturing, delivery, installation, and a limited 10 year warranty

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