



# Green & Sustainable

We believe in sustainable design practices and the manufacturing of products which result in healthy building spaces that minimize the impact on the environment. We believe that everyone involved in the building process should take an active role in implementing responsible consumption guidelines and advance sustainable, innovative building standards.

We are dedicated to protecting our manufacturing plant environment, providing for the health and safety of our employees as well as the world around us. The Stevens *Environmental Policy Statement* summarizes our commitment. We've also created an *Environmental Impact Questionnaire* to answer some frequently asked questions. Please read below for additional Green attributes.

## VOC Emissions

Stevens has actively been working to reduce any Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) content in our products and is at near zero for finished laminated composite panels and furnishings. Stevens products fabricated from Melamine and HPL laminated panels contain formaldehyde as an ingredient, which may post outgas at an ultra low level of 0.04 parts per million (ppm) or less. We find no other reportable standard chemicals referred to under the VOC rules. This has been determined through the review of MSD (Material Safety Data) sheets for each of the components of the panels in general use at Stevens.

## LEED Credits

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™, created by the U.S. Green Building Council, is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. The LEED Rating System was created to transform the built environment to sustainability by providing the building industry with consistent, credible standards for what constitutes a green building. Our efforts to help you achieve LEED credits are summarized on our LEED Statement.



The Composite Panel Association Eco-Certified Composite (ECC) Certification Program provides a powerful new tool for manufacturers of finished products (including components and laminated panels) to communicate the environmental advantages of composite panel products through to the end customer. ECC certification speaks directly to the market expectation of environmental responsibility, scientific validity and promotion of natural, renewable, carbon neutral materials from the source (e.g., tree) to the end product (e.g., cabinet). The five attributes considered at the member composite panel mill level are Carbon Footprint, Local and Renewable Resources, Recycled/Recovered, Sustainability and Wood Sourcing. Stevens Industries only buys from CPA ECC member mills.



Stevens Industries, Inc., continues to improve the company's depth of involvement in environmental long term commitments with the addition of the GREENGUARD GOLD Certification Program and by staying current with the ever changing landscape of rules, guidelines and regulations. Our fully assembled casework and furniture systems have achieved GREENGUARD GOLD Certification and provide numerous LEED potential contributions for consideration on your current project.

## CARB 2

As of January 1, 2011, Stevens Industries, Inc. is in compliance with California Air Resources Board (CARB) Phase 2. The emission level is at 0.09 ppm or less. Stevens' testing by a third party conclusively shows formaldehyde emissions from our laminated panels at 0.04 ppm, which is ruled to be an ultra low level. The current standard for formaldehyde emissions is 0.09 ppm, and all the wood particleboard mills are targeting 0.045 ppm. Stevens has taken an active role in assuring compliance to regulations through our involvement with the Composite Panel Association (CPA) and our continued work with our suppliers.



Sound and proven forest management practices are a direct result of companies like Stevens Industries aggressively participating in the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC®) Certification for Chain of Custody. Our Certification was granted by Scientific Certification Systems after completing an extensive audit of the Stevens Manufacturing and Sales processes. Our Chain of Custody certification # is SCS-COC-001662. Please ask about FSC products.