

## **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.

## Reduced VOC Emissions

## LEED Credits





## CARB 2 Compliant



formaldehyde content in our products and is at near zero for finished laminated composite panels and furnishings. Stevens products fabricated from TFL and HPL laminated panels contain formaldehyde as an ingredient, which may post outgas at or less than 0.0073 parts per million (ppm). 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.

Stevens has actively been working to reduce all Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) including

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System<sup>™</sup>, 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 (CPA) is the North American trade association for producers of particleboard (PB), medium density fiberboard (MDF), hardboard (HB) and other compatible products. It is dedicated to increasing the acceptance and use of composite panel products and educating users about their benefits. CPA represents the composite panel industry on technical, environmental, quality assurance and product acceptance issues. As an accredited standard developer for the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), CPA sponsors and publishes industry product standards and participates in the standards development work of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) and others. Through CPA's Eco-Certified Composite (ECC) Certification Program, CPA and its certified mills provide a powerful tool for manufacturers of finished products (including components and laminated panels) in communicating the environmental advantages.

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 and our laminated panels have achieved GREENGUARD GOLD Certification and provide numerous LEED potential contributions for consideration on your current project.

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 for particleboard and 0.11 ppm or less for medium density fiberboard. Stevens' testing by a third party conclusively shows formaldehyde emissions from our laminated panels at 0.0073 ppm or less. The current standard for formaldehyde emissions is 0.09 ppm for particleboard, 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<sup>®</sup> (FSC<sup>®</sup>) 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<sup>®</sup> products.