

KEEPING ONE CLEAN BY MAKING THE OTHER WORTH KEEPING



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MAKING BEAUTIFUL OBJECTS THAT LAST IS OUR WAY OF PRESERVING THE EARTH

Make a thing well, and its continued use avoids consuming more resources to replace it. This is a simple truth, and one that guides us in how we contribute to the future of the earth.

All our efforts go to making furniture that is worth keeping. Because when something continues to function beautifully, when years of quality use are the return on the wise investment of resources, then it contributes to the future of our earth.

We invite you to examine the ways that our approach to preserving the earth can be seen in what we make and how we make it.

You see it in the design of our furniture.

It transcends style. It is fresh and interesting whether its dates from last century or last week. So our timeless classics can serve their purpose over time. But to do that, they have to last, which adds value even as it values resources.

You see it in the quality of our furniture.

It is made of materials that are guaranteed for a lifetime. We avoid using chrome (because it can flake so we don't like to use it) or plastic (because it can break) or laminate (because it can separate). What you will find is wood (purchased from companies who practice sustainable forestry) and stainless steel (that contains recycled content and is 100 percent recyclable) and leather (that is chrome-free and completely recyclable).

You see it in our reverence for materials.

While the stainless steel we use is critical for quality, it also allows us to avoid chrome plating whenever possible, because it is noxious and produces significant waste. Insisting on wood from sustainable sources means we never use any endangered rainforest wood species. Using Elmo Leather—from a tannery with the least environmental impact in the industry—yields a living material that becomes more beautiful over time when cared for correctly.

You see it in the way we manufacture.

Lean manufacturing practices let us reduce material waste close to zero. We regularly evaluate our equipment and processes to make sure their efficiency squares with a respect for the earth. We more than comply with the EPA's Clean Air Act—our emissions are so low they fall below levels required for testing and reporting. We spray our finishes with the most advanced equipment available, which has allowed us to reduce waste by 48 percent. Even our manufacturing plant occupies reclaimed urban facilities, so we don't participate in urban sprawl.

You see it in how we deliver our furniture.

We use recycled pallets for shipping and the minimum amount of packaging needed to ensure protection from damage. All our corrugated material comes from renewable resources and is recyclable and biodegradable. We consolidate shipments as often as possible to minimize the impact of transportation on the environment, as well as to control costs.

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Mixed Sources

Product group from well-managed
forests, controlled sources and
recycled wood or fiber

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