



# National Sustainability Overview

## PRODUCT SUSTAINABILITY

National believes that sustainable development is the basis of our future. Our initiatives yield meaningful insights to the economic, environmental and social progress of our company. By prompting changes in policy and practices, we can focus on creating high performance products while protecting the environment. We believe that the longer our products are used, the less often they need replacing. Thus, we focus on developing and building products with long life cycles. Many of our surface materials, fabrics and finishes can be used across product lines, allowing customers to grow and change without having to obsolete current furniture for disposal. We try to create products that can be reused rather than recycled.

We use only the materials, energy and human resources needed to produce a particular component or product. We focus on minimizing the impact that our manufacturing operations have on the environment. Our parent company, Kimball International, is the only major office furniture manufacturer to own timberland, actively promoting research and education in sustainable forestry.

## WASTE MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION

In the 1980's, we implemented reduce, reuse and recycle manufacturing initiatives in three primary areas of waste management - solids, hazardous materials and air emissions. We've invested in equipment, tests and materials and improved processes to eliminate potential pollution at the source. And we use safe substitutes for hazardous solvents whenever we can.

We've also maximized reclamation and recycling. Since 1997, Kimball International has recycled or reused at least 87% of all solid waste generated, keeping 634,170 tons of scrap out of landfills. This "waste" is finding new life as fencing, auto insulation, landscaping, animal bedding, tackboards, recycled packing and more. Additionally, our on-site recycling center consolidates reusable materials in more than 15 categories.

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

National, along with Kimball International, will continue to invest in equipment tests and processes to improve operations and to protect employees and the environment. All manufacturing facilities undergo an annual environmental/safety audit, conducted as if the most stringent EPS/OSHA professional is performing the inspection. Our Corporate Environmental Team monitors and inspects all manufacturing plants, and regularly conducts training sessions on hazardous waste spill prevention, emergency response procedures, containment and cleanup. As a result, inspectors from states in which we have manufacturing facilities use Kimball International as an industrial benchmark for environmental compliance and procedures.

## ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

- 2004: SONY "Green Partner" Certification for Excellence in Environmental Management
- 2002: HONDA ISO 14001 Recognition Award for Excellence in Environmental Management
- 2001: Indiana Governor's Award for Excellence in Recycling
- 2001: The Nature Conservancy, Corporate Conservator
- 2000 - 2001: Mississippi Corporate Recycler of the Year
- 2000: Indiana Quality Improvement Award
- 2000: OSHA Voluntary Protection Program "STAR" Award

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# GREENGUARD Certified Products

The following National products are GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certified®:

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Arlington™ Seating

Cinch® Seating

Gotcha™ Seating

Intercoupler Table Solution

Journey® Seating

Justice® Seating

Kite® Tables

Medalist™ Seating

Mix-it® Seating

Monterrey™ Lounge

Pennant™ Lounge

Prefera™ Seating

Remedy® Seating

Reno® Lounge

Rookie™ Seating

Tag™ Seating

Timberlane™ Seating

Triumph™ Seating

Wow™ Seating

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