

Eco-Conscious Products

Safe and environmentally friendly products

Okamura's environmental priorities in product design and assessment ensure the delivery of safe, eco-conscious products that give consumers peace of mind.

A harmony of design, ecology, and economy

Okamura reduces raw material inputs during manufacture by analyzing finite elements with CAE and adopting other leading-edge methods. We harmonize design, ecology, and economy.

Keeping clean air

The furniture is a critical part of any office space. This is another factor that motivates Okamura to protect the air quality of offices by positively using raw materials and paints free of volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

Designs for easier reuse and recycling after use

Okamura designs products that can be easily broken down into homogeneous materials to facilitate the reuse of parts recovered from post-use products and material recycling. The materials used in major components are clearly identified.

Developing eco-conscious products

Customer needs Social requirements Regulations Industrial standards

Our responsibility

"Quality pays for itself"

Long-term environmental vision GREEN WAVE 2020

Action principles
Reducing environmental impact by
"manufacturing".

Product planning assessment

- Functions, performance, design
- Product safety
- Environmental consciousness
- Price
- Responses to regulations

Product assessmen

- Material selection
- Efficiency in material use
- Energy efficiency
- Ease of disassembly
- Recyclability

Eco-conscious production

- Conserving energy
- Mitigating harmful emissions
- Zero emissions

Requirements in product design

- Conserving resources and reducing volume
- Using recycled materials
- Reusing materials and product parts
- Ease of recycling
- Sound air quality
- Product safety

- Reduced packaging materials
- Information disclosure

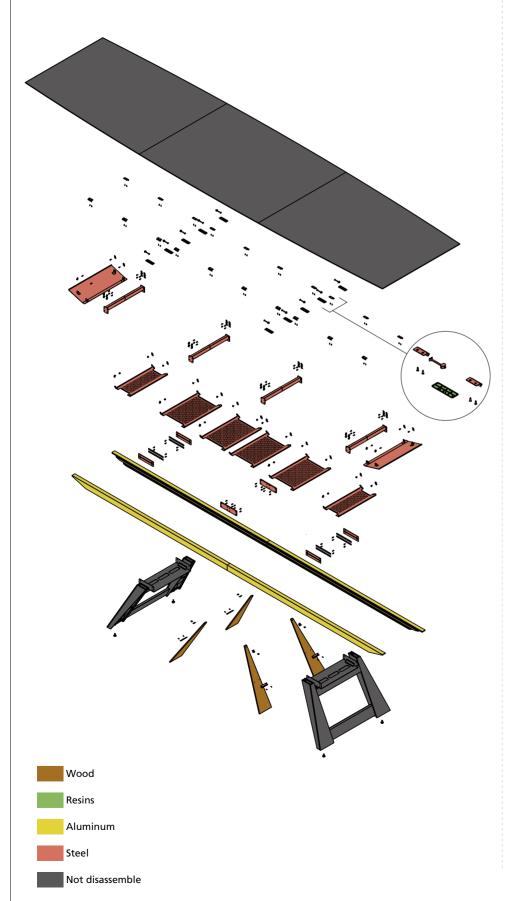
Design for the environmen

Traverse's aluminum beam, a design based on a simulated analysis of finite elements, bespeaks the outstanding efforts behind Okamura's eco-conscious designs. Okamura's product developers optimize the use of resources by minimizing the amounts of materials used without sacrificing the outstanding quality, strength, and safety of the products.

Product testino

- Measuring the volumes of VOCs emitted
- Testing durability and load bearing strength
- Testing stability
- Testing for transport
- Measuring the volumes of specific harmful substances

Materials & Recycling



Total control of every material used

Okamura collects thorough information on the materials, surface finishing methods, and other aspects of the parts used in its products, from the main components of its office equipment to individual screws. Detailed data on materials are provided upon

Recycled materials:

Recycled materials are used in Aluminum and steel parts. These materials make up about 10% by product weight.

Recyclability:

With future recyclability firmly in mind during the design stage, we use homogeneous materials as much as possible. After use, our products can be collected and disassembled into homogeneous materials.

Aluminum

Recovered aluminum is processed into a recycled form by alloy manufacturers and later into aluminum. Energy consumption can be reduced by 97% by generating recycled metal from recovered aluminum rather than creating aluminum from its source material bauxite.



Steel

Steelmakers use recovered steel to produce new steel. Steelmaking with recovered steel consumes 75% less energy than steelmaking from iron ore.



In deference to the ecology of the earth's forests, Okamura does not use wood from illegally felled trees. We efficiently make use of wood only from properly managed forests.



Resins

Polyamide resins is used to ensure recycling in the future. Resins recovered after use are reprocessed and reused by resin manufactures. Okamura is an active user of recycled resins for its products.



Indicating materials

Okamura indicates the materials used to facilitate recycling after use.



Reducing Chemicals

GREENGUARD certificated

GREENGUARD is an indoor environment air quality standards used to certify products with low chemical emissions for the protection of interior environments. Certification is granted only to products that pass the pollutant emissions testing conducted in process-controlled dynamic environmental chambers following test protocols developed by Air Quality Sciences, Inc. The test protocols comply with ASTM, U.S. EPA, LEED, and BIFMA standards and requirements.

Reducing VOCs to safeguard health

Okamura minimizes the use of formaldehyde, toluene, xylene, and other VOCs, which can result in sick building syndrome and allergic dermatitis. Environmental load can be reduced while achieving outstanding comfort and strength.



GREENGUARD Emission Criteria

Emission Types	Measure
Individual VOCs	<0.1TLV
Formaldehyde	<0.025ppm (<0.03mg/m3)
4-phenylcyclohexene	<0.0033mg/m3
Total VOCs	<0.25mg/m3
Total aldehydes	<0.05ppm

Minimizing environmental load

Amid calls to limit the use of the earth's resources, the reuse and recycling of post-use products are now a global agenda. To ensure safe and sure progress in recycling, manufacturers must limit the use of substances with environmental loads. The latest round of enhancements in the regulatory framework started with the European Parliament's Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) directive. Though office furniture is not currently included among the targets of this regime, Okamura is working to reduce substances with environmental impacts in response to customer demand and in anticipation of future legislation.

Reductions of VOCs

Toluene

Xylene

Formaldehyde

Aldehydes

4-phenylcyclohexene

Cleared GREENGUARD standards



Reductions of Environmentally hazardous substances

Lead

Mercury

Cadmium

Chromium VI

PBB (Polybrominated biphenyl)

PBDE

(Polybrominated diphenyl ether)

- *1 These standard values contain exemptions set in the RoHS directive. *2 Directive put into effect in European Union
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Cleared standard values*1 based on the RoHS directive*2







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