

Whitney Brothers® Sustainability Practices

Materials

We select wood suppliers whose responsible forestry management plans (<u>FSC</u>, <u>PEFC</u>) align with our goal to utilize the environment in a sustainable, responsible, low impact manner. This philosophy supports our mission to design and manufacture innovative, safe and durable products for children that we proudly make in America, are <u>GREENGUARD™ Gold Certified</u> for indoor air quality and supported by a Limited Lifetime Warranty.

Finishes

We apply a non-toxic, non-yellowing, durable ultra violet (UV) finish on our products that is <u>certified antimicrobial</u> and does not release harmful solvents into the atmosphere during the curing and drying process, unlike water-based finishes. We apply our UV finish using an automated roll coater process that achieves a remarkable 99.99% transfer efficiency and virtually eliminates any dispersion of UV finish into the atmosphere.

Wood Scrap

Our state of the art CNC automated machinery and optimized manufacturing processes produce maximum yield from wood stock with exceptionally little waste. We collect and donate any wood waste to local organizations that repurpose the material for their own use.

Packaging for Shipment

We use an innovative cardboard box making machine that eliminates cardboard scrap and helps prevent shipping damage to packaged items. Envision a giant origami machine that receives product dimensions via network connection to configure a cardboard shipping box for each product that comes off production line. This process enables us to produce packaging "on demand" and virtually eliminate cardboard waste.

Electronic Data vs. Paper

We are a certified lean organization. Our entire factory is connected electronically through an enterprise resource planning (ERP) platform that provides 100% visibility and access to the entire manufacturing process – from 'upfront' design in CAD; through CNC, finishing and assembly processes; to shipping. Over 90% of our customer communications (orders, freight quotes, invoicing, etc.) are received and transmitted electronically, eliminating the use of paper.

California Proposition 65 [Cal Prop 65]

All products manufactured by Whitney Brothers participate in an ongoing 3rd Party Laboratory Testing Program that tests for compliance to Cal Prop 65. Therefore, none of the products manufactured by Whitney Brothers are required to include a Cal Prop 65 warning label.







