

Herman Miller’s environmental advocacy is long-standing and comprehensive. Since the 1950s, we have been, in the words of founder D.J. De Pree, “stewards of the environment.” Today over 400 employees play a direct role in the work of 9 different environmental groups engaged in efforts from improving air quality and reducing waste to green energy, LEED certification, and design for the environment.



Environmental Product Summary
AMBI® CHAIR

Design Story:
High-Value, Lower-Cost Ergonomics

Ambi—from the Latin word for “both”—was designed by Richard Holbrook to provide both comfort and superior ergonomic support. Its adaptability enables it to perform both as a general office chair and a dedicated task chair. Ambi’s clean lines and uncluttered look allow it to visually complement a wide range of office interiors. And as either a work chair or side seating, Ambi delivers comfort at a comfortable price.

In addition to its built-in durability, Herman Miller emphasized environmental friendliness in Ambi’s raw material selection and sourcing.

Herman Miller’s Design Protocol

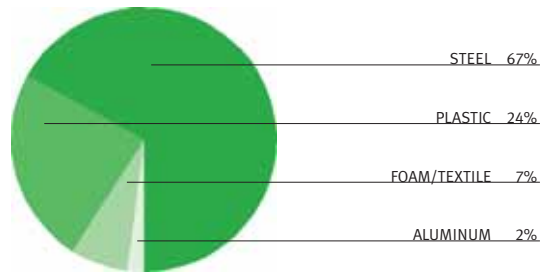
Our commitment to corporate sustainability naturally includes minimizing the environmental impact of each of our products. Our Design for the Environment team (DfE) applies environmentally sensitive design standards to both new and existing Herman Miller products, utilizing the McDonough-Braungart Cradle-to-Cradle Protocol.

Cradle-to-Cradle goes beyond regulatory compliance to thoroughly evaluate new product designs in three key areas:

- *Material Chemistry and Safety of Inputs*—What chemicals are in the materials we specify, and are they the safest available?
- *Disassembly*—Can we take products apart at the end of their useful life, to recycle their materials?
- *Recyclability*—Do the materials contain recycled content, and more importantly, can the materials be recycled at the end of the product’s useful life?

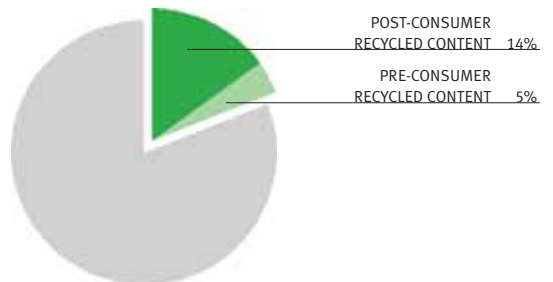
Material Content

The Ambi chair’s components are constructed from steel, plastic, foam/textile, and aluminum.



The Ambi chair is up to **84 percent recyclable** at the end of its useful life.

Ambi is comprised of **19-percent recycled** materials. This figure breaks down to 14-percent post-consumer and 5-percent pre-consumer recycled content.



- Steel and aluminum components are 100 percent recyclable.
- Most metal components have a powder-coat paint finish that emits negligible volatile organic compounds (VOCs).
- Plastic components are identified with an ASTM recycling code whenever possible, to aid in returning these materials to the recycling stream.
- Foam and textile materials are part of an open-loop system and can be recycled into everything from automotive components to carpet padding at the end of their current life.
- Textiles used in Herman Miller products can be made from natural or synthetic fibers. Several textiles are available with 100-percent recycled content.
- *Returnable/Recyclable Packaging*—Packaging materials include corrugated cardboard and a polyethylene plastic bag. These materials are part of a closed-loop recycling system, meaning they can be recycled repeatedly.
 - Whenever possible, shipments between Herman Miller and its suppliers include the use of pallets and other returnable packaging to minimize waste.
 - On large North American orders, disposable packaging can be replaced with reusable shipping blankets.

Manufacturing Process

- *Green Energy and Emissions*—The Ambi chair is manufactured at Herman Miller’s GreenHouse seating operations in West Michigan using green energy. Herman Miller is committed to the use of 100-percent renewable energy by the year 2020. The company is similarly committed to achieving a goal of zero air and water emissions from manufacturing by 2020.
- *Waste*—All solid wastes are recycled to the greatest extent possible.
- *Worker Health and Safety*—Herman Miller strives to meet or exceed OSHA standards.
- *ISO*—The Ambi chair is manufactured in West Michigan at an ISO 14001-certified site.
- This plant also is a LEED Pioneer building.

Product Performance

- Designed for easy maintenance. Many components are removable and replaceable to further extend the chair’s useful life.
- Designed for durability, an important environmental criterion.
- Backed by Herman Miller’s 12-year, 24/7 warranty.

Indoor Air Quality

The Ambi chair is GREENGUARD™ certified as a low-emitting product that meets current indoor air quality standards. GREENGUARD-certified products also meet the emissions requirements of the State of Washington Furniture Systems criteria and the U.S. EPA Procurement Guidelines for Office Furniture.

Corporate Environmental Policy

For more information on Herman Miller’s Corporate Environmental Policy and other environmental efforts, see our Environmental Advocacy booklet, or visit the “Environment” section of www.HermanMiller.com.

Supplier Support

At Herman Miller, we are committed to working closely with our suppliers to reduce our collective impact on the environment. We not only encourage our suppliers to minimize their operations’ environmental impacts, but require they assist us in decreasing our facilities’ negative environmental effects, as well.

LEED

The Ambi chair may contribute to LEED credits due to its returnable/reusable packaging, durability, pre-consumer and post-consumer recycled content, and GREENGUARD certification. Depending on project location, Ambi also may contribute to a LEED Regional Materials credit. Please contact your Herman Miller representative for detailed LEED credit sheets.

It’s important to note that no interior furnishings, individually or collectively, can guarantee a specific number of points for LEED certification.

Herman Miller complies with the Federal Trade Commission’s Part 260 Guides for the Use of Environmental Marketing Claims.