



Syba Seating – a friend to the environment

Syba have been manufacturing office seating for over 25 years and during that time have gained a reputation for both quality and progressive design.

We take our environmental responsibilities very seriously

With our staff and our suppliers we are working constantly to minimise the impact of our business activities on the environment. We have an active programme of environmental protection with the ultimate goal of moving towards a carbon neutral footprint.

At our manufacturing facility in Ipswich we have policies to cover both the manufacturing processes for our products and for 'good housekeeping' practices for our business activities.

In both areas environmental impact is a key consideration in all developments, coupled with quality assurance and health and safety.



Minimising the environmental impact of manufacturing processes

We design, manufacture and supply office seating under the Quality Assurance Standard ISO 9001: 2000 and are now working toward implementing ISO 14001 accreditation for our Environmental Management Systems (EMS). This internationally accepted standard sets out a framework of essential elements that we have combined with our existing environmental improvement programme.

When developing new product or improving existing seating ranges we are sourcing product where possible that is utilizing recycled material in its production. Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) chain of custody product that is manufactured from sustainable timber of known provenance is also available on some of our chair ranges upon request.

The plastic, nylon and metal components used in our seating ranges are selected for their recycling properties wherever this is technically possible. As a result, End of Life recycling of our seating products is possible for a great percentage of the materials used in manufacture and End of Life Responsibility provides environmental solutions for unwanted seating in addition to recycling by Redistribution by sale or supply free of charge to charitable and community groups.

We have introduced a Green Procurement System where we work with our suppliers and encourage them to research and ultimately supply the most environmentally responsible products that still offer the quality and value we require.

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In terms of processes we ensure that machinery is only running when necessary for production processes. This has the dual advantage of lowering carbon emissions and reducing our energy bills. Energy conservation makes good economic sense because keeping our production costs low means we can offer competitive pricing to you!

Minimising environmental impact of our business activities

We take great care to ensure that we follow best practice for our business processes so that reduction of environmental impact is a consideration in everything we do. As with all environmental measures little things add up to a lot.

Consequently, we schedule our deliveries to ensure complete loads and optimum logistics are attained wherever possible. Grouping deliveries for geographical proximity lowers our costs and helps protect the environment. Standard operating procedures for our HGV drivers include not allowing engines to idle while making deliveries. Likewise we encourage drivers from our suppliers not to leave engines running when making drops to us.

Across our manufacturing facility we have defined bins for recyclable waste and staff are encouraged to ensure that all materials that can be recycled are correctly deposited. Our office staff recycle paper waste, which is always shredded first if it contains customer details. Other office waste such as plastic cups is also sorted separately for recycling.

Conclusion

Through these measures environmental protection has become a way of life for Syba Seating and not merely lip service. It permeates all of our thinking.

- At the design stage for our seating ranges, minimal environmental impact is a key consideration in terms of materials, construction and end-of-life disposal.
- In our manufacturing being a good neighbour to the environment is of the up most importance to our processes.
- In our business operations, we have standard operating procedures with environmental protection as a built-in factor

Through all these policies
and with the cooperation
of our staff, suppliers
and customers Syba
Seating is doing its
bit to conserve the
environment and
prevent global warming.

