



sustainable products

sustainable relationships

Our Vision:

To be recognized as an industry leader in supporting environmental solutions for the sustainability of the resources used in manufacturing contract wood office furnishings.

Our Environmental Policy:

As a manufacturer of contract wood office furnishings, we must consider the responsible use of the natural resources relative to this industry. We need to recognize our special obligation to demonstrate an ability to minimize our impact on the environment – and provide solutions that will help ensure the sustainability of these resources.

Our environmental policies encompass the following initiatives:

- Conducting our business in compliance with all environmental laws and regulations
- Making environmental issues a component of our business decisions
- Promoting awareness of the need for the protection of the environment
- Using our natural resources efficiently in order to minimize waste
- Implementing the latest in “green” technology to aid in the reduction of VOC emissions and our consumption of natural gas and electricity
- Annually reviewing these initiatives and goals to ensure the continuous improvement of our environmental performance

Our manufacturing practices include:

- Supporting providers who market renewable energy through the supply of wind and water generated resources
- Reducing the use of urea formaldehyde added materials
- Making FSC and SFI certified materials available to our customers
- Promoting more extensive use of recycled and rapidly renewable resource materials
- Continuously sourcing alternative packaging methods and materials and developing more efficient shipping practices
- Advancing toward exclusive use of water-based adhesives, finishing stains, and lacquers



The Proof:

By converting our finishing products to water-based stains and lacquers, and utilizing an enclosed finishing line, Simo has reduced its VOC emissions by more than 20 tonnes per year.

Through the use of "state of the art" MOS microwave technology and a Cold UV curing system, natural gas and electricity consumption has been reduced by 50% against previously used conventional manual spray booth technology.

Why Simo Corporation Supports the Green Movement within our industry:

Since its founding in 1971, maximum utilization of materials and resources has been a priority for Simo. Through the use of material optimization programs to reduce waste, the controlled recycling of waste materials, and even the recycling of warm air created by our dust control system to help reduce heating costs in our main plant, we have endeavoured to minimize our environmental impact.

Choosing Simo products that are manufactured with environmental responsibility as part of its philosophy has a clear benefit to the end-user. It shows that supporting the use of sustainable resources and sound environmental practices will allow future generations the same opportunity to enjoy the beauty of real wood. The movement toward "green" products in this industry is still in its infancy and, as such, requires the support of forward thinking companies to gain momentum.

The support of environmental stewardship through resource management, renewable energy sources, waste reduction, and the use of "green" products and technologies, is a choice that makes sense – and one that is easy to feel good about.

Our Continuing Initiatives:

One of the keys to the success of our accomplishing these initiatives is engaging our employees and business associates to become part of the solution. Simo welcomes any comments, concerns, and/or suggestions from all of our partners in this continuous process – from our staff and suppliers, on through to our dealers and end-users.

The Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters Association recently presented Simo Corporation with The Canadian Innovation Award Certificate of Recognition for "Environmental Technology". This award is in recognition of Simo's "innovative excellence in the development, production, and commercialization of new products or processes to improve the environment".