

WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE EARNED LEVEL[®] 2 OR 3 CERTIFICATION ON VIRTUALLY ALL OF OUR PRODUCTS.

LEVEL[®] IS BASED ON THE ANSI/BIFMA
SUSTAINABILITY STANDARD



level[®], BIFMA's sustainability certification program for furniture, is based on the ANSI/BIFMA e3 sustainability standard. It is an evaluation of the sustainable attributes of a product, the performance of the facility where the product was made, and the manufacturer itself. Products can be awarded a level 1, level 2 or level 3 mark with level 3 being the highest level of conformance.

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WHAT IS LEVEL?

level is the label awarded to office furniture products that meet the furniture sustainability standard from BIFMA (Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association). Furniture earning the level mark has been validated by an approved certification body as meeting the multiple criteria of this holistic standard.

WHY IS LEVEL IMPORTANT?

In a world of information overload and a rising tide of eco-labels, level is important because it provides a single, transparent way of understanding and communicating what a sustainable office furniture product is. level provides a common, but challenging set of criteria for furniture manufacturers and their supply chain to evaluate the sustainable aspects of products. It gives the industry a common measuring tool.

WHY IS LEVEL DESCRIBED AS HOLISTIC?

To be certified to level, a product must meet a number of prerequisites and from there, earn credits across a variety of sustainability characteristics. The credits are earned in four areas:

- Materials
- Energy + Atmosphere
- Human + EcoSystem Health
- Social Responsibility

level is called a holistic, multi-attribute certification because of the number and breadth of credits included. Additionally, it is holistic because the scope of level includes the product itself, the facility where the product is made and the organization who produces it.

ARE THERE DIFFERENT ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS?

Yes, a product can be certified to level 1, level 2 or level 3, with 3 being the highest award a product can achieve. Virtually all of National manufactured products are certified to level 2 or 3.

For information on the sustainability performance of specific products and their associated LEED® contribution, visit NationalOfficeFurniture.com/ecoChecker



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