

OUR ENVIRONMENTAL PLEDGE



Aurora is committed to the long-term preservation of our environment. For over a decade, the company has actively pursued a policy of sustainability and environmental sensitivity. Long before the formation of the US Green Building movement, Aurora participated in conservation programs and has a history of protecting the environment in both manufacturing operations and our general facilities.

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY PRODUCTS

Aurora's brands including Aurora Quik-Lok[®] Shelving, Side to Side, Aurora Mobile, and Times-2[™], are by nature environmentally friendly. These products contain high levels of recycled and recyclable material. Steel used in the manufacturing of Aurora products contains 25% recycled content from post-consumer and post-industrial sources.

Limited lifetime product warranties confirm the company's pledge to manufacture long-lasting products of premium quality.

Product packaging employs bulk pack techniques to minimize the use of corrugated and wood supports. All corrugated material includes 20% recycled content. Corrugated and wood supports used for shipping are recycled, and can be removed from job site to a recycling facility.

ACHIEVING LEED STATUS

The recycled content of Aurora products and eco-friendly finish can potentially contribute three LEED* points (two for recycled content, one for non-emissive finish) for building owners trying to achieve LEED status. Aurora products are inherently space efficient and when used in larger storage systems might earn additional LEED points by reducing the overall building footprint. If the product is shipped within a 500 mile radius of our manufacturing facility in Aurora, Illinois, there is the possibility one or two LEED points.

NON-EMISSIVE FINISHES

Aurora product metal surfaces are covered with a polyester powder coat, Gloss-Tek[™], that is heated and fused on the material's surface. Since the powder is inert and not carried in a volatile solvent, harmful vapors are not released into the atmosphere. This powder coat is 100% non-emissive, contains no formaldehyde, methanol, or other solvents - completely friendly to artifacts, specimens, and documents.

Additionally, any powder that does not adhere to the product upon application is recycled and used again. No volatile organic byproducts are released when baking. No hazardous waste is generated in manufacturing application or clean-up.

Maintenance for our products requires no harmful chemicals — for most cleaning, a damp cloth suffices.

SUSTAINABLE MANUFACTURING

Aurora environmental practices are integrated into all aspects of manufacturing. Over a decade ago, the company was one of the first manufacturers in the storage and filing industry to convert to a non-emissive coating process. There are no ozone-depleting substances used in the manufacture of our products. A closed loop cooling water system recirculates and conserves water resources. Our operation does not contaminate storm water or release contaminants into the ground water. When new products are proposed, the environmental effects of new machinery are first considered to ensure they are in keeping with our commitment to the environment.

RECYCLE, RENEW

All scrap steel is recycled, reducing waste. This also diminishes the requirement for smelting of new materials, further reducing demands on the environment. Our recycling program includes all scrap steel, corrugated, and wood material.

A company-wide recycling program insures that employees are sensitive to environmental concerns, appropriately disposing of scrap paper and recyclables.



*Refer to Green Building Rating System for New Construction and Major Renovation, Version 2.2 document for detailed description. LEED points subject to third party certification review process.