



All Whitney Brothers wood furniture products have received the prestigious GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality CertificationSM and the more stringent GREENGUARD Children & SchoolsSM Certification from the GREENGUARD Environmental Institute (GEI), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to protecting human health and quality of life through improved indoor air quality.

GEI is one of the most widely respected organizations related to indoor air quality, and products that qualify for its certifications must undergo extensive testing for thousands of potentially harmful volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and other chemicals. GREENGUARD Certification verifies that all wood products manufactured by Whitney Brothers meet GEI's strict chemical emission standards and helps to reassure parents of the superior safety and high quality of Whitney Brothers products.

Product safety and sustainability are important issues to our customers and our company. As parents grow more aware and concerned about their children's exposure to products that release chemicals, this certification is more important than ever. When our customers see the GREENGUARD Certified mark on our products, they can feel confident knowing that Whitney Brothers is contributing to a healthier indoor environment for children.

An additional benefit of GREENGUARD Certification is that Whitney Brothers customers can generate LEED® points – the United States Green Building Council's (USGBC) green building rating system – by specifying and purchasing Whitney Brothers products.

To qualify for GREENGUARD Certification, products must undergo extensive testing of all components to measure gasses from chemicals such as formaldehyde, benzene and toluene. Total emission levels are also tested in the product's fully assembled form, and GEI requires products to undergo annual recertification testing and quarterly quality monitoring to ensure ongoing compliance with its emission standards.

In recent years, the issue of poor indoor air quality has gained a higher profile as consumers have become aware that many everyday household products can release chemicals into the air that may be inhaled by a room's occupants. Indoor air pollution can be especially problematic for children because they breathe in more air proportionally to their body size than adults, which could result in a higher level of exposure. While the complete effects of such chemical exposure are unknown, poor indoor air quality can aggravate allergy and asthma symptoms and cause eye, nose and throat irritation, headaches, nausea and dizziness. Long-term exposure can cause cancer or damage to the heart, liver, kidneys and nervous system.

About GREENGUARD Certification

GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certified® is a product certification program for low-emitting interior building materials, furnishings and finish systems. GREENGUARD Children & SchoolsSM is a product certification program for low emitting interior building materials, furnishings and finish systems used in educational (daycare and K-12) environments. All GREENGUARD Certified products have been tested for their chemical emissions performance and can be found in the GREENGUARD Product GuideSM at <http://www.greenguard.org/>.





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