



Southern Aluminum

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Corporate Responsibility/Social Responsibility/Sustainability Statement

Southern Aluminum has constructed durable aluminum tables for over 30 years and our products adhere to stringent guidelines of innovation, efficiency, and green initiatives with increased emphasis on recycled components, sustainability, and reusable resources. We constantly evaluate and adjust methods of production to preserve natural resources and the current state of the environment. In 2006, our commitment and effort was recognized by U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) National Furniture Center as we were the recipient of the Evergreen Award for the Furniture category.

More info: <http://www.southernaluminum.com/recycle.html>

Environmental Overview - what the company is doing to reduce the most important environmental impacts of their operations

Southern Aluminum minimizes the impact of our operations by participating in local procurement, meaning we purchase our materials (aluminum, powder-coat paint, table top laminates, and cardboard boxes) from facilities within a 200 mile radius. This helps to ease the carbon footprint on the environment and saves on diesel and lessens emissions. Our aluminum extrusions are comprised of 85% recycled content, 43% is post-consumer (beverage cans). Our products are completely recyclable and adhere to cradle-to-cradle design which translates to no landfill time. Scrap aluminum extrusions are recycled and reused in new aluminum extrusions. Fall-off powder-coat paint recovered from our environmentally-preferred painting apparatus is collected and re-used. Table top laminates are purchased from a facility that maintains GREENGUARD Indoor Quality certification for low-emitting products. Our products exceed standards set by California Bulletin 133 which tests for toxic emissions from smoke or fire.

Aluminum is one of the most recycled materials on the earth. 70% of all aluminum produced since the year 1886 is still in use today. Recycling aluminum saves 95% of the energy it would take to produce new material from bauxite ore. Every ton of recycled aluminum saves four tons of the raw bauxite required to make 'new' aluminum. Using recycled aluminum instead of raw material reduces pollution of carbon dioxide by 95% and water consumption by 97%. **Our products can contribute credits toward LEED certification allowing them to be a 'natural' choice for green meetings and conferences.**

Social Overview - what the company is doing related to employee welfare, community involvement, etc.

Southern Aluminum's method of manufacturing generates a good working environment because we produce zero hazardous waste. No Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPS), as defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), are generated and the EPA does not impose any limitations on the amount of materials produced in a given day. There are no heavy metals, sulfides, bio-accumulatives, or antimony components used in the processing of our aluminum products. There are no known or suspected carcinogens, mutagens, or teratogens in our products. Our state-of-the-art environmentally-preferred paint line and baking oven releases zero volatile organic compounds (VOC) into the atmosphere and optimizes constant reuse of consumable water. We optimally cool and heat our production facility with fan-driven HVAC systems, rather than traditional cooling and heating units. Because our products are at least 35% lighter in weight than conventional wood or plastic tables our employees do not experience unnecessary back pain. This characteristic has also saved our consumers money on Workman's Compensation claims.



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