





WHEREVER POSSIBLE, THE ENTIRE EVOLVE PANEL SYSTEM AND THE PROCESSES TO MANUFACTURE IT WERE DESIGNED TO SAVE AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT.



Our environmental success story began with the challenge to create an office system that would meet today's business requirements while maintaining a firm commitment to save and protect the environment.

Sustainability became a part of the creative focus and development of Evolve that incorporates the latest technology and design features to provide excellent performance at a competitive price.

As government and industry environment ratings such as LEED become more prevalent, Evolve offers designers and architects functional, attractive, and economical office designs that meet these standards.

1 Evolve is a leader in reducing waste and recycling materials in the manufacture of its products. We make extensive use of recycled plastic and wood waste from other Global factories.

2 Evolve is committed to exercise diligence in the continuous improvement of our environmental systems, the prevention of pollution, and to comply with both the spirit and the letter of all relevant environmental legislation.

3 Evolve panels are 100% recyclable at the end of their lifespan. Nothing from an Evolve panel needs to end up in a landfill.

Working with our Suppliers

We are challenged to do more with fewer resources and to deliver new products and services faster while remaining economical. Protecting the environment for future generations is Evolve's commitment to provide businesses with products that, through their entire life cycle, minimize the negative impacts on our environments.



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Consumers are concerned about the environmental effects of materials that are being used in the products they purchase. This concern has resulted in our consideration for the environmental effect of materials that are being used in the production of the Evolve panel system. Environmentally friendly or "Green" products reduce resource usage and pose less stress to the environment from its production to its usage to its disposal.



We offer fabrics that are made from 100% recycled polyester, which means less waste going to landfills, reduced demand for petroleum products, and fewer environmental impacts from the processing of petroleum products into polyester.



Evolve has developed a panel interior made from 100% recycled wood and polypropylene. Through innovative design and technology, Evolve utilizes waste that would have normally been sent to landfill.



Panels are insulated with Roxul®, a mineral wool insulation made from slag (an inert steel by product) and basalt rock. Roxul's high density provides maximum sound absorption to reduce noise in the work environment. Roxul insulation is fire resistant, water repellent and will not support the growth of fungi or mildew.



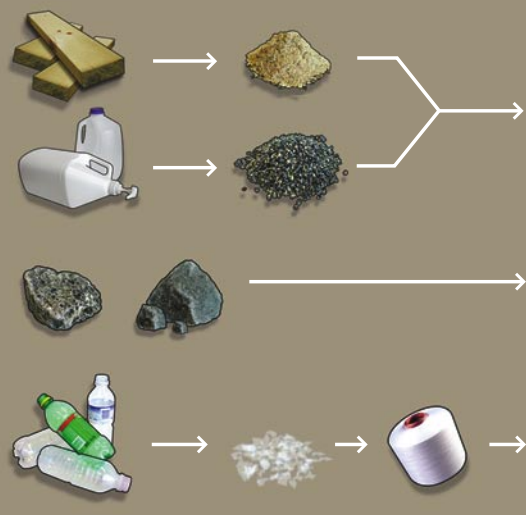
Evolve's epoxy powder coating process involves no liquids and is solvent free. It contains no harmful VOC's or lead. Up to 99% of over sprayed powder is reclaimed, mixed with virgin powder and reused. All powder that doesn't get recirculated is recycled and used to paint non-exposed parts.



Work surface cores are made from **WOODSTALK™**, an agri-fibre based product made with formaldehyde-free polyurethane resin and straw. This annually renewable resource is moisture resistant to resist warping.

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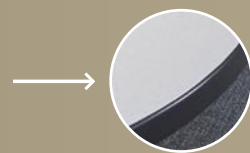
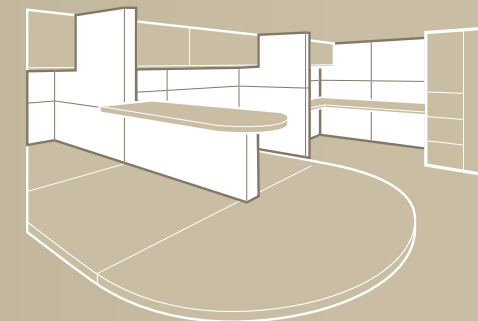
Evolve has a highly integrated approach to production at their facility, including the eco-efficient supply of components that make up the Evolve panel.



Evolve processes wood scraps, that would normally be sent to landfill, with recycled polypropylene to form tiny pellets that are then molded into internal panel components.

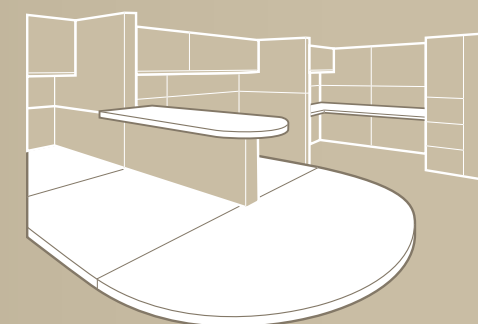
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Post-industrial and post-consumer polyester waste material is used as raw materials in recycled polyester fabrics. Using recycled fabric means less waste going to landfills. At the end of production, fabric scraps are bundled and sent to fabric recyclers.



Each year, after harvesting the wheat, North American farmers are faced with the challenge of removing the straw residue from the harvest. Until recently, a common practice was burning off the straw in the field, which impacts the local air quality and emits greenhouse gases. But now, many of these farmers can sell their straw residue crop to manufacturers like Dow BioProducts. It reduces air pollution associated with the burning of unused waste wheat straw.

WOODSTALK™ a machinable fiberboard, is made from harvested wheat straw fiber and a formaldehyde-free polyurethane resin. It provides exceptional strength and moisture resistance for interior applications, while addressing emissions and odor concerns associated with particleboard and MDF (medium density fiberboard) products that contain urea formaldehyde (UF).



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Our vision of creating an office furniture system that would be based on sustainability had to be supported with manufacturing processes that would be ISO 14001 compliant. We obtained registration to ISO 14001: 1996 in the spring of 2003.

Reducing waste and recycling materials in the manufacture of our products helps to reduce the impact on our landfill sites. Diverting materials from landfill, reducing waste in our manufacturing, and recycling materials within our office environment all contribute to saving and protecting the environment. Our goal is to continue to improve, innovate, and ultimately contribute to the protection of our environment.

