



PRACTICAL ENVIRONMENTALISM

watson

SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS

Watson is committed to “doing good” rather than simply “feeling good.” At the core of this philosophy, is finding practical and economical solutions to sourcing recycled materials and manufacturing sustainable products.



WOOD

The NAF (No Added Formaldehyde) Substrate used in our desks and storage components are 92% recycled industrial by-product from Northwest milling operations



STEEL

The steel used in all Watson products has a recycled content of over 80%. All of our steel is 100% recyclable.



TEXTILE

Watson privacy screens are upholstered in 100% recycled polyester fabric made from reclaimed plastic bottles.



LAMINATE

Our GreenGuard certified laminates are comprised of phenolic resin and kraft paper and contain 22% recycled content.



ADHESIVES

Watson uses only nontoxic, water-based adhesives that emit low to no VOCs.



EDGE BANDING

All edge banding is made from safe, non-toxic and environmentally friendly Polypropylene. 100% PVC Free.

MATERIALS SOURCING

Watson is committed to sourcing materials regionally. Local sourcing supports our economy and reduces carbon emissions associated with transporting materials long-distance. Projects within 500 miles of our factory qualify for LEED credit. Developers, nationwide, can be assured that project design steers away from using RED or YELLOW materials. We also employ design for disassembly – a process intended to maximize economic value and minimize environmental impacts through reuse, repair, remanufacturing and recycling.

24%
OF PARTS & MATERIALS
Within 500 Miles

45%
OF PARTS & MATERIALS
Beyond 500 Miles
in USA

4%
OF PARTS & MATERIALS
Beyond 500
Miles in Canada

17%
OF PARTS & MATERIALS
From Europe

10%
OF PARTS & MATERIALS
From Asia

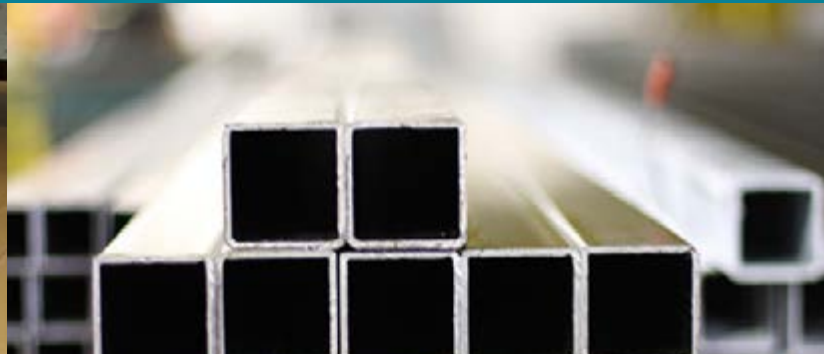
SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

Watson is constantly at work to improve processes, integrate new procedures and design-out hazardous or non-sustainable practices.



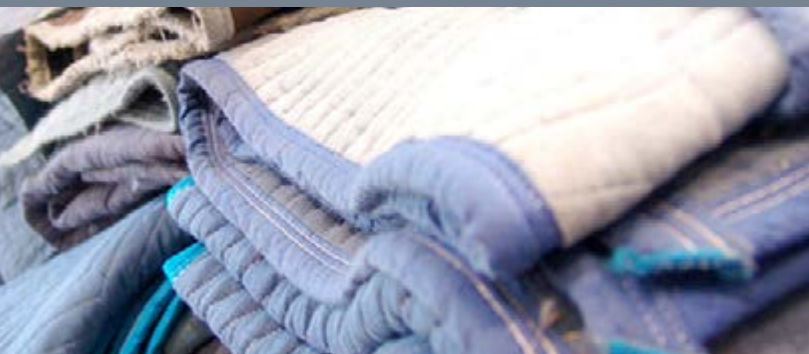
WOOD EFFICIENCIES

Our CNC routing and cutting equipment minimizes material waste using advanced nesting algorithms. All dust and unused wood shavings are re-purposed as biomass fuel.



METAL PROCESSING

Watson uses a steam cleaning process instead of a chemical dip tank. Standard metal parts are finished using an electrostatic powdercoat baking process that emits no VOCs



REUSABLE PACKAGING

Products are protected during shipping with reusable blanket wrapping. Where further protection is required, 100% recyclable honeycomb cardboard is used instead of foam.



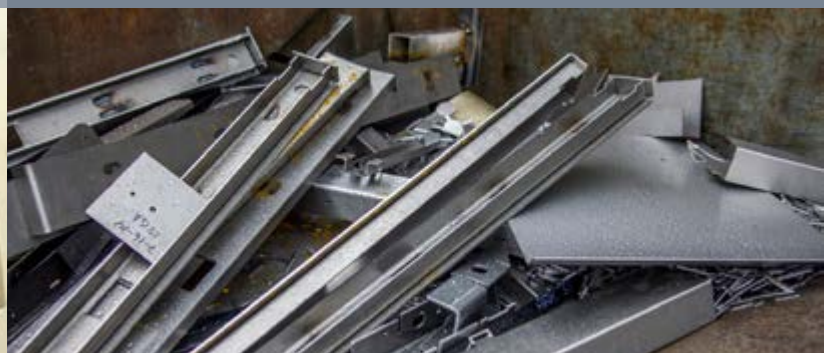
SAWDUST RECLAIM

Each year 350,000 lbs of Watson sawdust is diverted from landfills and compressed into briquettes for fuel at a local paper mill.



RECLAIM POWDER

We use Reclaimed Pewter on the interior of all drawer bodies. The color is a combination of over-sprayed powder captured in the spray booth that is usually discarded. The color varies slightly with each batch.



RECYCLING BINS

Scrap is sorted into container recycling bins marked with the dollar value of each material. This reminder helps us improve our current rate of 93% waste diverted from landfills.

THE ORCHARD

Watson's unique multipurpose facility, the Orchard, was designed to provide a healthy, safe and active work environment for employees while resting gently on the natural surroundings.



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**ENVIRONMENTAL
EXCELLENCE AWARD**



US GSA
EVERGREEN AWARD



Five Star Rating
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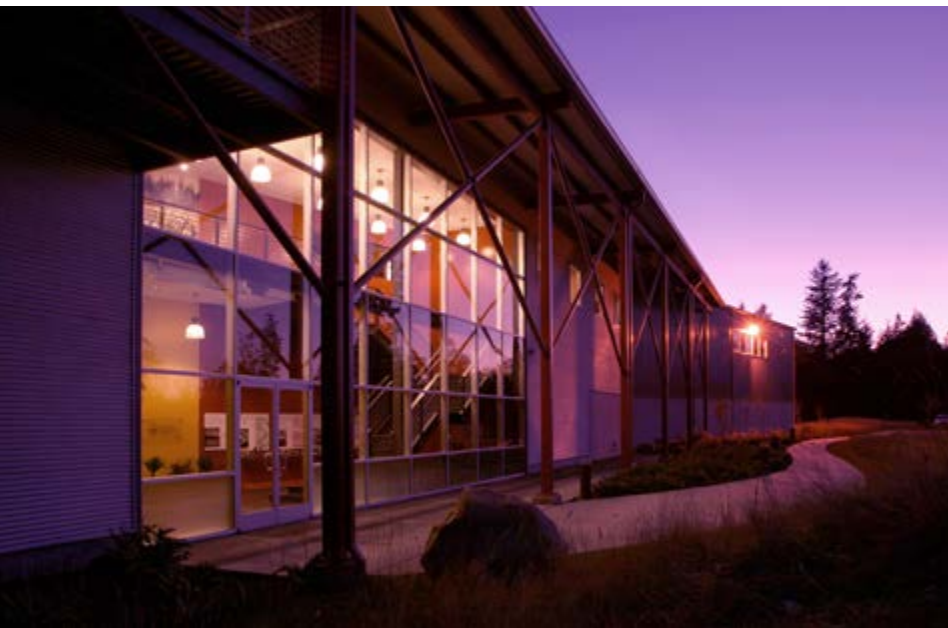
2012 Washington State
**MANUFACTURER
OF THE YEAR**



2011 Washington State
**TOP GREEN
MANUFACTURER**



Washington State
GOVERNOR'S AWARD
Sustainable Practices/ Pollution Prevention



Watson's state-of-the-art facility converts regionally sourced raw materials to finished goods through advanced CNC machining processes and superior handcraft. The Orchard facility is a model of environmentally conscious design. Engineered to have absolutely minimal impact on a site that encompasses a monitored salmon stream and designated wetlands.