# Return to Nature

## Garrett Leather: Taking Responsibility



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Garrett Leather is very sensitive to environmental concerns and incorporates responsible behavior in every aspect of day-to-day business, from production to distribution. When considering different upholstery materials, leather is an environmentally friendly option.

#### **Non-Toxic Composition**

- · No conflict minerals
- No POPs (Persistent Organic Pollutants)
- No PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride)
- · No BPA (Bisphenol A)
- No PBDEs (Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers)
- · No plasticizers, heavy metals, or phthalates

## GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certified®

- · Third-party certified by an independent organization with no vested interest in the products
- Meets stringent VOC emission standards
- · Promotes healthier indoor air quality
- · Contributes to LEED and BIFMA credits

#### **LEED Point Qualifications**

• IEQ Credit 4.5 Low Emitting Materials, Systems, Furniture, and Seating

#### **BIFMA Point Qualifications**

- · ANSI/BIFMA X7.1, Standard for Formaldehyde and TVOC Emissions of Low-emitting Office Furniture and Seating
- · ANSI/BIFMA e3, Furniture Sustainability Standard, Sections 7.6.1, 7.6.2, and 7.6.3

## **Exceptional Durability**

- · Lasts up to five times longer than other upholstery materials
- · Reduces replacement costs and unnecessary waste
- · LeatherShield products offer anti-bacterial protection, stain and water resistance

## **Postindustrial Content**

- Leather is a byproduct of the food industry
- · Resources utilized would otherwise become landfill
- No animal is ever harmed solely for the use of its hide

### **European Sourced Hides**

- · Our products are from farmed animals in Europe and do not contribute to the destruction of rainforests in South America
- The use of artificial hormones is prohibited in Europe. Animals graze on grass in open fields and grow at natural rates

## **Efficient Use of Materials**

- · Salt used for preservation is reused
- · Virtually 100% of dyes and other ingredients are absorbed into the leather
- · Remnant water is treated and safe, clean water is returned to the environment
- · Leather has an infinite shelf life with no loss due to degradation
- · Packing materials are made from recycled paper
- Packaging is collected and reused
- · Scrap leather is donated to schools and charitable organizations

### Renewable Power

- Power from Niagara Falls, the fourth largest hydropower project in the world
- Niagara Falls hydrostation pulls water from the river without damming it and without disturbing the ecosystem of the river
- · Electricity is generated almost entirely without emissions and the negative effects of dams

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