



We not only build products that are user-friendly, we build products that are environmentally friendly.

During the more than 60 years Wenger has spent developing high-quality, durable products to meet the needs of our customer, we have also watched for ways we can be the best possible steward of our environment. The following actions are how we've worked to create products in a way that's environmentally sound and sustainable.

Conserving resources in our buildings

- Recycled paper is used wherever possible. A large quantity of our marketing materials are 30% Post Consumer Recycled Content, including all stationery and business cards.
- To further minimize the use of paper, information is delivered electronically whenever possible. Our website is used regularly by many of our customers (www.wengercorp.com). We create landing pages to advertise new product offerings. We use email to correspond with customers on a daily basis.
- Plant lighting has been updated to conserve energy.
- A central smart HVAC control system manages all heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems to anticipate ambient changes and conserve energy.

Recycling everywhere we can

- Office paper and beverage containers are collected throughout the plant and recycled. In 2008 alone, we recycled:
 - 421 tons of cardboard
 - 17 tons of office paper
 - Two tons of magazines, phone books, catalogs and literature
- Sawdust is given to local farming operations for animal bedding.
- Steel and aluminum dropoff is sorted and recycled.
- Oils used in manufacturing processes are collected and recycled.
- We provide opportunities for employees to recycle difficult-to-recycle items at our facility.

New in 2009...



Wenger is now a member of the USGBC

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is a 501(c)(3) non profit composed of leaders from every sector of the building industry working to promote buildings and communities that are environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live and work. www.usgbc.org



Wenger is now certified by GREENGUARD

for our instrument, garment and specialty storage cabinets (pages 49-57) as well as our GearBoss storage carts (pages 80-83, 85). GREENGUARD is a product certification program for low-emitting interior building materials, furnishings, and finish systems used in educational, office and other sensitive environments. All GREENGUARD Children & SchoolsSM products have been tested for their chemical emissions performance according to CA 0135. www.greenguard.org

Creating environmentally friendly products

- Wenger is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council and LEED Construction initiatives. For example, as an option to our standard Instrument Storage Cabinets, we offer an environmentally sensitive core material that is SCS-certified 100% pre-consumer recycled wood fiber particleboard that has no urea formaldehyde added during the manufacturing process. Third-party testing verifies formaldehyde emissions (0.00 - 0.01 ppm) are no greater than levels occurring in outdoor ambient air conditions.
- Student Chair Tablet Arm Desks were previously finished with a three-step solvent-based coating. They are now finished with a wax coating, which causes no emissions.
- Our Sound-Isolating Practice Rooms use high efficiency electronic ballasts in the lighting panels to save energy.
- A powder paint finishing process has been implemented to paint many of our steel and aluminum parts.
 - Many parts were converted from plating or solvent-based liquid coatings, reducing waste by 65%.
 - The pre-treatment system, drying and curing ovens are super insulated to minimize heat loss, thereby minimizing energy consumption.





- The pre-treatment process of the finishing system uses environmentally friendly cleaning agents and a non-metallic conversion coating.
- Cooling water from other processes like spot welding is re-introduced in the pretreatment system for makeup water. Rinse water is used multiple times before discharge.
- Residual material in aerosol cans is either burned as fuel or captured and disposed of in a controlled, responsible fashion.
- We have negotiated special size raw materials from our vendors to reduce waste. For example our 7' tall Instrument Storage Cabinets were previously made from 8' material. We now use a 7' raw material eliminating 12% waste per cabinet.
- Computerized optimization is used in our cutting process to improve yield and reduce waste.
- ISO quality improvement tools have been employed, significantly reducing scrap.
- Waste materials from manufacturing processes are being re-used in new products or new packaging.

Environmentally-friendly packaging

- Stretch-wrapping eliminates corrugated waste.
- Packaging returned from installation sites is either reused or recycled.
- Pallets we cannot use are given to a local pallet company that resells or remanufactures them.
- Returnable, reusable packaging has been designed for Sound-Isolating Practice Room panels and doors.



Look for this symbol throughout our catalog to indicate products that are environmentally friendly.

- Instant foam packaging has been implemented when appropriate. This packaging material does not contain Chloroflourocarbons (CFC's) or Hydrochloroflourocarbons (HCFC's).

Even our product delivery respects the environment

The trucks used to deliver Wenger products throughout the country every week use only the latest clean-burning diesel emission-control technologies.

Concern for the environment is an important part of our performance

Throughout our 60-year history, we have been thinking and acting "green." This includes conserving energy wherever feasible, recycling, reducing waste, reducing harmful emissions, and using environmentally friendly raw materials, finishes and processes. It's part of our respect for how our products work and how their creation affects everyone — our customers, our community, our country, and our employees.



This catalog is printed with environmentally-friendly ink. Enviro/Tech inks have a renewable resource content (including vegetable oils and pine resin) of 27.3%, which is much higher than the published 7% minimum soy content required for soy inks. Enviro/Tech inks include cottonseed, vernonia, sunflower, tung, linseed and canola oils in addition to soy.

We are also happy to say that this catalog is 100% recyclable.