



ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT

Contemporary Leathers is dedicated to providing the market with the most comprehensive and highest quality range of natural upholstery leathers and to environmental protection.

The tanneries represented in the Contemporary Leathers collection are at the leading edge of technological innovation. These tanneries are carefully chosen for the quality of their products and their commitment to the environment.

Located in Sweden, France, Germany, Spain and New Zealand, the tanneries source only the highest quality raw hides available and produce in accordance to strict environmental legislation. All tanneries have integrated further environmental considerations during manufacture including energy and water conservation measures, reducing waste and wastewater treatment plants.

Contemporary Leathers offers ELMOSOFT chrome-free leathers, a collection with the highest standard of quality, natural beauty and environmental responsibility.

ELMOSOFT leathers are produced by the World's Best Practice tannery ELMO, who operates a progressive environmental management system certified to ISO 14001. The production of ELMOSOFT is free of toxic substances such as chromium, PCP, AOX and only water-based dyes and finishes are used. ELMO is at the forefront of technology, winning an EU LIFE Environmental Award for its new wastewater treatment plant. ELMO's innovative technology, achieves a significant reduction in nitrogen of 89% (current technologies achieve about 30% reduction).

ELMOSOFT leathers are third-party certified as the optimum in environmental responsibility by the Lederinstitut Gerberschule Reutlingen, the world's leading Training, Testing and Research Centre for leather.

Contemporary Leathers has an Environmental Manager whose role involves:

- assessing the impact of all our leather products using the lifecycle approach, which is now a standard procedure for all new product developments, and
- implementing initiatives within our office and warehouse operations.

Environmental information is included in each product technical specification in the Contemporary Leathers collection. Contemporary Leathers follows the ISO 14021 standard for Environmental labels and declarations to ensure our information is accurate and not misleading.

As a founding member of the Commercial Leather Association of Australia and New Zealand (CLA), all Contemporary Leathers products have been tested and meet the relevant performance standards outlined by the CLA.

Contemporary Leathers aims to not only comply with environmental legislation but to continually seek ways to improve our internal and external business activities to ensure greater protection of the environment. Contemporary Leathers has implemented numerous initiatives to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle including:

- Reduce energy usage by using energy saving modes on computers, turning computers off at the end of the day and through lighting controls
- Use of recycled content stationery such as paper (100%) and envelopes (80%)
- Use of eco packaging which contains 85% recycled content and is recyclable
- Re-use of paper internally
- Waste such as LDPE packaging waste, paper, cardboard, food & drink containers, toner cartridges and leather offcuts/samples are recycled.

For more information on Contemporary Leathers' environmental initiatives, please refer to Contemporary Leathers' Sustainability Report at www.contemporaryleathers.com.au.

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