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## The BIFMA Sustainability Standard

BIFMA's Level™ is a multi-attribute sustainability standard and third-party certification program for the furniture and modular interiors industry. It was created to deliver the most open and transparent means of evaluating and communicating the environmental and social impacts of furniture and modular interiors products in the built environment.

Taking into account a company's social actions, energy usage, material selection, and human and ecosystem health impacts, level addresses how sustainable a product is from multiple perspectives.

With level, customers can make informed choices about commercial furniture and modular interiors that exceed those based upon single-attribute eco-certifications. The level branding identifies that a product has been vetted by an independent certifier, and its numeric marking 1, 2, or 3 indicates what threshold of certification it has achieved.

Manufacturers big and small now have a methodology to present their products' environmental characteristics in a clear, easily understood manner that gives end users the ability to make an informed comparison.

### Haworth level 1 certified product.

- Accolade®
- Beside™ Storage
- Belong™
- Candor®
- Cassis™
- Compose® Wood Casegoods
- Composites™
- Enclose®
- Forenze™ Guest
- Galerie™ Lounge
- Hello® Guest
- Hello Lounge
- Improv® H.E. Task
- Improv S.E. Task
- K700 Stool
- LifeSPACE® ERA
- LOOK®
- m\_sit™ Lounge
- Masters Series®
- Monaco®
- Optimus Lounge
- Orlando™
- Patterns™
- Planes®
- Prescott™
- q\_bic™
- RACE®
- Reside™ Desking/Benching
- SE04
- System 58 Guest
- Systems 12 Stack Chair
- Tally™ Guest
- Tempo™
- ToDo:® Lounge
- Tripoli™
- Tuxedo™
- Vancouver™
- X99® Guest
- X99 Seminar
- X99 Task
- Zody® Guest

### Haworth level 2 certified product.

- Compose®
- PLACES®
- PREMISE®
- UniGroup®
- UniGroup Too
- Very® Conference
- Very Seminar
- Very Side
- Very Stacking
- Very Task
- Zody Task

## FAQs

### **What measurements are involved?**

The level sustainability standard follows the structure of the USGBC's LEED rating system. Within each of the four sections of the standard, credits can be acquired based on the products adherence to, or achievements beyond the prescribed requirements. Each section within the standard has a prerequisite; however simply meeting the prerequisite does not award the product any points.

### **How will level products help with LEED contributions?**

No product can claim it is "LEED Certified," but level certified products may contribute to the required attributes LEED and other green ratings systems require. With level, material composition, life cycle analysis (LCA), recycled percentage composition, chemicals, and eco and human health impacts are accounted for. The level sustainability certification can account for more attributes than any other standard. Haworth will continue to use LEED sheets to provide guidance for LEED projects. See our LEED sheets on [haworth.com](http://haworth.com).

### **Are there different rankings within level?**

Yes, level has three conformance thresholds within the standard. Products can be awarded a level 1, level 2, or level 3 compliance mark based on their contribution and points achieved. The highest award a product can achieve is level 3, similar to a platinum ranking in the LEED rating system.

### **How will a level certified product be labeled?**

See the product section on [levelcertified.org](http://levelcertified.org). Only products carrying the level name have been certified by a third-party auditing firm that uses the BIFMA e3 sustainability standard.

### **What is the plan for more Haworth product level certifications?**

We are working hard to achieve level certification for more products in 2010. Updates will be announced throughout the year.