

HOWE's move towards SUSTAINABILITY

Taking inspiration from the Bauhaus Movement, HOWE has always been compelled by a strong focus on design's purpose. This focus extends to sustainability. We believe that good design must contribute to a more sustainable future. Because our world needs it now more than ever.

Over the years HOWE has launched new standards and guidelines, partnered with like-minded collaborators, and achieved several CSR and sustainability wins.

HOWE completes ISO 14001 Environmental Management System (EMS)



HOWE commits to designing all furniture to be easy to disassemble at the end of its useful life



HOWE earns both FSC® and PEFC™ certifications



The HOWE Sustainable Design Guidelines are implemented



The SixE chair is the first product from HOWE to be designed with a Cradle to Cradle mindset



HOWE gets Global GreenTagCert™ Certifications for 40/4, SixE, and Tempest

HOWE obtains the Environmental Product Declarations based on ISO 14025 for 40/4, Tempest, and Moveo



FSC® becomes standard for all HOWE veneer chair components – at no upcharge to customers

HOWE obtains the Health Product Declarations for 40/4, Tempest, Simpla, and Usu



STRATEGIC ACTION AREAS

We believe that every means of sourcing, manufacturing, and distribution must follow the highest standards of sustainability.

We have created this strong guide provided by our Sustainable Design Guidelines – for new and existing HOWE designs.

We have adhered to the principles of HOWE Code of Conduct and require that our suppliers and Business Partners meet its requirements.

The HOWE concept of Moving Sustainability drives everything we do, including to engage everyone we work with in taking on the environmental challenges we share.



UN'S SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

HOWE has been using the UN Sustainable Development Goals to focus our efforts. Although all the goals are integrated in our activities, the following five are most relevant to HOWE and make the biggest difference.



- 3 Good health and well-being
- 12 Responsible consumption and production
- 13 Climate action
- 15 Life on land

SOURCING

We set high standards for ourselves in regard to material selection and the environment. We source our materials and manufacture our products according to HOWE Code of Conduct and promote environmentally responsible manufacturing processes in our supply chain.



SUSTAINABLE MANUFACTURING

Our products are space-saving, therefore resource-saving. We reduce CO2 emissions whenever possible. We manufacture and sell products that are built to last. We ensure long-lasting product quality, offering extended warranties for our designs.



CHEMICALS & EMISSIONS

We develop safe and non-toxic products to reduce emissions and chemicals, producing an absolute minimum of both.

Chrome III - We use the environmentally friendly Chrome III, rather than the conventional Chrome VI.

VOC emissions - Our stringent VOC emissions testing guarantees that our products contribute to a healthy indoor environment.

Chemical assessments

Health Product Declaration (HPD), ISO 14025 EPDs, and Global GreenTag^{Cert}™ - among other standards - guarantee that we do not use any toxic chemicals.



RECYCLING

Disassembly

Every HOWE product is designed to be easily disassembled. This enables better material recovery and refurbishment, and effective recycling.

Plastic Identification Codes

Careful identification of the different types of plastic ensures optimal material recovery and value retention.

Recycled Material

All materials sourced at HOWE are selected based on their ability to maximize recycled content.



CERTIFICATES

We help customers meet sustainability and circular economy goals by our compliance with requirements and leading certifications.



Our next move is to finalize the EU Ecolabel certification for selected versions of 40/4, SixE, and Tempest. The EU Ecolabel is an acknowledgment of environmental excellence, that will prove unequivocally our furniture meet high environmental standards throughout the entire life-cycle.



TAKE BACK OPTION

HOWE's Take Back Option program gives our customers the opportunity to return used HOWE furniture to HOWE. Through our special product stewardship arrangement, we take on increased product responsibility and aim to minimize their environmental impact - not only by re-using extremely durable materials but also prolonging their life cycle.



THIS IS OUR MOVE

This is us ensuring that every design from HOWE delivers true value, whether this value concerns originality, functionality, social responsibility or indispensable sustainability. Because, it has never made more sense.

To learn more, please visit: <https://www.howe.com/moving-sustainability>

