

# SUSTAINABILITY

Learn how forward thinking companies are saving money while saving the world



## Sustainability: Everyone Wins

Many business owners would like to be more conscientious but find the high costs of ecologically beneficial goods prohibitive. By purchasing remanufactured, enterprises can afford to invest in environment-friendly products while improving their bottom line. HMU's remanufactured Herman Miller® costs less than half the price of new.

### Panels

Every year \$1.5 billion in new Herman Miller® product is sold. Usually, the old furniture is sent to a landfill or storage and never made useful again. More energy is used, harmful emissions and waste created, and virgin materials consumed to produce new furniture. HMU remanufactures end-of-life products and re-engineers them to look, feel, and function like new while using a small fraction of the energy and raw materials. Remanufactured workstations are even eligible for rewards in the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED™ Certification program.

### Fabric

More than 100 of our standard fabrics are Terratex® — beautifully made of 100% recycled materials and manufactured using increasingly sustainable processes. Technically superior, visually appealing, and competitively priced. All Terratex® fabrics meet or exceed industry standards for quality and performance and are completely recyclable. The use of Terratex® fabrics can contribute to achieving LEED™ certification and fabrics certified through the Green-e program may also help earn points.

### Paint

Our commitment to the environment extends beyond our product and into our philosophy. That is one of the reasons we use powder coat paint. Not only is powder coat paint free of harmful solvents and VOC's, but 100% of leftover paint is reclaimed.

## Quick Facts

Worldwide remanufacturing saves an amount of energy equal to 16 million barrels or 350 tankers of crude oil

A 230,000 car train 1,670 miles long would be needed to carry the amount of raw material equivalent to the 14 million tons a year saved worldwide by remanufacturing

More than 98% of each panel is reused

10 U.S. households could be powered for an entire day by the energy saved by remanufacturing just 1 workstation

3 U.S. households could be powered for an entire year by the energy saved by remanufacturing 100 workstations

The 50 million pounds of recycled materials used in 5 years in Terratex® fabrics saves an amount of energy equivalent to 484,150 barrels of oil, or the amount of oil that would be needed to heat 22,382 U.S. homes for 1 year.

The use of recycled material in Terratex® saved 74 million gallons of water

Remanufacturing can conserve more raw materials and energy than any other form of recycling



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