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LEADERS IN THE GREEN BUILDING MOVEMENT

SINCE ITS FOUNDING, WOOD-MODE HAS MAINTAINED A FIRM COMMITMENT TO SOUND ENVIRONMENTALLY-PROTECTIVE POLICIES AND PRACTICES IN THE MANUFACTURE OF ITS CUSTOM CABINET PRODUCTS.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Wood-Mode has been certified by the Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association as meeting the standards for its Environmental Stewardship Program. This program was created to recognize and applaud industry manufacturers who engage in the use of environmentally friendly materials and manufacturing processes. To qualify for and maintain certification, manufacturers are evaluated annually on compliance in five categories including air quality, product resource management, process resource management, environmental stewardship and community relations.



AIR POLLUTION CONTROL

In 1989, Wood-Mode installed a Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer (RTO) System for the destruction of Volatile Organic Compounds or VOC's from the manufacturing finishing process, instead of sending the VOC's directly into the atmosphere. Under optimal conditions, the RTO operates in a self-sustaining mode and does not need any fuel input (a significant savings in energy).



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PROTECTING AND CONSERVING WATER RESOURCES



Wood-Mode complies with all local and state regulations for the discharge of any waste water, as regulated by the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Steam condensate is recovered and re-circulated back to the boiler systems to reduce the amount of untreated water necessary to produce more steam.

PROTECTING THE LAND THROUGH EFFICIENT WASTE MANAGEMENT

Sawdust and wood scrap are ground into particles which are then used as fuel to heat the factory and provide steam to operate the dry kilns, as well as heat, air condition and humidify the Wood-Mode office and factory. Scrap recycling eliminates having to deposit wood waste into landfills and reduces Wood-Mode's reliance on domestic or foreign fossil fuels to operate the boilers.



THINKING TO THE FUTURE

Wood-Mode purchases its hardwood lumber from forests in the Northeast U.S. and Eastern Canada that grow at twice the rate of harvest. They are never clear-cut and any timber 12" in diameter or less is left standing.

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