

level™ Sustainability Certification for Commercial Furniture

Don't promise quality, prove it.

Today, most buyers demand that not only are goods manufactured to meet requirements for quality, but that the manufacturing processes are Safe, Clean and Environmental friendly. Intertek is a global leader in sustainability and offers environmental services in hundreds of different industries and countries around the globe. We can help you meet all of your environmental and corporate sustainability goals.

level™ Certification Program

level™ Certification is a multi-attributed, multi-faceted approach to sustainability certification. Based on the BIFMA e3-2008 standard, level™ is a third-party verification program that provides manufacturers with valuable resources for evaluating and communicating the environmental and social impacts of their furniture products, company and processes.

Under the level™ certification program, Intertek will evaluate products and processes based on four performance criteria:

- Materials
- Use of energy
- Atmosphere and ecosystem health
- Social responsibility



the BIFMA sustainability standard

Similar to the U.S. Green Building Councils LEED program, level™ certification requires specific prerequisites for compliance, optional credits and 3 levels of conformance, with 3 being the highest. Undergoing an independent third-party certification process from Intertek and meeting one or all of the levels of requirements, manufacturers can achieve the level™ conformance mark.

Participation in the level™ certification program provides a pathway for furniture manufacturers towards greater sustainability not only for individual products, but throughout the entire supply chain. Manufacturers who receive the level™ conformance mark are verifying their policies and guidelines, furniture products, suppliers of materials and components, as well as manufacturing facilities have met stringent requirements for certification.



Gain a Competitive Edge in the Market

Don't just make environmental claims, get ahead of your competition and substantiate those claims with third party verification and the level™ conformance mark.

- Increase your product acceptance by identifying your level of commitment to the environment.
- Certification provides independent verification of quality, performance and product claims.
- Validate and support the credibility of your sustainability claims with third-party certification.

About the BIFMA e3-2008 Standards

The BIFMA e3-2008 business and institutional furniture sustainability standard is the first fully transparent, multi-attribute furniture sustainability standard addressing material utilization, energy and atmosphere impacts, human and ecosystem health and social responsibility. Manufacturers evaluating products to the BIFMA e3 sustainability standard and undergoing an independent, third-party certification process can achieve the level™ conformance mark.

It gives manufacturers a methodology to present the environmental characteristics of their products in a clear, easily understood manner and allows customers to make informed choices about commercial furniture that exceed single attribute eco-certifications

Why Intertek?

With more than 100 years of testing experience in a wide range of industries, Intertek can perform qualitative and quantitative testing you need in our state-of-the-art labs around the globe. We offer efficient, cost-effective services in everything from Accelerated Stress Testing to Fire Testing to Usability Testing. The result is quicker confirmations, reduced turnaround time and greater speed to market.

For more information about becoming certified to level™, visit www.intertek.com/level or call us at 1-800-WORLTLAB.