

Guiding principles.

Honest product design

Our goal is to develop hard-wearing products, to increase their utility value and to reduce waste. "Less is more" or "reduce to the max" are concepts that Wilkhahn repeatedly interprets. Ecological design guidelines are integral components of Wilkhahn product development.

A spirit of fairness

We focus on people. This implies a cooperative management style which sees employee representatives as co-managers who help shape the company. The workforce's participation in the company's success, the development of new styles of working with semi-autonomous groups and project work, as well as an established health-management system are expressions of Wilkhahn's social approach.

Ecological responsibility

Wilkhahn supports sustainable development. The balance we seek to strike between financial, ecological, social and cultural objectives in order to maintain independence defines Wilkhahn's corporate culture. Compliance with ecological quality criteria throughout the product life cycle is one of the ways we gauge our own success.



Materials

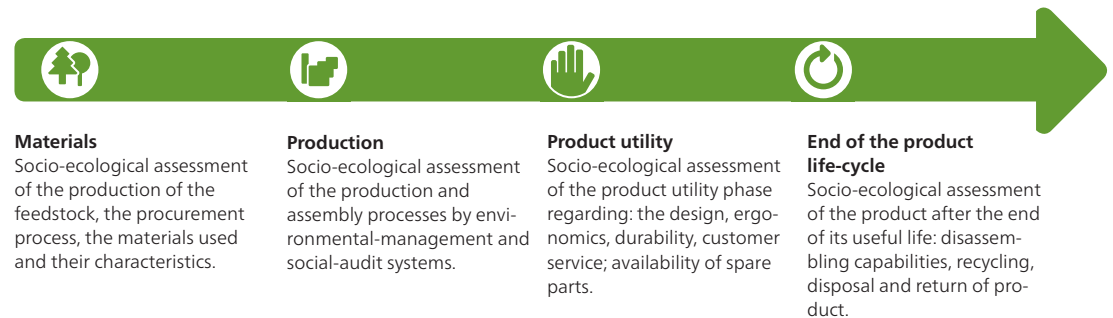
International product and material standards.

During all phases of a product's development, we're demanding when it comes to the characteristics of our products, the quality of the materials and components, as well as the standard of our craftsmanship. Therefore, Wilkhahn products fulfil all relevant international office-furniture standards in terms of durability, safety and ergonomics. And what's more, many Wilkhahn products have also been awarded the GS symbol which rates them as being safe and suitable for interiors in line with Greenguard™. The materials Wilkhahn uses such as fabrics, leather, wood, plastics or metals are primarily made by highly specialised suppliers. Our product-development department specifies the technical and aesthetic characteristics that these materials have to fulfil. Our specifications on for example strength, colour-fastness, durability and other characteristics that affect the quality of our products are clearly outlined by international material standards. Rules of thumb are as follows:

- the fabrics and leather used by Wilkhahn are low on emissions and help to provide good air quality in buildings and working environments;
- wherever possible, Wilkhahn works with ecological upholstery fabrics, such as wool fleeces, cork and coconut fibre;
- all Wilkhahn polyurethane foam is free of CFCs and has no halogenated flame retardants; this helps protect the climate and is important for recycling capabilities at a later date; nevertheless, Wilkhahn products can also fulfil special requirements as regards fire prevention in public buildings, for example

Wilkhahn environmental product information – responsibility from the start.

The environmental impact of all Wilkhahn products throughout their whole product lives, which includes production of the feedstock, manufacture, use and disposal of the products, was assessed based on a life-cycle analysis (LCA).



- by applying flame-retardant upholstery fabrics; additional flame-retardant materials are only added if required by our customers' stringent fire-prevention requirements;
- the powder-coated metal finishes of the table and chair frames are hard-wearing and made without any solvents or heavy metals;
- chrome-plated metal finishes have no harmful chrome compounds (as specified in EN 71-3).

Wilkhahn attaches huge importance to the fact that its products and the associated materials, procedures and processes are responsible in social and ecological terms. Therefore, integrated audits help us check that our partners in the Wilkhahn supply chain comply with these aspects too. We check the quality of our products by inspecting incoming goods according to established criteria. Before processing, our materials are scrutinised and the finished results checked again by trained staff before forwarding to the next department.



Production.

Integrated management system

Wilkhahn headquarters in Bad Münde (Germany) are EMAS-validated and certified to ISO 14001. Wilkhahn supports relevant certification on the part of its suppliers. Wilkhahn's main production site and all European sales sites are certified to ISO 9001. In selecting suppliers, comprehensive and proper quality management are very important to Wilkhahn.

Water conservation, waste management and sustainable energy production

Water is becoming an increasingly important resource. Wilkhahn is pulling out all the stops to minimise water consumption during production and to ensure water quality is not impaired. By treating and recycling process water, the quantities of waste water considered hazardous have been cut by 80 percent. The Wilkhahn waste management concept includes sorting waste selectively, as well as recycling and disposing of all waste fractions resulting from the production and management departments.

All Wilkhahn production facilities ensure compliance with labour and social responsibility standards, as required by the ILO (International Labour Organization).

Sustainability in the supply chain

Our partnership with suppliers is based on compliance with this agreement. Our environmental and social responsibility doesn't stop at the gates to our own factories. If within its power, Wilkhahn requires and encourages fair and safe working conditions and processes that don't harm the environment. Frequent assessment and on-site visits to top suppliers create trust and sustainability in the supply chain too.

Employees as partners

Our maxim is fairness and aspects like trust and reliability define Wilkhahn's management culture and the way it involves its own workforce. Active participation by all employees is a driving force in encouraging continual and successful improvements in the environmental sector too. Whether it's a question of avoiding hazards in the workplace, of new manufacturing technologies, or of saving materials and energy – all employees can contribute their ideas for improving Wilkhahn at any time via the company's ideas management process.

Health and safety

Wilkhahn applies a wide range of measures to ensure that workspaces in the Wilkhahn production department are safe and allow as risk-free an approach as possible. This is achieved by:

- planning safe procedures and workspaces;
- organising and defining responsibilities;
- informing people about the risks the workspace entails and applying measures to avoid these;
- regularly inspecting working environments to maintain safety and cleanliness in all areas;
- using the health and safety committee to frequently discuss risk potentials and systematically avoid accidents.



Usage.

Aesthetics and design

Sustainable products must be practical. The timeless aesthetics of Wilkhahn products provide added value, making them options that are set to endure. Office work today requires maximum flexibility in terms of spaces, usage concepts, processes and people. New studies show that aesthetics have a direct impact on health.

Durability and guarantee

Product design to last is our antidote to the throw-away society. Therefore, Wilkhahn products focus on providing maximum utility value, durability and protecting resources. This means top quality that can be experienced, is consistent and perfect. It delivers timeless, distinctive design that is fascinating due to its simplicity, honesty and appeal to all the senses. Pioneering innovations are included that really give our customers constant added value in terms of ergonomics and handling. The fact that our products are extremely practical, easy to disassemble and components are exchangeable ensures they are resource-efficient.

Air quality and emissions of harmful substances

Wilkhahn products don't emit any concentrations of gas that are harmful to the environment or health. Wilkhahn are certified in the US in accordance with GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality™. GREENGUARD™ is a certification programme for products low in emissions.

LEED

Wilkhahn office chairs and table ranges help companies to achieve credit points during LEED certification (U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). The LEED Green Building Rating System is a voluntary standard that companies can meet by offering a healthy environment, saving water and energy and complying with stringent environmental criteria. Further LEED information on our products is available on request.



End of the product lifecycle.

Product take-back and recycling

Even after the product has reached the end of its life, we still feel responsible and offer our customers extensive take-back and recycling services. We guarantee to take back all products that are no longer in use. Wilkhahn products are dismantled in the factory, all parts are selectively sorted in terms of their inherent materials and then recycled. By labelling the materials, ensuring they're non-toxic and easy to dismantle, we're already making sure today that the components in Wilkhahn products can be incorporated into local material and production cycles and be properly recycled and disposed of. As a result, energy-guzzling (and therefore ecologically unwise transportation) over long distances is avoided.

Disassembly and recycling

All Wilkhahn product components are suitable for non-destructive disassembly. In order to guarantee materials are sorted according to type, all components over 150 g in weight are labelled. No agents to protect materials, or organic halogen compounds are used that prevent recycling at a later date.

Reusable packaging for transport

Customers in over 90 countries appreciate Wilkhahn office furniture. For years we've only been using as much packaging to transport our products as is required to deliver them in one piece to our customers. Some 60-78% of Wilkhahn's cardboard boxes consist of recycled material. And Wilkhahn regularly uses blankets and other returnable packaging.

Occo.

Environmental product information.

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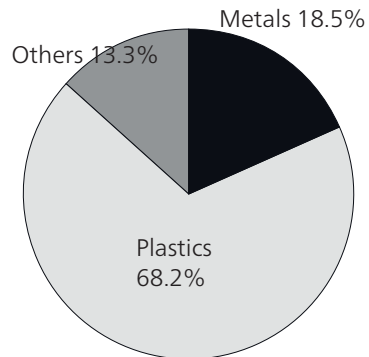
Appealing variety in one design language.

Occo can help create different atmospheres in all sorts of meeting spaces and convey a consistent, clear design at the same time. The common denominator is the distinctive seat shell that fluidly integrates the seat, armrests and backrest. The open section at the back makes the chair appear super light and integrates its stacking capability (four-leg chairs with metal frames). The combination of the shape and material thicknesses makes the back exceptionally flexible and comfortable too. These features are what the range owes its name to. Viewed from the front and back it looks like an O and resembles a double C from the side. Four frame types (four-leg chair in metal and solid wood, four-star base on glides and five-star base on castors), six shell colours and four types of cushioning respond to virtually all functional and design requirements.



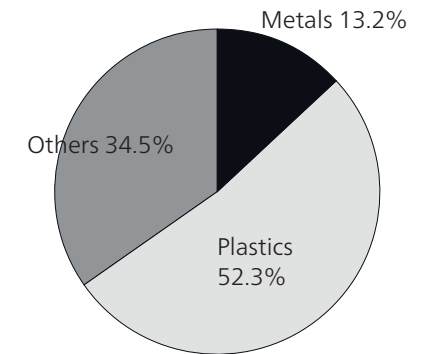
Material composition for Occo Chair 222/20

	kg	%
Metals	0.97	18.5
Steel	0.97	18.5
Aluminium	0.0	0.0
Plastics	3.58	68.2
Polypropylen (PP)	3.58	68.0
Polyamide (PA)	0.01	0.2
Polyurethane (PU)	0.0	0.0
Others	0.70	13.3
Wood/wood composites	0.70	13.3
Cover fabric (e.g. wool)	0.00	0.00
Total weight	5.26	100.0
Recycled content	0.382	7.3
Ability for Recycling	5.25	99.8



Material composition for Occo Chair 222/22 leather

	kg	%
Metals	0.99	13.2
Steel	0.99	13.2
Aluminium	0.0	0.0
Plastics	3.58	52.3
Polypropylen (PP)	3.58	47.9
Polyamide (PA)	0.01	0.1
Polyurethane (PU)	0.32	4.3
Others	2.58	34.5
Wood/wood composites	1.88	25.1
Cover fabric (e.g. wool)	0.70	9.4
Total weight	7.49	100.0
Recycled content	0.46	5.0
Ability for Recycling	5.97	80.0



Awards, certification and commitments

