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# Product: End of life

Instructions for handling, recovering and disposal



# **BASIC CONCEPTS**

At Workspace we design and develop our products in a way that they have the least possible impact on the environment when it comes to end of life. To do this we try to design and develop products whose components are easily identifiable and separable, in order to minimise the costs of recycling and facilitate the removal and treatment of them by authorised parties.

# **FURNITURE**

In furniture we distinguish three types very marked with a differentiated treatment:

### **TABLES**

Usually formed in similar proportions (by weight) for particle board and the metal structure. Panels are usually fixed to the structure easily with 4 removable screws. The support frames are mostly made of steel, aluminium or combination of both materials (100% recyclable in both cases).





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### **STORAGE**

**Melamine**: storage elements are constituted by 90% for particle board. The rest fittings are usually steel or other metals. In all cases the materials are easily removable and separable.

**Metal**: These cabinets and drawers have more than 95% of metal components, usually steel sheet.



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### **CHAIRS**

Seating elements generally have greater variety of materials:

Plastic, polypropylene or polyamides mainly used in structures of seat backs or bases.

Steel, mainly used in mechanisms, heigh adjusting cylinders or structures of non-adjustable chairs.

Aluminium on supports back, arms or bases.

And lower specific weight elements such as fittings, foam and wheels.



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# **UPHOLSTERED PRODUCTS**

They can be classified in two groups:

- Stand alone chairs
- · Soft seating

The first group are composed of seats which utilise steel or aluminium in their main structure. Wood with polyurethane foam and fabric on the seat and back would be attached to this frame. The various materials can be separated easily through our recycling program.



The second group are more substantial. The main elements are brought together in a traditional way by qualified upholsterers. The main elements of wood, foam and fabric are interwoven in a complex way.



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