

What Is “Organic” Furniture, and Why Is It Important?

The dictionary defines organic as: *relating to, or derived from living organisms; simple, healthful, close to nature; relating to or affecting organs or an organ of the body.*

We've all come to understand and appreciate these terms when relating to food and medicine, but the same principles and awareness are rarely placed on the furniture that we fill our homes with.

Our goal at Cisco is to build furniture that is made as healthy as possible. We acquire our raw materials from only the finest organic and sustainable sources. Cisco works exclusively with vendors who practice humane and fair trade business, and is extremely selective when it comes to choosing materials.

- All of our wood furniture is made with either FSC certified hard wood or reclaimed woods.
- All of our furniture is made without flame retardant chemicals
- Our stains are water based.



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(See the Cushions & Options Page)

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| 1 - Organic Cotton | 4 - Jute Webbing |
| 2 - All-Natural Wool | 5 - FSC Certified Wood |
| 3 - Organic Latex | 6 - Low VOC Stain |

What is Inside Green™?

Cisco's *Inside Green™* is the ultimate choice for natural healthy furniture. It is our uniquely smart, healthy, responsible, alternative method of building furniture made entirely from FSC Woods, Natural Latex, jute, hemp, wool, organic feathers and down. These natural materials are not only superior in terms of comfort and lifespan, but are inherently flame retardant without the use of chemicals. Every product in the Cisco line can be ordered and built *Inside Green™*.

FSC Certified Wood

The Wood used does not change for *Inside Green™*.

We use the same FSC certified hardwood we use in all of our frames.

The Forest Stewardship Council ensures that the foresting practices at each site must adhere to a set of requirements on the rights of indigenous people and workers, and must follow strict guidelines regarding environmental impact. Cisco is proud to be a certificate holder (FSC-C002394) and uses FSC woods exclusively across our entire line of products. For more information please visit www.us.fsc.org.

Low VOC Wood Stain

Once the right wood is chosen and used to build our furniture, applying a responsible and healthy stain is a must. We use natural water based stain on all of our tables, chairs and wood case-goods. Our stains are plant-based, sustainable, non-polluting and contain no artificial pigments or preservatives.

Jute Webbing

We replace the traditional seating support of 8 way hand tied or sinuous spring and use jute webbing in our *Inside Green™* chairs and sofas. This traditional and durable method, combined with the strength of these natural fibers, provides the ultimate in comfort, quality, and longevity. Jute webbing is both sustainable and grows organically by our suppliers.

Natural Latex

The most significant change from our regular construction to *Inside Green™* is the cushioning. We remove the foam and replace it with Natural Latex using the Dunlop production process, which is the most energy efficient method of producing latex foam.

A commonly misunderstood material, Natural Latex is a logical choice for people who have health concerns or allergies as it is an antimicrobial material and naturally resists mold and dust mites. Not to be confused with synthetic latex, Natural Latex is inherently hypo-allergenic, renewable, and biodegradable. Derived from the whipped and baked resin of the Hevea tree, latex is the most naturally durable cushioning material available. Its open-cell structure helps to relieve pressure points and provides orthopedic support at any angle.

Organic Feathers and Down

Other natural elements found in Cisco's furniture are high-quality organic feathers and down. Every pillow that Cisco makes is filled with organic feathers and down, sourced from farms that are in compliance with the Five Freedoms of Animal Welfare and confirms: NO live plucking, NO force feeding. Our Down & Feather is only sourced as a byproduct from the food industry- completing a vertically integrated business model which is both financially and ecologically beneficial to local economies and the end consumer. The feathers and down we use are separated by hi-tech machinery and are washed in biodegradable emulsifiers before being packed into 250-thread-count, 100% organic cotton covers.

Wool

For those seeking to avoid feathers inserts entirely, Cisco's *Inside Green™* technology exclusively utilizes EcoWool as a comfortable, healthy alternative. EcoWool is sourced from family farms in Oregon and California and is harvested using only the most humane and modern forms of sheep shearing. The farms that these sheep come from follow the strictest guidelines of proper grazing methods and healthy veterinary practices, and there are no chemicals or harmful pesticides used in the grazing fields. Expert sheep shearers ensure that the process (which is actually very beneficial to the sheep) is as quick and painless as possible. By sourcing our wool from these small farms, we are keeping our shipping and ecological footprint to a minimum, and are helping to stimulate local economies here in the United States. Once the wool has been sheared and gathered, it is skirted and washed in biodegradable soaps in machines that run on recycled water. Our vendors do not practice carbonizing, chemical crimping, dipping, bleaching or mulesing EVER. Here's the best part: beyond all of the naturally beneficial elements that pure wool brings (it acts as a natural air purifier, is resistant to mold and mildew, keeps cool in the summer and warm in the winter), it can pass all of the fire tests that chemically treated foams must pass, with ease. EcoWool is as safe if not safer than any of the commercially available foams on the market currently - and has no negative effects on our health or environment.