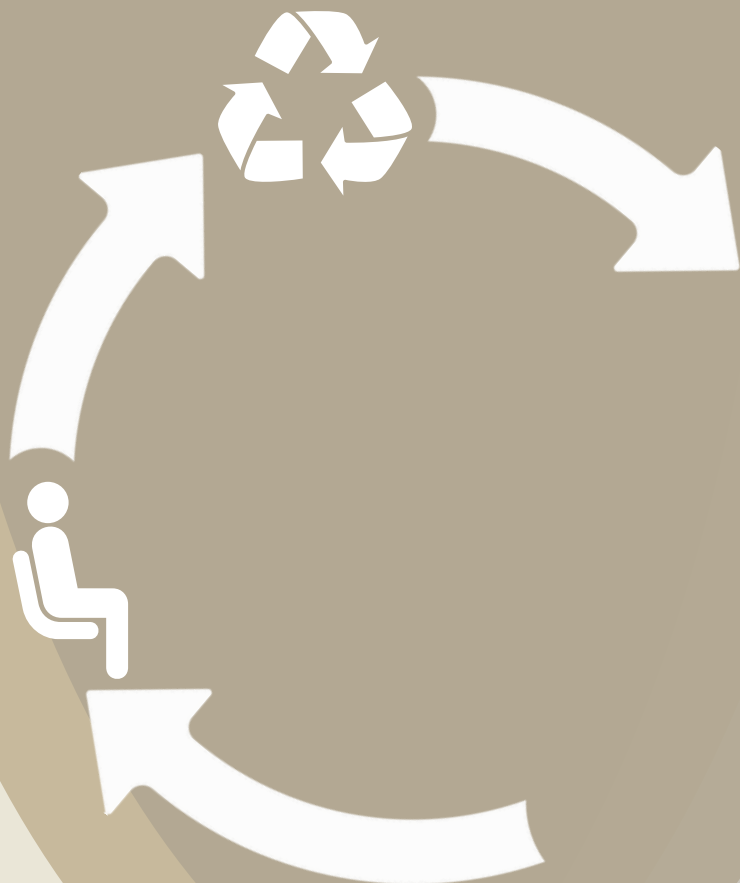


**workspace**  
commercial furniture

Make ———— Space ———— Work

# Product: End of life

*Instructions for handling,  
recovering and disposal*



## BASIC CONCEPTS

At Workspace, we design and develop our products to minimise environmental impacts throughout their entire lifecycle, including end of life. Our products are designed with circular economy principles in mind, ensuring that components are identifiable, accessible, and, where practical, separable to facilitate repair, refurbishment, reuse, repurposing, and recycling.

As Australia's first furniture manufacturer certified to ISO 14006 Eco Design, Workspace considers environmental impacts from design through to recovery. Through Workspace Circular Solutions, we provide customers with a practical furniture take-back service that keeps products and materials in circulation for as long as possible.

Through Workspace Circular Solutions, Workspace manages the entire end-of-life process on behalf of the customer. Furniture is collected and assessed by Workspace, then disassembled where appropriate to maximise material recovery. Components and materials are separated and directed to authorised recycling and recovery partners, who process them in accordance with local regulations and industry best practice. Wherever possible, Workspace prioritises reuse, refurbishment, repurposing and recycling to minimise landfill.

## FURNITURE

We generally distinguish furniture into three categories, each with different recovery pathways.

### TABLES

Tables are typically comprised of particleboard worktops and metal support structures. Worktops are generally attached using removable fixings, allowing for easy separation of components.

Steel and aluminium frames are 100% recyclable and may also be suitable for refurbishment or reuse through Workspace Circular Solutions.



#### Preferred recovery pathway:

Return through Workspace Circular Solutions for assessment of reuse, refurbishment, component recovery, or recycling.

### 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.



#### Preferred recovery pathway:

Return through Workspace Circular Solutions for assessment of reuse, refurbishment, component recovery, or recycling.

### 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, height 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.

Many seating products can be refurbished through reupholstery, replacement of components, or recovery of reusable parts prior to recycling.



#### Preferred recovery pathway:

Return through Workspace Circular Solutions for assessment of refurbishment, component recovery, reuse, or recycling. The foam is reused in-house or recovered by Dunlop and repurposed into under-carpet underlay, extending the material's lifecycle and supporting circular reuse pathways.

### UPHOLSTERED PRODUCTS

Upholstered furniture generally falls into two categories:

#### Stand-Alone Chairs

These products commonly contain steel or aluminium frames combined with timber, polyurethane foam, and upholstery fabrics. Materials can generally be separated and recovered through refurbishment or recycling processes.

#### Soft Seating

Soft seating products contain timber frames, foam, fabrics, and various internal components assembled through traditional upholstery methods. While separation can be more complex, opportunities may still exist for refurbishment, repurposing, component recovery, and recycling.

Workspace works with specialist recycling and recovery partners to maximise diversion from landfill wherever possible.



#### Preferred recovery pathway:

Return through Workspace Circular Solutions for assessment of refurbishment, component recovery, reuse, or recycling. The foam is reused in-house or recovered by Dunlop and repurposed into under-carpet underlay, extending the material's lifecycle and supporting circular reuse pathways.

# workspace

circular solutions

Workspace Circular Solutions is our furniture take-back program designed to keep furniture in circulation and out of landfill.

## Why Trust a Certified Industry Leader?

With decades of experience in the furniture industry, Workspace has the expertise, infrastructure, and commitment to drive real change. Our dedicated fleet, certified recycling partners, and in-house capabilities ensure that every item we take back is handled responsibly. As part of our commitment to reducing environmental impact, we also offset emissions across our entire delivery fleet, helping to minimise the carbon footprint of our operations while supporting a more circular economy.

## Why Choose Us?

Workspace is uniquely positioned to deliver a practical and reliable furniture take-back solution. With over a century of manufacturing experience, we understand furniture materials, construction methods, and end-of-life pathways better than most.

Unlike traditional waste disposal services, our approach prioritises recovery before recycling. Through refurbishment, component harvesting, material recycling, and responsible disposal, we seek to maximise the value retained in every item collected.

Our national delivery network and fully carbon-offset fleet enable efficient collection and transportation, while our trusted network of certified recycling and recovery partners ensures materials are managed responsibly and transparently.

As Australia's first furniture manufacturer certified to ISO 14006 Eco Design, sustainability is embedded into the way we design, manufacture, recover, and manage products throughout their lifecycle. With Workspace Circular Solutions, you gain a trusted partner that can help reduce landfill, support circular economy outcomes, and contribute to \*Green Star (GBCA) credit achievement, while also strengthening ESG performance. This ensures your furniture is managed responsibly from collection through to final recovery.

\*For builders & developers working towards Green Star certifications, partnering with Workspace may contribute to achieving higher Green Star ratings

## Why throw out... ...when we can it take back

Furniture waste is a growing challenge, with thousands of desks, chairs, and tables ending up in landfill every year. At Workspace, we're taking responsibility for change.

Introducing Workspace Circular Solutions—a take-back program that helps customers responsibly remove, recover, and recycle furniture during workplace refits. Through trusted recycling partners, we extend product life, recover valuable materials, and reduce landfill.

From end-of-use to new purpose—keeping furniture in circulation, not in waste.



### RECYCLE

Items are collected directly from your site and transported to our Workspace facility in Melrose Park SA, where each piece is carefully disassembled. Components are then sorted and directed into appropriate recovery pathways, including reuse and recycling, to ensure landfill is minimised wherever possible.



### REWORK

At Workspace, our skilled professionals can revitalise your furniture, whether it's reupholstering chairs, recutting tables to better fit your space, or repurposing materials for new uses.



### REWORK

We take a practical and innovative approach to repurposing furniture, giving a new use to furniture, ensuring materials are given a second life while reducing environmental impact.



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