

Gretchen™ Bench

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Sustainability Data Sheet



With our roots in the landscape and a stated purpose to “Enrich Outdoor Spaces,” Landscape Forms has a special relationship to the natural environment. We have always been mindful that as we design and manufacture products that are acted upon by the environment, we act upon it in turn. Environmental sustainability is completely consistent with our purpose, our goals, our values and our principles. We make stewardship of the environment a vital part of our business.

To learn more about our sustainability initiatives, refer to our [Environmental Statement](#).

Gretchen Bench is manufactured using the following materials:

Material	Parts	Recyclable
Aluminum	Supports	100%
Wood	Seat/back slats	100%
Polysite® recycled HDPE plastic	Seat/back slats	100%

Finishes

All metal is finished with Pangard II® polyester powdercoat, which is lead-free, hazardous air pollutants-(HAPS) free, does not generate hazardous waste, and contains less than 1% VOCs. Once processed, these trace VOCs are fully inert therefore the finish does not release airborne contaminants.

Landscape Forms wood furniture for outdoor use is manufactured from wood species that weather naturally in outdoor settings to a beautiful pewter gray. We do not apply paints or finishes to these products and do not recommend the use of finishes which would require ongoing maintenance programs as the wood weathers. Our wood furniture for indoor use is finished with LF 80, a clear, catalyzed low-VOC acrylic finish.

Packaging Materials	Parts	Recyclable
Biodegradable Plastic	Product Bagged to Protect Finish	100%
Recycled Skid		100%
Cardboard with 35% Recycled Content		100%

To find local recyclers visit: for aluminum: www.recyclealuminum.org; for steel: www.recycle-steel.org; for cardboard: www.corrugated.org.

LEED®

This product may help achieve the following points under the LEED 2009 Rating System. For specifics regarding rules for the inclusion of furniture, please consult the rating system and reference guide that applies to your project.

IEQ Prerequisite 2: Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) Control

Intent

To prevent or minimize exposure of building occupants, indoor surfaces and ventilation air distribution systems to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS).

Benches, tables, chairs and ash urns help create a designated smoking area 25 feet or more from entries, outdoor air intakes and operable windows to support the intent of this prerequisite.

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MR Credit 4, Recycled Content

Intent

To increase demand for building products that incorporate recycled content materials, thereby reducing impacts resulting from extraction and processing of virgin materials.

Style	Post Consumer	Pre Consumer
Wood Seat	5%	4%
PolySite Seat	66%	23%

Materials and Resources

MR Credit 5, Regional Materials

Intent

To increase demand for building materials and products that are extracted and manufactured within the region, thereby supporting the use of indigenous resources and reducing the environmental impacts resulting from transportation.

This product is categorized as Furniture and Furnishings, Division 12. MR Credit 5 is to include only products in Division 2 – 10 of the (CSI) MasterFormat. At the option of the project, Division 12 may be included, but then must also be included consistently in MR Credits 3 through 7.

This product is manufactured in our Kalamazoo, MI facility, zip code 49048. Many of our suppliers are located within a 500 mile radius of this facility, but they may source raw materials from multiple sources. If the project is within 500 miles of Kalamazoo and you wish to consider this product for MR Credit 5, please contact Landscape Forms prior to order placement to explore the possibility of specifying regionally sourced raw materials.

MR Credit 7, Certified Wood

Intent

To encourage environmentally responsible forest management.

Landscape Forms is certified for Forest Stewardship Council Chain of Custody. Certification registration number SW-COC-001261. This product is offered with FSC certified wood as an option. Contact Landscape Forms for pricing and lead times.

Care and Maintenance

Gretchen Bench is designed and engineered to live a long, useful life in outdoor spaces without the use of chemical cleaners to maintain the finish. The durability, longevity and low maintenance of our products contribute to responsible stewardship of the earth's resources.

All metal is finished with Landscape Forms' proprietary Pangard II® polyester powdercoat, a hard yet flexible finish that resists rusting, chipping, peeling and fading and requires no cleaning solvents once installed. Clean surface as needed using a soft cloth or brush with a mild detergent. Avoid steam cleaning, abrasive cleansers, carbon steel brushes/wools and cleaners containing chlorine. Outdoor use will require periodic finish inspection and maintenance. Inspect periodically for scratches, nicks and gouges. Touch-up paint is included with every order and can be used to repair minor nicks and scratches.

Wood: Exterior woods require no maintenance. If desired, the surface may be scrubbed with warm soapy water and soft bristle brush. Pressure washing, steel wool/wire brushes are not recommended. Heavily ingrained stains may be sanded away with fine grade sandpaper worked in the direction of the grain. Sanded wood will weather to a gray patina. Interior woods require only dusting or occasional cleaning with a good-quality furniture polish.

Polysite®: To maintain the original finish, simply clean PolySite with soap and water. As a rule, paint will not adhere to PolySite; sealing or painting is not required or recommended. Most forms of graffiti can be cleaned from the PolySite surface with the use of a conventional all-purpose cleaner or petroleum-based cleaner. The surface layer of PolySite is very difficult to carve into. If it does become marred, use fine sandpaper to lightly buff the area smooth. Abraded areas will not darken, spread or cause the PolySite surface to crack or check.