

SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT



“OUR PRODUCTS ARE CREATED WITH PURPOSE AND CRAFTED WITH PRIDE. WE BELIEVE IN LONGEVITY, PRODUCING PIECES THAT NOT ONLY ENDURE THE TEST OF TIME AESTHETICALLY BUT ARE ALSO CONSTRUCTED TO LAST GENERATIONS”

Sean Dare, Founder and Managing Director

Dare Studio produce furniture to the highest quality with careful consideration to the environment and how and where the product will be used. Our products are designed by globally recognised designers who share a holistic understanding of the materials and processes involved in creating sustainable, environmentally conscious furniture.

We take our responsibility as a producer very seriously and are committed to minimising our environmental impact during both the manufacturing process and life cycle of the product. Where possible we use carefully selected natural recyclable materials and FSC certified timbers. We examine the origin of all of our materials alongside the manufacturing processes needed to prepare the for the creation of our furniture. We operate in small workshops throughout the UK and Europe and only produce what we need in effective batches, we are committed to reducing waste and emissions and use packaging that is both recyclable and recycled.

All of our pieces are designed to be maintained and repaired with replacement parts or ultimately recycled thus enabling the choice to keep or retire the product at the end of its life cycle.

We have invested many years of research to establish relationships with suppliers who share our environmental ethos, this is supported through documented procedures and certified products.



MATERIALS & FINISHES

TIMBER

We use a selection of native European and American timbers in our products, many of which are FSC certified. The timbers are selected for their visual character, colour tone and structural integrity. Dare Studio has been awarded the FSC Chain of custody certification (COC). From forest to end-user we ensure that FSC materials have been checked at every stage of processing so that customers purchasing our products can be confident that they are genuinely FSC certified. All timber is sustainable and legally harvested from certified forests. Please state FSC requirements upon ordering.

TIMBER FINISHES

We use a number of different finishes for our timber products, these are determined by the intended use of the product and required aesthetic.

OSMO POLYX

Osmo Polyx is stain-resistant, water repellent and abrasion-resistant and results in a surface that is pleasant to the touch. The ingredients are based on natural plant oils and waxes, designed to lengthen the life of the product. Osmo is fully certified for FSC and PEFC. Osmo oils are low VOC.

OSMO TOP OIL

Osmo Top Oil is a microporous natural hardwax-oil wood finish which is extremely tough and hard wearing. It is water repellent and dirt resistant. The finish is resistant against wine, beer, cola, coffee, tea, fruit juices, milk and water. These types of liquid spillages will tightly bead on the surface without leaving any marks, simply clean by wiping with a cloth. The ingredients are based on natural plant oils and waxes, designed to lengthen the life of the product. Osmo is fully certified for FSC and PEFC. Osmo oils are low VOC.

METALS

The metal parts and components used in the manufacture of our products can all be recycled. Where a surface has been painted, this will require stripping prior to the appropriate recycling takes place. Our Waldron dining table features cast aluminum legs produced from recycled aluminum.

METAL FINISHES

We offer a number of different powder coated finishes for our metal products, these are determined by the intended use of the product and required aesthetic.

POWDER COAT

We use Interpon metal powder coat finishes which contain no solvents, are lead and chromium free and have a low carbon footprint. In accordance with the IOA (Indoor Environmental Quality) they are also free from VOC (volatile organic compounds).



UPHOLSTERY

All of our upholstered pieces have a timber frame, screwed and glued with fixed or loose cushions. We use a combination of fillings for our cushions including wool, fibre and feathers. We are currently exploring the change over from polyurethane foam to natural latex and from polyester fibre to cotton.

FOAM

We ensure that our subcontractors use processes with the least environmental impact when manufacturing foam. The CMHR foam used in our manufacture has been tested according to cigarette and match BS 5852 Source 1 (Low Hazard) without treatment .

FABRICS

All of our fabrics are selected based on a combination of their natural composition, structure and aesthetic. We only work with fabric suppliers that have strict environmental credentials. Many fabrics that we use have achieved the prestigious EU Eco Label which accredits the environmental sensitivity of products throughout their life cycle.

LEATHERS

Leather has a life cycle that is substantially longer than any other upholstery material. It is a natural material and is 100% biodegradable. As leather is a byproduct of the farming industry, our leathers are selected from tanneries who have a strict code of care to the animals welfare as well as environmental accreditation for their processing of leather.

ADHESIVES

We use an eco friendly adhesive called Mitol Mekol D3 in the construction of our products. Mitol are committed to protect, restore and promote the sustainable use of ecosystems.

PACKAGING

Where possible we aim to reuse and recycle our packaging. When using our own delivery team we are able to offer a take back service for packaging. We are also able to deliver many pieces in our own bespoke quilted covers which are removed at kerb-side so they are delivered completely free of packaging. Where deliveries are not delivered direct to site or are made via third party logistics, we try to use packaging which can be easily recycled and to keep our use of plastics to an absolute minimum. Products may be delivered in recovered/reused cartons.

REPAIRS & RECYCLING

As a company we take our responsibility as a producer very seriously, we do not believe in a throw away culture and endeavor for our products to last many years, becoming heirlooms in the future. To ensure longevity we offer replacement parts and can advise on repairs. If our clients have a product they no longer require, we will recycle every component and give it a new life.



SUBCONTRACTING

Much of our component production lies with subcontractors, we always engage with our subcontractors about their attitudes and awareness of the environment. We regard the following requirements as a minimum that our subcontractors need to comply with: must have ISO 14001, or another documented environmental management system. Raw materials must be traceable. They must work on minimising environmentally harmful manufacture and materials.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Our waste is sorted into a recycling system of combustible, cardboard, metal, plastic and landfill.

