



## **Environmental and quality policy**

Nola is working on a clear and conscious environmental and quality policy with the goal of creating functional, exciting, and environmentally-friendly quality products for public outdoor and indoor environments. We stand for quality and we believe that the life and durability of our products, both aesthetically and practically, have a decisive impact on the overall environmental impact of the product. Our products are manufactured from a wide variety of materials, where the choice is made for practical durability. We are pleased to frequently use recycled materials, and such materials that can be easily recycled in existing plants. Our goal is that our products be environmentally viable. Nola's products are an investment in the environment that pays for itself both financially and with well-being.

Nola's environmental work is conducted according to the following principle guidelines:

- Product development towards more environmentally-friendly products
- Consciously chosen materials
- Production with minimal negative impact on the environment
- Distribution and packaging that uses environmentally friendly, energy and resource-efficient methods.
- Work on established eco-labels and criteria such as FSC-labelling and the Building Products Assessment.

## **Production**

We strive for a non-toxic and well-built public environment through environmentally conscious product development. All production takes place in Sweden in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Our environmental work is carried out according to set objectives, with clear regulations for distribution. We work towards production that is safe and bears minimal negative impact on the environment. We work with environmentally friendly packaging that is both energy and resource-efficient, for domestic production as well as for reuse, recycling, and clear labelling.

Manufacturing is carried out exclusively in Sweden, which provides short shipping distances and allows for an expanded and ongoing control of quality and environmental impact. As often as possible, we use environmentally certified suppliers and materials.

## **Material selection and assessments**

Our materials are chosen with care based on quality, function, and environmental impact. We primarily use pine in our products, an environmentally friendly, native species of wood. Pine holds the highest possible environmental classification according to FSC, which means that harvesting and growth of the species is managed according to the established criteria known as Well Managed Forest

For our indoor furniture, we mainly use domestic woods such as pine, oak, birch, and ash. For outdoor furniture, we strive to use domestic materials whenever possible.

Regarding tropical timber, Nola works actively to comply with Forest Stewardship Councils (FSC) and current regulations regarding the use of eco-labelled timber. FSC is an international body that promotes long-term responsible forestry in all parts of the world. The Swedish FSC group includes representatives from



the World Wide Fund for Nature and the Swedish Society for Nature Conservation.

We work continuously to have our products assessed through the *Building Products Assessment*, a standard for determining the environmental impact of products and materials. We always make an assessment on request, and to the furthest extent possible strive to have our products secured and approved according to established standards and criteria.

## **Surface Finishing**

The surface finishes that Nola uses are environmentally friendly and non-allergenic. They are not carcinogenic, toxic, or harmful to reproduction. We completely avoid organic tin compounds, halogenated organic binders, halogenated organic flame retardants, and halogenated and aromatic solvents.

Metals are not coated with cadmium or nickel, excepting small details such as screws and hinges. Furthermore, pigments and other additives with lead, cadmium, or mercury bases are not included in Nola's surface treatments.

The wood colours we use do not contain the substances kathon, rosin, or epoxy. A water-based paint is more gentle on the environment. At normal capacity, the paint has good and long durability. We have recently begun an evaluation of this colour system and will eventually switch to water-based colours for wood.

When using pressure treatments to protect outdoor wood from rot and mould, we do not use finishing liquids containing arsenic, copper, or chromium. Instead, alternative rot and mould protection methods are used, such as pressure treatments with metal-free finishing liquids or treatment with water-based wood oils.

The work to find new environmentally friendly adhesives and surface treatments is done through a continuous collaboration between Nola, suppliers, and our manufacturers. As part of this work, Nola has chosen to powder-coat most products when staining steel details. Powder paint is completely solvent-free and is the most environmentally friendly alternative for additional protection and coloration.

## **Transport and distribution**

We work with environmentally friendly packaging that is both energy and resource efficient. All packaging is done by subcontractors, after which the finished product is sent directly to the customer. All packaging material is purchased by Nola's subcontractors. The products are sent as far as possible on EUR pallets with pallet collars, or (for smaller deliveries) packaged in corrugated cardboard. EUR pallets and pallet collars are reusable and can be deposited all over Europe.

The choice of carrier is made according to approved environmental and management criteria. Internal control is done by an internal work environment, which is also regularly checked by a designated safety representative.

## **Reuse and recycling**

Nola is pleased to often use recycled materials and materials that can be easily recycled. We provide all information on the recycling of materials used in the products. On request, content declarations are provided that show the ingredients of each individual product. This



serves as the basis for waste sorting and recycling. See below for a general overview of materials and how they are recycled.

- All wood / MDF can be burned. This also applies to painted and pressure-treated wood.
- To the extent possible, steel, stainless steel, and aluminium are recycled by melting.
- Concrete is collected separately and can then be crushed to be used as filling material in new concrete, or during construction.
- Plastic is either incinerated or ground down to use as filler material in new products.

All our product sheets declare materials and surface treatments. For more details, please contact Nola Industrier AB.