

## Skyline & The Environment

### Our Contribution to Environmental Sustainability

Skyline contributes to environmental sustainability in two ways: By providing lighter weight, modular exhibits that have smaller environmental impact than traditional custom exhibits, and by minimizing the impact on the environment from our manufacturing operations.

#### **REDUCE**

##### **Our Products:**

Skyline designs and develops exhibits that do not cause unnecessary waste of materials due to short life, poor design, inefficient construction and manufacturing processes. Skyline uses one third of the materials of traditional custom exhibits. For example: a typical Skyline island exhibit weights 19kg per square metre, whereas a typical custom exhibit weighs on average 48kg per square metre. A Skyline exhibit will not only save you money on shipping and operations costs, it also uses less materials overall.

Skyline products also ship in much less space then traditional custom exhibits helping to save energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions during the life of the exhibit.

So our lightweight exhibits require fewer materials, thus lowering operating costs and environmental impact.

##### **Our Operations:**

Skyline made the decision to improve every-day business practices in order to align with environmental sustainability. We believe that investing in higher quality equipment allows us to reduce scrap, waste, and energy consumption, and produce higher quality products.

- ? Exhibit Systems: Many of Skyline's exhibit systems are based on metal frameworks. Skyline makes every effort to optimise each and every sheet of metal used.
- ? Painting: Skyline paints its thousands of metal parts with electrostatic powder paint, which produces nearly no waste and does not require environmentally harmful solvents for clean up.

- ? Shipping: It is our principle to consolidate shipping wherever possible, which reduces the number of boxes and packaging used.
- ? Packaging: We have replaced a portion of our foam usage during packaging and shipping, with air-filled cushion technology that can be deflated after shipping, and honeycomb cardboard which is recyclable.
- ? Printing: By making our marketing materials available in electronic format via our website, this allows us to cut down on excess printing.

## REUSE

### Our Products:

Clients purchasing Skyline exhibits can use their system over and over again; and all of our exhibit systems allow for varying configurations; changing designs with the same components. Skyline also has a large inventory of rental systems that can be used for a show, sent back and used again. Each option optimises the life cycle of our exhibit systems.

### Our Operations:

As part of our lean manufacturing processes, Skyline also has a commitment to reusing as much of our excess materials as possible - contributing to the conservation of energy and resources, while keeping waste out of our landfills:

- ? As our metal exhibit systems in our rental inventory become damaged from multiple uses, we strip the paint in the most environmentally friendly way, repaint them, and continue to use them.
- ? Skyline has saved over 14,000kg of powder paint since upgrading our system in July 2004. Skyline now uses a smaller equally capable system that is able to vacuum, filter and reuse any excess powder paint.
- ? In Skyline's woodshop, raw plywood scrap is reused in several different ways; smaller pieces are used to make boxes to hold our tube system base plates. Larger pieces are used in the production of custom wood crates.

Skyline believes that good business practices are synonymous with environmental stewardship.