

# **Forte** Environmental Summary





### How We Care

It's a primary concern of ours that we preserve and nurture the environment and our planet. As a global company, our impact on the environment is significant. Which is why we do everything in our power to create a sustainable, green business. Good environmental management is crucial to the continued success of Spacestor and is a concept that we encourage throughout our entire supply chain, as well as within the company itself. Through innovative research and development, we engineer sustainable solutions through clean and harmless processes. We seek to consistently support and strengthen the global community, help create a unique, unforgettable workspace experience and to inspire wellbeing.

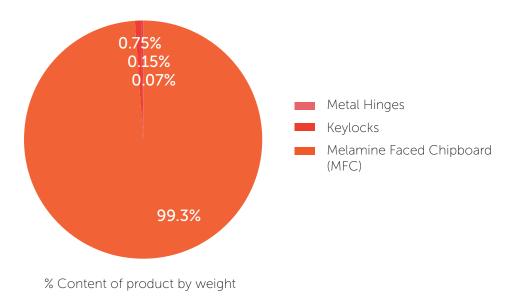
Like our supply chain partners, we take our environmental responsibilities seriously; progressively studying and addressing factors such as waste management, the provenance of our timber and reducing the overall carbon footprint of our business. Minimising our environmental impact is a key consideration at every step of the way.

# Forte

Forte's range of cupboards and lockers are perfect for people with an eye for design but a short lead time. Freestanding and modular, these storage products are entirely future-proof and can be fully customised to any customer requirements. For those using their storage to create feel-good spaces, units made in this range can be configured in any practical width, height and depth and they can be personalised using any of Spacestor's internal fitments, handles and finishes, right from the sleek and chic to the vibrant and loud. Bespoke sizes, no problem. Huge range of external finishes. Mix and match panel finishes. Precision manufacturing with high quality components. Pre-assembled in the Spacestor factory. Full Spacestor internal fitments range. Robust budget alternative to storagewall.



## **Environmental Information**



Materials		% Content of product by weight*
Carcass, clads & door fronts	Melamine faced chipboard (MFC - 85% wood mass, 6% water, 9% UF glue, <1% parrafin wax emulsion)	99.3%
Metal hinges	100% Steel	0.75%
Keylocks	98% zinc, 2% other metals. Keys - 100% steel	0.15%
Feet	100% steel	0.07%

\*based on a 1000mm wide x 720mm high x 500mm deep unit

99%

recyclable

# **Recycling Information**\*

The carcass, clads and door fronts, are made from MFC which is an environmentally sustainable product containing over 40% recycled wood and can be recycled at the end of its life as Grade C wood or used as biomass waste in accordance with the biomass regulation.

Both the metal hinges and keylock parts are 100% recyclable, through resmelting.

All packaging materials we use are fully recyclable. Our foam and polystyrene packing pieces are not currently recycled at kerbside but they can be recycled as LDPE.

\*Please check with your local authorities for exact information on how to recycle these materials.

#### Recyclability (%)

MFC**	100%
Steel	100%
Zinc	100%
Packaging*	100%

\*item can be recycled at kerbside.

\*\*if unable to be reused this material can be incinerated to generate energy through biomass disposal.

# **Additional Information**

Dedicated manufacturing facilities in the UK and USA provide you with ultimate flexibility in product customization and lead time. Spacestor is ISO9001, ISO14001, FISP, FSC and CHAS accredited - demonstrating our commitment to quality, safety and sustainability.



All materials are locally sourced as much as possible from suppliers who meet high environmental standards.

The majority of our board components meet the emissions limit values of the European formaldehyde class E1 under ECHA (European Chemicals Agency), which means board materials contain a maximum of 0.007% formaldehyde. Our board suppliers have the VOCs in their products tested regularly according to exceed the latest standards. Melamine resin surfaces, laminates and most coatings block emissions from the coreboard. The emissions of these coatings are very low, so overall, the laminated board exhibits far lower values for VOC and formaldehyde emissions than the rawboard. We are now able to offer some products with zero added formaldehyde, and are moving to increase this steadily.

Waste management is under continual reduction and measures are taken to reduce landfill. All waste that can't be used anywhere else is recycled and managed in accordance with legal requirements. And it's not just the waste we produce on site that's recycled; when an installation is complete, all waste and packaging materials removed are returned to be fed into our segregated waste streams. Our wood waste never goes to landfill. Instead, we burn all our biomass-type waste in our on-site 350kW Ranheat biomass boiler which in turn, provides enough energy to heat our main manufacturing plant and provide hot water for all on-site facilities, eliminating tonnes of CO2 emissions from fossil energy sources, as compared to energy generation using natural gas. Since expanding the capacaity of our biomass power plant in 2016, we can proudly say we have not had to purchase gas from the UK network.

Distribution generally occurrs between the manufacturing site to the client. Wherever possible, we minimize packaging weight and volume to reduce the carbon footprint of the product during distribution.

Spacestor is dedicated to product longevity. Forte is made with replaceable parts and easily changeable accessories. The product is 99% recyclable by weight and easy to disassemble at the end of life using simple tools.

#### **Product Lifecycle**

