

# LEED® Credits: Commercial Interiors v2.0 & v3.0

## Equity®

CI ●  
EB v2 ○  
EB v3 ○  
NC ○

From team spaces to low-wall workspaces to fully enclosed offices, Equity creates functional and attractive workspaces. Equity is GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certified®.

### Clean Manufacturing Technologies

- ▶ Water-based adhesives used to adhere laminate to substrate 99% VOC free
- ▶ Powdered adhesive used to laminate fabric to panel virtually VOC free
- ▶ Powder coating on steel virtually VOC free
- ▶ Water-based UV-cured polyurethane wood top coats virtually VOC-free.

### Materials

- ▶ 20-30% recycled content steel.
- ▶ 100% recycled content particleboard.
- ▶ FSC-certified standard for laminate and North American veneer surfaces.
- ▶ Available with 100% recycled content fabric.
- ▶ Available with 100% recycled aluminum on add-on and insert panel frames.
- ▶ Steel components recyclable.

The sustainable design of the Equity office system can help customers achieve the following Commercial Interiors LEED Credits:

### Core Areas

#### EAC Credit 1.1 – Optimize Energy Performance, Lighting Power

**Intent:** Achieve increasing levels of energy conservation below the pre-requisite standard to reduce environmental impacts associated with excessive energy use.

- ▶ The standard Equity task light is high efficiency with an electronic ballast.

#### MR Credit 3 – Resource Reuse, 30% Furniture and Furnishings

**Intent:** Reuse building and materials in order to reduce demand for virgin materials and reduce waste, thereby reducing impacts associated with the extraction and processing of virgin resources.

- ▶ Equity is designed for durability with a Lifetime warranty, system components are easy to reassemble and to be refurbished for a second life. New product is designed to be integrated with existing furniture systems.

#### MR Credit 4 – Recycled Content

**Intent:** Increase demand for building products that incorporate recycled material, reducing impacts resulting from extraction and processing of virgin materials.

- ▶ The standard Equity office system has a recycled content of 20–30%.

#### MR Credit 5 – Regional Materials

**Intent:** Increase the demand for building materials and products that are extracted and manufactured within the region.

- ▶ Equity may contribute to Regional Materials depending on the project location.

#### MR Credit 7 – Certified Wood

**Intent:** Encourage environmentally responsible forest management.

- ▶ The wood material used to construct Equity is FSC chain-of-custody-certified when using laminate or North American veneer surfaces.

#### EQ Credit 4.5 – Low-Emitting Materials, Furniture and Furnishings

**Intent:** Reduce the use of furniture assemblies that may release indoor air contaminants that are odorous or potentially irritating and might be deleterious to installer and occupant health, comfort and well-being.

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#### EQ Credit 8 – Daylight and Views

**Intent:** Provide for the occupants a connection between indoor spaces and the outdoors through the instruction of daylight and views into the regularly occupied area of the tenant space.

- ▶ Equity can be specified with glazing and panel heights to help achieve these points.

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## Supplementary areas

### MR Credit 2 – Construction Waste Management

**Intent:** Divert 50–75% construction, demolition and packaging debris from landfill disposal. Redirect recyclable recovered resources back to the manufacturing process. Redirect reusable materials to appropriate sites.

- ▶ Knoll packing materials include corrugated cardboard, expanded polystyrene foam and wood pallets. These materials are recyclable in many markets, which can reduce landfill disposal.

### MR Credit 6 – Rapidly Renewable Materials

**Intent:** Reduce the use of depletion of finite raw materials and long cycle renewable materials by replacing them with rapidly renewable materials.

- ▶ Bamboo veneer can be selected to construct worksurfaces.

## Innovation in Design

### ID Credit 1.1 – 1.4

**Intent:** To provide building operation, design teams and projects the opportunity to be awarded points for exceptional performance above the requirements set by the LEED–CI Rating System and/or innovative performance in Green Building categories not specifically addressed by LEED–CI Rating System.

### Comprehensive Ergonomic Policy + Program

The USGBC has approved the implementation of a comprehensive ergonomic program as an innovation credit. Knoll products, such as task seating, monitor arms and keyboard trays, can contribute to this point along with an ergonomic training program for employees, which Knoll can provide.

### Toxic Material Source Reduction: Reduced Mercury in Light Bulbs (LEED EB v2 MRp2)

### Sustainable Purchasing: Reduced Mercury in Light Bulbs (LEED EB v3 MRc4.0)

Low-mercury lighting is supplied with products specified. Lighting with a mercury content of less than 90 picograms/lumen hour of light output can be supplied. 48-inch and 60-inch wide task lights only. Phillips lights available as special in all sizes except 18-inch wide.

### Sustainable Cleaning Products and Materials (LEED EB v2 MRc10.3)

### Sustainable Cleaning Products and Materials (LEED EB v3 EQc3.4-3.6)

Knoll products are designed to be cleaned with low environmental impact cleaning fluids.