

#### **ISO 14001 Certification**

The framework of Maharam's efforts to reduce its corporate environmental impact is ISO 14001 certification.

To obtain certification, all corporate practices are carefully evaluated and measured for environmental impact. An environmental policy is defined, including concrete goals to reduce identified impacts. This environmental policy includes a commitment to compliance with environmental laws and company policies, continual improvement and prevention of pollution.

An environmental management system is created to ensure that environmental policy is implemented. An independent ISO consultant is retained to continually monitor and measure progress, and to verify that ISO standards are observed. ISO 14001 processes are audited on an annual basis and certified companies must demonstrate continual reduction of their environmental impact.

Through ISO 14001, Maharam is committed to minimizing the environmental impacts of its business practices, including, but not limited to:

- Reduction of energy consumption
- Reduction of water consumption
- Reduction of paper consumption
- Reduction of waste through recycling
- Optimization of textile finishes

#### **Environmentally Improved Manufacturing Processes**

- Alto is free of flame retardant chemicals.
- Alto utilizes a vinyl that does not contain phthalates.

#### **Manufacturing**

Location of Manufacture: Yaphank, NY

Location of Harvest/Extraction: Due to the complex and changing nature of the textile supply chain, location of harvest/extraction is unknown.

#### **Biodegradable and Recyclable Content**

Maharam does not make claims that could misrepresent the environmental attributes of its products. At this time, a national infrastructure to collect and process textiles at the end of their useful lives does not exist. For this reason, Maharam does not claim that any of its products are biodegradable or recyclable. Maharam supports industry initiatives to develop these facilities, but until such a system is in place, Maharam's position is to not label its products as either biodegradable or recyclable.

Maharam's cardboard packaging materials are readily recyclable.

#### **PFC-Free**

Complete product information at [maharam.com](http://maharam.com)

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