

# USP's Green PROGRAM

Being environmentally conscious isn't about tomorrow, it's about today. USP Structural Connectors places a very high value on conserving our natural resources. There are practices we have implemented that provide immediate benefits NOW! This helps us all.

## USP's Environmental Philosophy is:

"In all aspects of our business we will endeavor to provide quality products and service with a focus on conservation and efficient use of materials, energy, and all other resources."

USP strives to constantly improve efficiencies and maximize the effective use of materials and efforts. We work smarter, to have the best quality product for construction, and our environment.

Build Safe  
Build Green!



» We purchase our steel from **energy efficient** U.S. mini-mills.

» Our primary steel supplier provides USP steel that has an average **recycled scrap content** of **91.4%**

» The scrap we generate is **100% recyclable**

» Corrugated cartons are manufactured with an average **35-70% post consumer content**

» The paints we use are all water based and **environmentally friendly**

» Our Gel-7000 epoxy is specifically formulated to be **styrene free** and is low VOC. This provides a great product which is **safer** for the user and the environment

» We print on **recycled papers** and use **soy based inks**

Steel is our number one raw material by far. We purchase our structural grade steel from several mini-mills here in the United States. Mini-mills use a more modern technology which utilizes electric arc furnaces to melt scrap steel, as opposed to companies using traditional blast furnace technology. NUCOR, our primary steel supplier, provides USP steel which has an average recycled scrap content of 91.4%.

Our GEL 7000 Epoxy is specially formulated to be Styrene free and is low VOC. This provides a great product which is safer for the user and for the environment.

The scrap we generate is 100% recyclable.

We focus on operational efficiencies and lean manufacturing. We maximize the use of progressive dies to improve through-put while we minimize waste and conserve energy. Inventory control plays a vital role in minimizing the energy associated longer distance transportation.

Corrugated cartons are manufactured with an average 35-70% of post consumer content.

The paints we use are all water based and environmentally friendly.

Our administrative recycling program provides paper recycling receptacles throughout our office workspaces and cardboard recycling dumpsters for cardstock and corrugated collection.

For our sales collaterals, we use print papers with the highest recycled content possible and soy based inks. We have also increased our use of electronic formats and web based communications, thus reducing our paper consumption and the energy associated with distribution.



USP supplies quality products to build Stronger Safer Structures

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