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ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

LN: SEA-2008

Seatmatic Australia Pty Ltd

Standard:
GECA 28-2006 – Furniture and Fittings

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The national program is managed by two distinct organisations:

Good Environmental Choice Australia Ltd. is the standard setting and sustainable consumption market promotions body which develops and declares the ecolabelling standards defining product environmental preference in conformance to ISO 14 024 – International Standard for Third Party Environmental Labelling and Declaration (www.geca.org.au). GECA is an independent non-profit environmental research and ecolabeling standard setting organisation recognised as the Australian member of an international network of ecolabelling schemes under the Global Ecolabelling Network.

Environmental Assurance (also trading as Good Environmental Choice Services Pty Ltd) is the auditing and certification body with responsibility for product assessment, certification and licensing of products against the declared standards (www.envassurance.com). The organisation is the assessment body for this Program with expertise specific to quality product environmental performance auditing following the principles of ISO 14 010 and ISO 14 024 in its audit and certification services.

Following an independent audit against the recognition requirements of the Australian Program this declaration outlines in summary form key environmental performance attributes of products that have been awarded the "Environmental Choice Australia" mark for the Australian market. The Ecolabel is awarded to those products that meet or exceed voluntary standards of environmental performance.

The objectives of the program are to:

- a) Provide incentives for suppliers to reduce the environmental impacts of products sold in Australia;
- b) Provide a clear, credible and independent guide to consumers wishing to take account of environmental factors in their purchasing decisions;
- c) Encourage consumers to purchase products which have lower environmental impacts;
- d) Recognise genuine moves by companies to reduce the adverse environmental impacts of their products;
- e) Aim ultimately to improve the quality of the environment and to encourage the sustainable management of resources.

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This report has been prepared by Good Environmental Choice Services Pty Ltd (Environmental Assurance) in respect of a Client's assessment results for product conformity to the requirements of the respective Good Environmental Choice Australia Ltd (GECA) standard. The purpose of this public report is to present summary evidence and overview of the Client's product conformity with the standards or other criteria specified. The content of this report applies only to matters which were evident to Environmental Assurance at the time of the audit within the audit scope. Environmental Assurance does not warrant or otherwise comment upon the suitability of the contents of the report or the certificate for any particular purpose or use. Environmental Assurance accepts no liability whatsoever for consequences to, or actions taken by, third parties as a result of or in reliance upon information contained in this report.

CERTIFICATION FINDINGS

The Seatmatic Australia product “Mesh Chair” has been assessed under the GECA 28-2006 Furniture and Fittings Standard. The product has been verified by GECS to meet the requirements of the standard and has been awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Eco-Label.

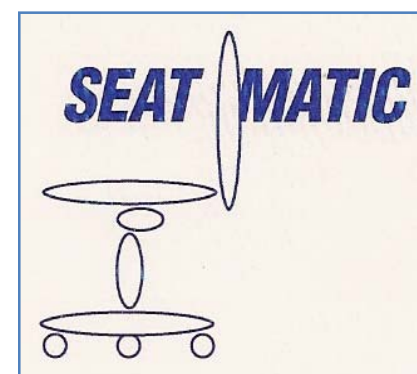
1. MANUFACTURER DESCRIPTION

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Seatmatic Pty Ltd was established in 1996. The company has over 20 years experience and technical knowledge in the commercial seating industry. The mission of the company is to deliver complete life-cycle product compliance.

Seatmatic has a cooperative partnership with its supplier for laminated plywood products. Materials used for their production come from a sustainably managed and fully FSC certified forest.

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2: REGISTERED PRODUCTS

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The following Seatmatic Australia product has been awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Declaration:



PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
Mesh Chair	The Mesh Chair is a Nylon based chair with reduced environmental load due to its environmentally preferable product components.

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The Mesh Chair is a nylon based chair which is designed for comfort and reduces the environmental load due to its environmentally preferable product components.



Products with a distinctive
environmental edge.



3. KEY ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE FINDINGS

The key environmental performance criteria against which the Seatmatic Australia Product was assessed, and the findings by Environmental Assurance, are provided below.

Criterion	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
Fitness For Purpose	Seatmatic has provided documentation outlining the quality assurance of the Mesh Chair. The chair is quality tested at level 6 and has been issued AFRDI certification. The manufacturer of the Mesh Chair has been ISO 9001:2000 accredited. The Mesh Chair has a 5 year warranty.
Plastics -Resin identification Codes	A site audit of the manufacturing facility has found the resin codes are displayed on the seat, base and wheels of the chair.
Fabrics	Chairs may only be sold as fully certified when upholstered with Environmental Choice Australia, EU Flower or Nordic Swan certified fabrics.
Hazardous Materials	An ingredients list for the entire content of the Mesh Chair has been supplied to GECS. No cleaning agents are used in the manufacture of the Mesh Chair. MSDS and testing reports have been supplied and results indicate no detection of the mentioned hazardous substances described in this criterion.
Prohibited Substances	An ingredients list for all components and production materials has been supplied to GECS. MSDS for the Powder Coat and black paint used to manufacture the Mesh Chair have been supplied and found to contain none of the substances described in this section of the standard. Testing reports have been supplied and results indicate no detection of the mentioned hazardous substances described in this criterion.
Separability	Separability of the mesh chair was confirmed during the site inspection.
Product Custodianship	GECS has received confirmation that Seatmatic are involved in a program to recycle plastic chair products. The polypropylene, nylon and polyethylene are recycled back into other components. GECS has confirmed the removal of scrap metals and hazardous materials to be recycled or disposed of at licensed waste disposal sites.
Coatings/ Treatments	A site visit has confirmed that no coatings or treatments prevent the recycling of the product at the end of the product's life.
Replacement Parts	GECS has received a statement that the Mesh Chair is supported by a 5 year warranty on component parts.
Recycled Furniture	The only recycled parts are the polypropylene, nylon and polyethylene components which are used in the Mesh Chair.
Packaging Requirements	A statement from the President of the manufacturing company has confirmed that the only packaging used is cardboard boxes and Bubble wrap made of polyethylene. An MSDS has been supplied to GECS for polyethylene. All packaging is recyclable and non-halogenated.

4. Environmental and Social Regulatory Obligations:

Seatmatic has supplied GECS with confirmation that no prosecutions have occurred in the last 24 months in an Environmental Court of Law. Seatmatic have also supplied confirmation from the president of manufacturing company stating compliance to environmental regulations within the last 24 months.

GECS have established that Seatmatic is operating in compliance with relevant Environmental, Labour, Safety and Anti-discrimination regulations.

Quantifying key criteria for
assurance to the market.

FURTHER INFORMATION

A detailed Verification report is supplied to verified manufacturers regarding the findings of environmental characteristics of their products and evidence of compliance. The verification report can be made available at the sole discretion of the manufacturer.

This EPD has been made available for green purchasing officers, specifiers, and every day Australians seeking to purchase products and services on the basis of functional and overall environmental and human health performance.



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