

BIFMA LEVEL Certification Overview

The BIFMA LEVEL program provides a trusted framework for evaluating the environmental and social impact of furniture products. This guide explains how the certification process works, what to expect during audits, and how partnering with Intertek helps you achieve meaningful sustainability goals with transparency and confidence.



What is BIFMA LEVEL?

BIFMA LEVEL is a multi-attribute sustainability standard developed by the Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association (BIFMA). It provides a transparent and credible framework for evaluating and communicating the environmental and social impacts of furniture products used in business, institutional, and commercial spaces. Eligible products include accessories, architectural products, casegoods, storage, desks, tables, seating, and systems furniture.

The Certification Process

Intertek begins by defining the project scope and preparing a proposal tailored to your product line and goals. Once approved, the applicant submits documentation demonstrating conformance with the tier requirements. Intertek conducts a technical documentation review and required site assessments to verify implementation and compliance.

After an auditor verifies the information and completes an onsite assessment, certificates for the achieved LEVEL rating are issued and published to both Intertek's certification directory and Ecomedes, making your product easily searchable for specifiers and designers.

Audit and Renewal Requirements

BIFMA LEVEL certification remains valid for three years and is maintained through both onsite and desk audits:

- Onsite audits are performed every three years by independent, third-party organizations.
- Desk audits are conducted annually between onsite audits to confirm ongoing compliance and progress.

Levels of Achievement

The LEVEL standard includes four tiers of conformance: LEVEL 1, LEVEL 2, LEVEL 3, and LEVEL 4. Each level represents increasing achievement across sustainability categories, with LEVEL 4 representing the highest standard of environmental and social performance.

Contribution to Sustainable Building Programs

BIFMA LEVEL certification supports key green building frameworks such as the WELL Building Standard and the Living Building Challenge (LBC). Certified furniture contributes to credits and points related to material transparency, human health, and environmental stewardship, helping project teams achieve broader sustainability goals within their buildings.

Why Choose Intertek

Our team of sustainability certification professionals brings integrity, expertise, and transparency to every project. We guide you through the certification process with clear communication, accurate data evaluation, and actionable insights — empowering you to meet market expectations, enhance your brand's credibility, and demonstrate leadership in sustainable design.

Partner with Intertek and move your sustainability goals forward with Precision, Pace, and Passion.

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