

FSC-certified papers

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The public has become increasingly interested in making responsible choices when purchasing wood products. The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) was created in 1993 following the Rio Earth Summit to change the practice of responsible forestry worldwide. The FSC principles and criteria include conserving biological diversity, conserving old growth forests, protecting the well-being of indigenous groups, and slowing global climate change. The FSC has established a credible certification program which guarantees the product comes from a responsibly managed forest and/or contains a high percentage of postconsumer waste fiber.

The FSC standard has global support from highly regarded organizations. Choosing FSC certified papers is one way a company can show environmental responsibility. These papers present no difference in quality or print performance as the difference is about forest management, not papermaking.

In 2002, Mohawk Fine Papers attained certification under the FSC's Chain of Custody standard. This allows Mohawk to produce printing and writing papers manufactured in compliance with FSC standards.

The Forest Stewardship Council

The Forest Stewardship Council is an international non-profit organization which has established an international labeling scheme for forest products. All products carrying the FSC label have been independently certified as coming from forests that meet the recognized FSC Principles and Criteria of Forest Stewardship and/or contains a high percentage of postconsumer waste fiber. Forest inspections are carried out on a regular basis by a number of FSC-accredited certification bodies, which are evaluated and monitored to ensure their competence and credibility.

Chain of Custody certification

To earn FSC certification, a product made with pulp or paper must pass through a complete "chain of custody" (CoC) from an FSC certified forest to an FSC certified paper manufacturer, merchant and printer. In order to identify products with the FSC label, all processes in the CoC must be independently verified and have CoC certification. SmartWood is the certification body for Mohawk, and carries out on the ground, detailed assessments of operations and their social, environmental, and economic components.

To bear the FSC logo, paper mills, paper merchants and printers must continue the chain of FSC certification so that consumers have a credible, traceable record of their paper specification. For a list of certified paper merchants and printers, please visit www.fscus.org.

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FSC PRINCIPLES

- Conserving biological diversity and functioning ecosystems
- Maintaining high conservation value forests
- Advancing the economic and social well-being of workers, local communities and indigenous groups
- Establishing long-term sound management practices
- The FSC logo identifies products from well-managed forests.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Forest Stewardship Council
www.fscus.org

SmartWood
www.smartwood.org

Forest Certification
Resource Center
www.certifiedwood.org

MOHAWK'S FSC

CERTIFICATION NUMBER:
SW-COC-000668

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RECYCLED PAPERS

Mohawk Color Copy: 1 white
Mohawk Via, Smooth: 1 white
Mohawk Options: 3 whites
Strathmore Script: 6 shades
Beckett Cambric: 20 shades
Beckett Concept: 12 shades
Beckett Enhance: 4 whites
Beckett Expression: 13 shades
Beckett Ridge: 6 shades

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FSC certifications for paper

By certifying wood products, the FSC is able to promote responsible forestry management.

The FSC has three basic labels for paper:

1. FSC Pure Label: 100% of fiber comes from FSC certified forests
2. FSC Mixed Sources Label: fiber comes from FSC certified forests in addition to recycled fiber and/or fiber from non-FSC certified controlled sources
3. FSC Recycled Label: 100% of fiber comes from postconsumer waste in accordance with FSC standards

Use of the FSC label must be arranged with an FSC-certified printer when using FSC-certified paper purchased through an FSC-certified merchant. Be sure to build some extra time into your production schedule when your goal is to include this logo on your job. Each label has specific wording for the fiber content and its source.

Mohawk offers the most diverse range of FSC-certified products in our industry and will continue to make additions to our FSC portfolio. All five Beckett grades are entirely FSC certified. In addition, Mohawk can manufacture FSC certified paper in any standard Mohawk grade and basis weight for a 20,000-pound minimum making order.

For more information and samples, please call your local merchant or Mohawk at 1 800 the mill. www.mohawkpaper.com