

# PRODUCT ENVIRONMENTAL PROFILE (PEP)

## Ears Collection — *designed by* Piero Lissoni

Product Environmental Profile (PEP) is a type II environmental product self-declaration that includes relevant environmental statements about the materials that compose the product and its environmental impact.



*\* Product pictured may not be the exact style of the product studied in this document.*

## Materials

### SEAT

Seat in stained curved oak plywood or lacquered curved beech plywood in the finishes in our collection.

To produce these components Viccarbe is using wood sourced from sustainable forestry sources.

### METAL LEGS AND METAL ARMREST

We use powder coating obtained from polyester resins without TGIC on all our calibrated steel structures. It offers hard weather resistance, maintaining its gloss and resistance to the UV rays, and complies with international specifications of QUALICOAT.

No solvents are present in polyester powder coatings; therefore, they are free of volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Powder coatings neither contain heavy metals such as cadmium and lead.

POLYURETHANE  
FOAM

This powder coating shows compliance with the requirements of NF EN ISO 16000-9 regarding the low emission of volatile organic compounds (COVs) and has been labeled as A+ in the emission classification “VOC Émissions dans l’air intérieur”.

The standard polyurethane foam we use in our upholstery products (except for CMHR - fire retardant foams - used in the upholstery products available in UK pricelist) are CertiPUR and Oeko-TEX certified and do not contain added flame retardants. CMHR foams are Oeko-TEX certified.

CertiPUR is a voluntary testing, analysis, and certification program for the environment, health and safety properties of polyurethane foam used in bedding and upholstered furniture applications. It specifies substances that may not be used in the production of polyurethane foams and sets stringent maximum limits for some components.

Oeko-TEX certificate stands for customer confidence and high product safety. Every component of this article has been tested for harmful substances and that the article therefore is harmless for human health. In this test, numerous regulated and non-regulated substances which may be harmful to human health are taken into account. In many cases the limit values for the STANDARD 100 go beyond national and international requirements.

UPHOLSTERY  
FABRICS

We offer a wide range of fabrics for upholstery from large international firms such as Kvadrat, Camira, Gabriel, Crevin and Spradling. All these firms have fabrics that comply with environmental requirements that can be checked in the fabrics technical info section of our pricelist and the technical data sheet of each fabric.

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## Manufacturing

The product is assembled in Viccarbe’s factory in Beniparrell, Spain. Viccarbe is accredited to the environmental standard ISO 14001. As a result, every care is taken to ensure our operations and products make a positive contribution to the local and global environment.

We appropriately recycle all our waste with authorized agents.

PACKAGING

We carefully analyze the packaging of our product, using the quantity of cardboard, plastic, or foam strictly necessary to avoid the product being damaged in any way during transport.

80% of the raw material used in our paperboard packaging comes from recycled paper.

## Transport

We take environmental impact into account when selecting raw materials. 98% of our suppliers are European, allowing us to minimize the environmental impact caused by transport. The remaining 2% come from USA.

For the distribution of our products, we use groupage transport companies, ensuring that the trucks are full. For inter-continental transport we always go by sea. We only use aerial transport in urgent cases.

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## Use

During the use phase of the product - the longest phase of the life cycle - no significant environmental impacts occur. Designed for a long product life, with replaceable parts that are easy to change.

Maintenance information is available on Viccarbe's website. Viccarbe's guarantee for indoor products is valid for 10 years from the date of the invoice of Viccarbe.

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## End of use

Any product can become a resource itself or be responsibly disposed of in different ways. At Viccarbe we try to design products with easily interchangeable parts, making it easier to recycle the various components at the end of their life cycle.

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## Recyclability

The model chosen for analysis is the reference EA4PMRO from the Ears range. We estimate that 95% of the product can be disassembled and 90% of the product is recyclable by weight\*.

*\*Recyclability calculation does not include packaging. Cardboard packaging is 100% recyclable.*

