

BED BUG RESISTANT PRODUCT MODIFICATIONS

In order for a product to be considered bed bug resistant, **all product modifications** indicated below must be followed, based on the product category: a) closed arm sofa style lounge, b) public space style lounge and c) metal frame guest chairs. It is not sufficient to follow one or two of the modifications; they must all be followed. If the decision is to proceed, a special request must be submitted detailing the modifications required.

Closed Arm Sofa Style Lounge:

Soft seating designs such as Bishop, Chapter and Senator (where the arm and back panel, the cushions and frame, or the frame and arms come in contact with each other) are not ideal for creating bed bug resistant solutions as the contact points provide areas where bed bugs can hide and nest.

The following details indicate the actions/modifications required to make the closed arm sofa style lounge seating bed bug resistant:

1. Standard zipper to be replaced with waterproof zipper where necessary.
2. Textile seams must be heat sealed.
3. Underside of arms and back must be sealed with non-porous material and no gaps, where necessary.
4. All exposed wood must have lacquer coated finish.
5. Must be upholstered in impermeable non-porous textile, such as vinyl and polyurethane.
6. Velcro closures to be replaced with permanent closure method.

NOTE: Seat cushions have air vents on the underside of the seat pan to allow air to escape unnoticed. These air vents do not fully ensure blocking and may allow bed bugs to find their way into the cushion's interior. Removing these air vents results in a much firmer sitting seat cushion as the air is unable to escape. If the customer would like to remove the air vents on the underside of the seat cushions, please indicate this on your special request. We cannot offer returns because of the firmer sit.

Public Space Style Lounge:

Aubra, GC Belong, Primacare HT and Strand are excellent solutions for high traffic areas as they provide a higher level of resistance. The open frame design with clean out access around all cushions reduces spaces for bed bugs to nest.

The following details indicate the actions/modifications required to make the public style lounge seating bed bug resistant:

1. Standard zipper to be replaced with waterproof zipper where necessary.
2. Textile seams must be heat sealed.
3. Underside of arms, seat and back must be sealed with non-porous material and no gaps, where necessary.
4. Must be upholstered in impermeable non-porous textile, such as vinyl and polyurethane.

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Metal Frame Guest Chairs:

One-piece back models in GC Comet, Curtsy (models ending in "-S") and Frolick (models ending in "-S") can be modified for bed bug resistance.

The following details indicate the required actions/modifications to make metal frame guest chairs bed bug resistant:

1. Underside of seat and back must be sealed with non-porous material and no gaps - no seat shroud.
(Note: "-S" models already include this feature.)
2. Textile seams must be heat sealed.
3. Must be upholstered in solid surface textile.

If you would like further information about products that are bed bug resistant please contact your Globalcare sales representative to address your specific requirements.