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The safety and comfort of our customers is our top priority. That's why we're proud that our Worship furniture tests to BIFMA standards. Sauder Worship Seating is an active participant and supporting member of the Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association (BIFMA). Compliance and adherence to BIFMA's standards ensure that the furniture a company produces is safe and durable for users. It is through rigorous testing by which these standards are met. Here at Sauder, we are confident that our products and furniture have been tested, proven, and trusted not to pose unnecessary risks to our customers. These tests outlined by BIFMA come as close as possible to real-world wear and tear measures.

Why it's important.

It's hard to see the quality difference in a product, especially when viewing a new furniture piece from a distance. BIFMA testing standards provide furniture safety, durability, and structural adequacy ratings. Manufacturers must use specific tests, conditions, equipment, and acceptance levels to acquire these ratings.

What this means.

Attention to detail and thorough engineering has been a hallmark of Sauder Worship Seating products for nearly 90 years. Choosing seating that meets BIFMA standards gives customers confidence when purchasing furniture. The certainty of durable seating allows the focus to stay on design, comfort, and peace of mind knowing that the furniture you purchase from Sauder Worship Seating is built to last.



BIFMA Standards Testing

Back Pull

The chair must withstand a push or pulling force of 150 lbs. without structural breakage, and a 250 lb. force with no failure that would cause personal injury or loss of service ability using the chair.

Drop Test

The chair seat must withstand 225 lbs. dropped on it from a height of six inches with no damage at all, and 300 lbs. dropped on it with no failure that would cause personal injury to the occupant.

Seating Impact Test

A 125 lb. force is dropped on a chair 20 times per minute 100,000 times. This measures the seat's durability against repeated use over time. The test allows no structural breakage or failure that would harm someone using the chair.

Front and Rear Stability Test

When a rearward force of 35 lbs. is applied to the back of the seat, the chair cannot tip backward. When a force equal to 40% of the chair weight is applied downward at a 45° angle with no weight on the chair, the chair cannot tip forward.

Back Durability

A 75 lb. force is directed against the chair back 20 times per minute 120,000 times. The chair cannot suffer structural damage or fall in anyway that would hurt an occupant.

Front and Side Leg Strength

A chair can't break in any way when a 75 lb. when a pushing or pulling force is applied directly toward the bottom and along the side of a leg of a chair. When a force is applied up to 150 lbs. the chair cannot fall in any way that would hurt someone seated in it.

Arm Strength Test

A chair's arm can't break in any way during the vertical, horizontal, and angular durability testing. Directional forces will be applied up 60,000 at a rate 10-30 per minute.

Vertical Back Strength and Durability Test

A chair must withstand a top load of 200 lbs. placed on its back with no damage at all. When the load is increased to 300 lbs. the chair cannot fail in any way that would harm someone seating in it. A 200 lb. force is repeatedly directed downward on top of the chair back 20 times per minute, 10,000 time to test durability. No structural breakage is allowed and no failure is permitted that would harm the occupant.

Structural Durability Side to Side

With 240 lbs. of weight in the middle of the chair, 75 lbs. of side force is applied 20 times per minute 25,000 times. This simulates the wear of repeated side-to-side shifts. No structural breakage or other failure that could hurt someone seated in the chair is allowed.

