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Managed by: Vinyl Sustainable Institute
About:

The Vinyl Sustainability Council created +Vantage Vinyl™ as a voluntary initiative to advance the U.S. vinyl industry's contribution to sustainable development. It aims to drive continuous improvement across all three sectors of sustainability—environmental, social, and economic performance.

Participation is open to any company in the vinyl value chain that operates in the United States and is a resin supplier, raw material/additive supplier, material compounder, converter/formulator, end-product manufacturer, equipment manufacturer, recycler, or distributor/transporter.

Individual company commitments are aligned with voluntary industry sustainability targets developed as a result of a materiality assessment. This analysis identified three impact categories, resource efficiency, health and safety, and emissions, aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

An independent verification process provides assurance of achievement of company commitments. Verified companies are awarded the right to use the +Vantage Vinyl trademark as evidence of their commitment to advancing sustainability in the vinyl industry.

+Vantage Vinyl recognizes that purpose-driven sustainability requires long-term commitment to balance environmental stewardship with economic support and social responsibility. Working together with a common vision to do more with less, the vinyl industry is positioned to address the needs of people for a sustainable future.

ANSI/NSI 373 Sustainable Stone

Website: Visit »
Managed by: Natural Stone Institute
About:

This American National Standard, ANSI 373 Sustainable Production of Natural Dimension Stone, has been developed as part of the ongoing efforts of several interested parties to document and improve the sustainability profile of natural dimension stone production. Stakeholders involved in developing the standard include stone producers, fabricators, end users such as architects, state agencies responsible for environmentally preferable product procurement practices, academics, and other interested parties.

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ASSURE CERTIFIED™

Website: Visit »

Managed by: SCS Global Services

About:

ASSURE CERTIFIED™ establishes a uniform, North American standard for all rigid core vinyl flooring products manufactured globally. ASSURE applies to WPC or SPC flooring construction. Manufacturers of Rigid core flooring products can give their customers the highest level of confidence about the safety of the flooring for their homes through certification to ASSURE. Certification to the ASSURE CERTIFIED standard provides verification that the flooring product was manufactured to the highest standards and meets all the ASSURE CERTIFIED requirements for indoor air quality, rigorous performance, and low heavy metals and ortho-phthalates content. ASSURE CERTIFIED builds on the popular certification for indoor air quality in flooring, FloorScore®. Products that have already achieved FloorScore certification can easily obtain ASSURE CERTIFIED with supplemental testing and product review.

asthma & allergy friendly®

Website: Visit »

Managed by: Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America

About:

Americans spend about $10 billion on products marketed to people with asthma and allergies every year. However, there is no regulation on product claims; any company can label their products as "hypoallergenic" or "allergy-friendly." The asthma & allergy friendly® Certification Program is a unique partnership between the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) and Allergy Standards Limited (ASL). The program tests and certifies products and services to improve a home's health and air quality.

The program works with retailers and manufacturers to offer healthier products to consumers. The National Institute of Health's guidelines state that people with asthma should assess their home environment to improve indoor air quality. Based on these guidelines, the asthma & allergy friendly® Certification Program helps people make better choices when buying products that claim to remove allergens and improve indoor air quality.

Products are scientifically tested to meet strict standards. If they meet them, they carry the asthma & allergy friendly® Certification Mark. People can look for this mark while shopping, feeling confident they are getting products that improve

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the health of their home. More than 40 companies have had their products certified through the program.

LEVEL® BY BIFMA

Website: Visit »

Managed by: BIFMA

About:

LEVEL BY BIFMA was created to deliver the most open and transparent means of evaluating and communicating furniture products' environmental and social impacts in the built environment. Put simply, LEVEL is to commercial furniture as LEED is to buildings. Like LEED, LEVEL is comprehensive, addressing criteria across corporate, facility, and product impacts in a way that few other certifications do.

LEVEL works by applying basic requirements, or prerequisites, for all products in the category. From there, the system considers corporate, facility, and product impacts across categories including Materials, Energy, Health, and Social. It's an extensive system with multiple ways to accumulate points.

Biopreferred®

Website: Visit »

Managed by: USDA

About:

The BioPreferred Program is a USDA-led initiative that aims to assist the development and expansion of markets for biobased products. The program was created by the 2002 Farm Bill (legislation) and expanded as part of the 2014 Farm Bill. The increased development, purchase, and use of biobased products will reduce our nation's reliance on petroleum and increase the use of renewable agricultural materials.

BioPreferred is transforming the marketplace for biobased products through two initiatives:

- Mandatory purchasing requirements for federal agencies and federal contractors
- Voluntary product certification and labeling

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Blue Angel

Website: Visit »

Managed by: Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety

About:

The Blue Angel has been the ecolabel of the German federal government for more than 45 years. It is awarded to environmentally-friendly products and services. No other label in the non-food sector covers such a wide range of products and services. Many everyday products, such as paints, furniture, washing detergent, and recycled paper, carry the ecolabel.

The aim is to provide private customers, large institutional consumers, and public institutions with reliable guidance for environmentally conscious purchasing. If there is a specific demand for environmentally friendly products, it promotes ecological product innovations and reduces the burden on the environment. The Blue Angel stands for independent, transparent, and ambitious labeling.

Cradle to Cradle Certified™ (C2C)

Website: Visit »

Managed by: n/a

About:

Cradle to Cradle Certified™ is a globally recognized measure of safer, more sustainable products made for the circular economy.

Product designers, manufacturers, and brands around the world rely on the Cradle to Cradle Certified Product Standard as a transformative pathway for designing and making products with a positive impact on people and planet. From fragrances to flooring, t-shirts and jeans to water bottles and window treatments, thousands of products are Cradle to Cradle Certified. What's more, a growing number of brands, organizations, and standards also recognize Cradle to Cradle Certified as a preferred product standard for responsible purchasing decisions.

Each certification level represents increasingly rigorous achievement across five critical performance categories: Material Health, Material Reutilization, Renewable Energy and Carbon Management, Water Stewardship, and Social Fairness.

C2C Material Health Certified

Website: Visit »

Managed by: C2C Certified

About:

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This certificate verifies that chemicals and materials used in the product have been selected to prioritize the protection of human health and the environment, generating a positive impact on the quality of materials available for future use and cycling. Based on the assessment methodology set out in the Cradle to Cradle Certified Product Standard for the Material Health category, this certificate verifies that chemicals and materials used in the product are selected to prioritize the protection of human health and the environment, generating a positive impact on the quality of materials available for future use and cycling.

Carbon Footprint Verification

Declare

Website: Visit »
Managed by: Living Future
About:

Declare is an ingredients label for building products paired with an online database. It allows manufacturers to demonstrate their leadership in the marketplace and it provides consumers with honest information for product selection. Declare's goal is to position the building product sector within a transparent materials economy.

All products are eligible for inclusion, regardless of their composition; the key to Declare is honest information sharing. Information about each product has been declared by the Manufacturer's CEO to be true. This database is provided by the International Living Future Institute (ILFI) as a tool for registered project teams. Products are not endorsed or certified by ILFI.

DesignLights Consortium®

Website: Visit »
Managed by: DesignLights Consortium®
About:

The DesignLights Consortium® (DLC) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to achieve energy optimization by enabling interconnected solutions with a focus on quality for people and the environment. The DLC promotes high-quality, energy-efficient lighting products in collaboration with utilities and energy efficiency program members, manufacturers, lighting designers, and federal, state, and local entities. Through these partnerships, the DLC establishes product quality specifications, facilitates thought leadership, and provides information, education, tools, and technical expertise.

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EC3 Embodied Carbon

Website: Visit »

Managed by: Building Transparency

About:

EC3 helps the construction industry reduce its climate impact.
The first step is transparency around the carbon footprint of construction materials. EC3 achieves this, in part, by digitizing print EPDs and publishing them in an openly accessible, free platform. They also use math to help users navigate complex data, increasing transparency and reducing emissions.

ECOLOGO

Website: Visit »

Managed by: UL Solutions

About:

Products, services, and packaging that reduce environmental impact can be ECOLOGO® Certified. ECOLOGO Certifications are voluntary, multi-attribute, life cycle-based environmental certifications that indicate a product has undergone rigorous scientific testing, exhaustive auditing, or both, to prove its compliance with stringent, third-party, environmental performance standards.

These standards set metrics for a wide variety of criteria in some or all of the following categories: materials, energy, manufacturing and operations, health and environment, product performance and use, and product stewardship and innovation.

ENERGY STAR®

Website: Visit »

Managed by: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

About:

ENERGY STAR is a voluntary government-backed program dedicated to helping individuals protect the environment through energy efficiency. The ENERGY STAR mark is the national symbol for energy efficiency, making it easy for consumers and businesses to identify high-quality, energy-efficient products, homes, and commercial and industrial buildings. ENERGY STAR distinguishes what is efficient/better for the environment without sacrificing features or performance.

Products that earn the ENERGY STAR mark prevent greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy-efficiency guidelines set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)

Website: [Visit »](#)

Managed by: Independently verified

About:

> An Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) is an independently verified and registered document that communicates transparent and comparable information about the life-cycle environmental impact of products. As a voluntary declaration of the life-cycle environmental impact, having an EPD for a product does not imply that the declared product is environmentally superior to alternatives.

EPAT

Website: [Visit »](#)

Managed by: Global Electronics Council (GEC)

About:

> Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) is a global rating system for greener electronics. Using EPEAT, purchasers in 43 countries can evaluate, compare, and select electronics based on environmental attributes. EPEAT currently includes categories for PCs and displays, televisions, and imaging equipment (printers, copiers, scanners, multifunction devices, fax machines, and mailing machines). Categories for servers and mobile phones are in development.
> EPEAT rates products on a lifecycle basis. The system addresses the elimination of toxic substances, the use of recycled and recyclable materials, product design for recycling, product longevity, energy efficiency, corporate performance, and packaging attributes. Products are rated Gold, Silver or Bronze depending on the number of environmental criteria they meet.
>
> Manufacturers register products in EPEAT based on their attainment of standards developed in voluntary consensus processes that are open and transparent for all interested stakeholders. Manufacturers' declarations are subject to ongoing verification to assure the Registry's credibility.

EU Ecolabel

Website: [Visit »](#)

Managed by: The European Commission

About:

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The EU Ecolabel is recognized in all member states of the European Union, as well as Norway, Liechtenstein, and Iceland. The voluntary label, introduced by an EU regulation in 1992 (Regulation EEC 880/92), has gradually become a reference point for consumers who want to help reduce pollution by purchasing more environmentally-friendly products and services.

The label is awarded to products and services that have a lower environmental impact than comparable products. The EU Ecolabel is intended to enable consumers to identify more environmentally friendly and healthier products.

FloorScore®

Website: Visit »
Managed by: SCS
About:

FloorScore is a certification for commercial and residential hard-surface flooring products and flooring adhesives. Developed in conjunction with the Resilient Floor Covering Institute, products must comply with indoor air quality and VOC emission requirements set by California Section 01350 and meet rigorous quality management standards in manufacturing. Certification and documentation help products qualify for credits within the LEED rating systems.

FSC®

Website: Visit »
Managed by: a nonprofit organization
About:

The FSC certification is considered the "gold standard" designation for wood harvested from forests that are responsibly managed, socially beneficial, environmentally conscious, and economically viable.

Green Label Plus

Website: Visit »
Managed by: Carpet and Rug Institute
About:

In 1992, the Carpet and Rug Institute (CRI) launched its Green Label program to test carpet, cushions, and adhesives to help specifiers identify products with very low emissions of VOCs.

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CRI has recently launched its next series of improvements called Green Label Plus for carpet and adhesives. This enhanced program sets an even higher standard for indoor air quality and ensures that customers are purchasing the very lowest emitting products on the market. Using scientifically established standards, the Green Label Plus program symbolizes the carpet industry's commitment to a better environment for living, working, learning, and healing.

Green Seal Certified

Website: Visit »
Managed by: Global Non-profit
About:

Green Seal is a non-profit environmental standard development and certification organization. Its flagship program is the certification of products, services, restaurants, and hotels. Certification is based on Green Seal standards, which contain performance, health, and sustainability criteria. Products and services must meet the requirements in Green Seal standards in order to achieve certification. The standards are based on a life cycle approach, considering such impacts as those from raw materials extraction, manufacturing, use, and re-use or disposal. The evaluation process includes review of data; assessment of labeling, marketing, and promotional materials; and on-site auditing. Products or services become certified by Green Seal after these evaluations are completed. Regular compliance monitoring is required to maintain certification.

Green Seal has standards and provides certification for products and services in the following categories:

- Building & Construction Products
- Cleaning Products & Services
- Company Certification
- Hotels & Lodging
- Household Products
- Institutional Products
- Paint & Coating Products
- Paper Products
- Personal Care Products
- Restaurant & Food Services

Green Squared® Certificate

Website: Visit »
Managed by: TCNA

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About:

Green Squared involves one industry, one standard, and one mark and covers the gamut of products used in a tile installation. As the first multi-attribute sustainability standard developed for tiles and tile installation materials, Green Squared uses the transparency and consensus of the ANSI process combined with third-party certification to evaluate, validate, and communicate products which have a positive impact on the environment and society.

Green Squared covers product characteristics, manufacturing, end of product life management, progressive corporate governance, and innovation in an effort to establish sustainability criteria for products throughout their full lifecycle.

GreenCircle Certified

Website: Visit »

Managed by: Tara and Tad Radzinski

About:

GreenCircle Certified, LLC provides third-party certification of sustainable aspects of products and manufacturing operations. Manufacturers, suppliers, regulators, and consumers can be assured that products labeled with the GreenCircle Certified mark have been thoroughly assessed and their claim verified.

By issuing a GreenCircle Certification, GreenCircle Certified demonstrates that it has evaluated and verified the information provided by the manufacturer and that the manufacturer is capable of, and consistently produces, a product that is in compliance with their sustainability claim.

GreenCircle Certified offers claim validation for recycled content, rapidly renewable resource content, carbon footprint reductions, and renewable energy use. Certifications are also available for a closed loop product, life cycle assessment (LCA) optimized products, and sustainable manufacturing practices.

Greenhealth Approved

Website: Visit »

Managed by: Greenhealth Approved

About:

The Greenhealth Approved seal indicates a product has been reviewed against a set of sustainability criteria aligned with eligible product categories. The seal was developed to help health care providers make purchasing decisions that

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further sustainability goals. Choosing products that carry the seal reduces the research burden for health care staff.

Research, resources, and support from affiliated organizations, Health Care Without Harm and Practice Greenhealth, make the case for prioritizing sustainable products.

GSA Contract

Website: Visit ».
Managed by: US Government
About:

GSA Approval status describes organizations that have been approved to sell to the United States Government through the US General Services Administration (GSA).

Health Product Declaration (HPD)

Website: Visit »
Managed by: Health Product Declaration Collaborative
About:

The HPD Open Standard is a standard specification—composed of a format and instructions—for the accurate, reliable, and consistent reporting of product contents and associated health information, for products used in the built environment. The HPD Open Standard specification is harmonized with programs of International Living Future Institute, Cradle-to-Cradle Product Innovation Institute, Clean Production Action, BIFMA, LEED, WELL and a growing number of rating and certification standards in the building industry.

Health Product Declaration® (HPD) Collaborative is a not-for-profit, member association with over 300 organizational members, representing the full spectrum of the building industry: architects, designers, building owners, manufacturers, consultants, tool developers, standards programs, and others who all share a common purpose to improve the transparency of information and the material health of the built environment. Using a consensus-based, stakeholder process, HPDC members create, support, and evolve the HPD Open Standard. They are dedicated to continuously improving the building industry's performance through transparency, openness, and innovation in the practices of reporting, disclosure, specification, and selection of building products.

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Healthier Hospitals Compliant

Website: Visit »

Managed by: Practice Greenhealth

About:

The Healthier Hospitals Initiative (HHI), a coalition of major health systems and organizations committed to improving sustainability and safety across the healthcare sector, has created the Healthier Hospitals Agenda to chart a path to a healthier, more sustainable, and more cost effective healthcare system. HHI is partnering with Health Care Without Harm, Practice Greenhealth, and The Center for Health Design to provide expertise and technical assistance and to develop and implement training and other programs to help hospitals carry out the HHI agenda recommendations.

Intertek Clean Air Gold

Website: Visit »

Managed by: Intertek

About:

Intertek's Clean Air program independently tests and certifies products to regulated sustainability initiatives including, but not limited to, BIFMA e3, California CDPH, LEED, and WELL.

Accepted by USGBC for LEED v4 EQ Credit Low-Emitting Materials, their Clean Air certification program, (formally ETL Environmental VOC certification) utilizes an expert team of chemists and globally-recognized ISO 17025 accredited labs to test products for VOC emission compliance. Intertek's proprietary program provides two classes of certification, along with the use of the Intertek Clean Air label for product packaging and client marketing.

Clean Air GOLD Certification states conformance to ANSI/ BIFMA e3 standard credits 7.6.1, 7.6.2 and/or credit 7.6.3, which includes California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Standard Method v1.2 01350 (2017), as well as conformance to low-emitting materials for WELL and LEED.

Intertek Clean Air Silver

Website: Visit »

Managed by: Intertek

About:

Intertek's Clean Air program independently tests and certifies products to regulated sustainability initiatives including, but not limited to, BIFMA e3, California CDPH, LEED, and WELL.

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Accepted by USGBC for LEED v4 EQ Credit Low-Emitting Materials, their Clean Air certification program, (formally ETL Environmental VOC certification) utilizes an expert team of chemists and globally-recognized ISO 17025 accredited labs to test products for VOC emission compliance. Intertek's proprietary program provides two classes of certification, along with the use of the Intertek Clean Air label for product packaging and client marketing.

Clean Air SILVER Certification states conformance to ANSI/ BIFMA e3 Furniture Sustainability Standard credit 7.6.1.

Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

About:

Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) is a process of evaluating the effects that a product has on the environment over the entire period of its life, thereby increasing resource-use efficiency and decreasing liabilities. It can be used to study the environmental impact of either a product or the function the product is designed to perform. LCA is commonly referred to as a "cradle-to-grave" analysis. LCA's key elements are: (1) identify and quantify the environmental loads involved (e.g. the energy and raw materials consumed, the emissions and wastes generated); (2) evaluate the potential environmental impacts of these loads; (3) assess the options available for reducing these environmental impacts.

Living Product Challenge

Website: Visit »
Managed by: International Living Future Institute
About:

The Living Product Challenge is the world's most advanced product sustainability standard. The framework encourages manufacturers to create products that are healthy, inspiring, and give more than they take across their life cycles.

Living Products are:
● Informed by nature, using principles of biomimicry and biophilia
● Created using processes powered only by renewable energy
● Made to improve quality of life
● Beautiful and functional

NSF/ANSI 140 Carpet

Website: Visit »
Managed by: NFS
About:

The NSF/ANSI 140 Sustainable Carpet Assessment Standard for commercial carpets and rugs was written through a public process by a multi stakeholder group of manufacturers, suppliers, regulatory agencies, customers, end users, academics, and other industry participants. It is based on life cycle assessment principles and offers three levels of achievement: silver, gold, and platinum. The standard is divided into five categories, based on a 114-point scale (plus innovation):

- Public health and environment: 30 points
- Energy and energy efficiency: 20 points
- Bio-based content, recycled content, EPP materials: 22 points
- Manufacturing: 17 points
- Reclamation and end-of-life management: 25 points
- Innovation: maximum of 10 points

NSF/ANSI 332 Resilient Floor Coverings

Website: Visit »
Managed by: NFS
About:

NSF/ANSI 332 was developed by the Resilient Floor Covering Institute (RFCI) with the assistance of NSF International through a multi stakeholder committee. It is a tiered standard, with products achieving a certification level of conformant, silver, gold, and platinum.

The standard is divided into six categories, based on a 90-point scale (plus innovation):

- Product design: 30 points
- Product manufacturing: 29 points
- Long-term value: 9 points
- End-of-Life management: 10 points
- Corporate governance: 12 points
- Innovation: maximum of 10 points

NSF/ANSI 342 Wallcoverings

Website: Visit »
Managed by: NFS
About:

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The NSF/ANSI 342 sustainability assessment for wallcovering products is the foremost standard for evaluating and certifying the sustainability of wallcovering products across their entire product life cycle.

- Product Design
- Product Manufacturing
- Long-Term Value
- End-of-Life Management
- Corporate Governance
- Innovation

NSF/ANSI 347 Single Ply Roofing Membranes

Website: Visit »
Managed by: NFS
About:

NSF/ANSI 347, Sustainability Assessment for Single Ply Roofing Membranes, is the first standard for evaluating and certifying sustainable attributes of single-ply roofing membranes over their entire life cycle. As products with environmental claims continue to enter the marketplace, independent, third-party certification of products to national standards can help architects and specifiers make educated decisions about product selection.

NSF 347 provides a standard of excellence in sustainability for the entire single ply roofing industry. It is now one of eight consensus-based sustainability standards developed through NSF for building products. It is also the first one that addresses the building envelope, carrying with it significant potential for improving building energy efficiency while positively impacting the quality of the urban environment.

- PRODUCT DESIGN – Integration of environmental and life cycle thinking into the product design process
- PRODUCT MANUFACTURING – Quantification of the environmental impacts from manufacturing and actions to reduce or eliminate those impacts
- MEMBRANE DURABILITY – Membrane physical properties, service life, and repairability
- CORPORATE GOVERNANCE – Human rights, child labor, forced labor, employee safety and education, and community responsibility
- INNOVATION

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NSF/ANSI 51-2023: Food Equipment Materials

Website: Visit »

Managed by: ANSI

About:

NSF/ANSI 51-2023: Food Equipment Materials sets minimum public health and sanitation requirements for materials used in the construction of commercial food equipment. It is applicable to the materials and finishes used for broilers, beverage dispensers, cutting boards, stock pots, etc. It is also applicable to components like tubing, sealants, gaskets, valves, and other items intended for an assortment of food equipment applications.

Complementing these requirements, NSF/ANSI 51-2023, an American National Standard, establishes limitations on specific types of materials, including stainless steel, aluminum alloys, wrought alloys casting alloys, copper and copper alloys, glass and glass-like materials, and wood. It also establishes cleanability, corrosion resistance, impact resistance, abrasion resistance, heat resistance, and coating adhesion ability specifications and testing methods for food equipment construction materials.

Safer Choice Certified

Website: Visit »

Managed by: EPA

About:

The Safer Choice Standard, formerly known as DfE's Standard for Safer Products (or the DfE Standard) identifies the requirements products and their ingredients must meet to earn the Safer Choice label.

Each chemical ingredient in a formulation has a function in making a product work, whether it's to aid in cleaning by reducing surface tension (surfactants), dissolve or suspend materials (solvents), or reduce water hardness (chelating agents). Within these "functional classes," many ingredients share similar toxicological and environmental fate characteristics. As a result, Safer Choice focuses its review of formulation ingredients on the key (environmental and human health) characteristics of concern within a functional class. This approach allows formulators to use those ingredients with the lowest hazard in their functional class, while still formulating high-performing products.

SCS Biodegradable Certified

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About:

> SCS certifies biodegradable liquid cleaning products—liquid soaps, detergents, degreasers, and cleansers. In addition to being biodegradable, products must not contain phosphates or be toxic to aquatic species. SCS only certifies products that meet the OECD's definition for "Ready Biodegradability."

SCS calCOMPliant™ - Phase 2

Website: Visit »
Managed by: SCS Global Services
About:

> SCS calCOMPliant provides emission testing of panels and inspects manufacturing processes for manufacturers that sell or supply composite wood products to California. Manufacturers selling into California must now demonstrate compliance with the California Air Resource Board (CARB) Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) 93120 by obtaining third-party certification.

SCS Certified Responsible Source™

Website: Visit »
Managed by: SCS Global Services
About:

> Third-party recognition as a Certified Responsible Source confirms that your synthetic fiber and resin have been produced in accordance with fundamental benchmarks of environmental, social, and ethical accountability. This certification reinforces the sustainability objectives of your business customers manufacturing or merchandising a wide range of finished products, from apparel and footwear to upholstered furnishings, housewares, and geotextiles.

> This innovative SCS certification assures customers that you use recycled metals and gemstones and actively avoid conflict metals and materials from questionable or illegal sources. It also demonstrates that you meet fundamental benchmarks of social and environmental accountability, including risk management throughout the supply chain. Workers are treated fairly according to international labor standards and destructive environmental practices are avoided.

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SCS EPA TSCA Title VI Compliant

Website: Visit »
Managed by: SCS Global Services
About:

As of June 1, 2018, all composite wood products must be compliant with the EPA's Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) Title VI regulation. This certification and compliance statements are included in all our invoices and order acknowledgements. The EPA established Title VI of TSCA to regulate the chemical emissions produced by three important composite wood products: hardwood plywood, medium-density fiberboard (MDF), and particle board.

SCS Indoor Advantage and Indoor Advantage Gold

Website: Visit »
Gold: Visit »
Managed by: SCS Global Services
About:

SCS Indoor Advantage certifications demonstrate that products meet indoor air quality standards pertaining to emissions that may be harmful to human health and the environment.

SCS Indoor Advantage applies to furnishings and qualifies for the BIFMA furniture emissions standard, while SCS Indoor Advantage Gold certification applies to furniture and a broader range of interior building materials such as paint, carpet, and insulation. Gold-level certification meets California Section 01350 IAQ standards for both residential and commercial application. Both certifications help products qualify for low-emitting material credits within the LEED rating systems.

SCS Lead Safe Paint

Website: Visit »
Managed by: SCS Global Services
About:

SCS is the only independent third party certification body approved by IPEN to conduct Lead Safe Paint certification assessments. SCS manages all aspects of the certification program for manufacturers around the world.

SCS No Added Formaldehyde

Website: Visit »
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About:

> This validation applies specifically to plastics sent to municipal and industrial composting facilities. SCS validates the claim using both the US ASTM D6400 and European EN13432 standards.
>
> Upon successful completion of onsite plant inspection / audit and independent lab testing, SCS grants a certificate which must be renewed annually. No Added Formaldehyde (NAF) and Ultra-Low Emitting Formaldehyde (ULEF) are exempt for two years.
>
> NNAF includes, but is not limited to, resins made from soy, polyvinyl acetate, or methylene diisocyanate.

SCS No Added Urea Formaldehyde

Website: Visit »
Managed by: SCS Global Services
About:

> This validation applies specifically to plastics sent to municipal and industrial composting facilities. SCS validates the claim using both the US ASTM D6400 and European EN13432 standards.
>
> SCS will validate no added formaldehyde, no urea-formaldehyde, phenol formaldehyde, and urea-extended formaldehyde (as relevant) through content and emission testing results, document review, and supplier statements.

SCS Product Carbon Footprint

Website: Visit »
Managed by: SCS Global Services
About:

> SCS Global Services has conducted carbon footprint verification (also called "greenhouse gas inventory verification") for manufacturing, non-profit, corporate, and municipal clients, including aviation, waste management, manufacturing, transportation, high tech, and professional services.

SCS Recycled Content Certified

Website: Visit »
Managed by: SCS Global Services
About:

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The SCS Recycled Content Certification evaluates products made from pre-consumer or post-consumer material diverted from the waste stream. Certification measures the percentage of recycled content for the purpose of making an accurate claim in the marketplace.

SCS Recycling Program Certified

Website: Visit »
Managed by: SCS Global Services
About:

The SCS Recycling Program Certification helps recyclers and reclamation facilities make credible claims about their diversion strategies and recycling rates.

SCS Signet Responsible Sourcing

Website: Visit ».
Managed by: SCS Global Services
About:

The Signet Responsible Sourcing Protocol (SRSP) is a guide for Signet suppliers to ensure that all products which include diamonds, gold, tin, tungsten, and tantalum provided to Signet are conflict-free. Compliance with Signet's SRSPs is an annual requirement for all Signet suppliers. Suppliers will be notified of the requirement for an audit by the SRSP Project Team on a representative sample basis in accordance with the SRSP audit policy. SRSP is a pathway to additional jewelry certifications.

TCO Certified

Website: Visit »
Managed by: TCO
About:

TCO Certified is the world's most comprehensive sustainability certification for IT products, helping professionals make responsible product choices that drive the industry in a sustainable direction. Using TCO Certified also supports an organization's efforts to reduce risk and take the next step in social and environmental responsibility.

Transparency Report

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About:

The SM Transparency Catalog brings you all the brands that have products with disclosures required to meet product transparency credits and criteria in green building rating systems.

Product transparency credits have been created to reward manufacturers for conducting two types of technical studies and disclosing the findings. Therefore the catalog listings are organized by these two types of disclosures:
1. Environmental performance
2. Material ingredients

UL GREENGUARD

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About:

GREENGUARD Certification emissions limits were first used as purchasing specifications for the EPA and the state of Washington for furniture and commercial building products. GREENGUARD Certification criteria have been the basis for the LEED credit for low-emitting furniture since 2002. Office furniture products that are GREENGUARD Certified are also compliant with the Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association (BIFMA) X7.1 standard and BIFMA e3 credit 7.6.1.

UL GREENGUARD Gold

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About:

The GREENGUARD Gold Certification standard includes health-based criteria for additional chemicals and also requires lower total VOC emissions levels to help ensure that products are acceptable for use in environments like schools and healthcare facilities. In addition to limiting emissions of more than 360 VOCs and total chemical emissions, GREENGUARD Gold Certified products must also comply with requirements of the state of California's Department of Public Health (CDPH) "Standard Method for the Testing and Evaluation of Volatile Organic Chemical Emissions from Indoor Sources Using Environmental Chambers, Version 1.2 (2017)" (also known as California Section 01350). Office furniture products that are GREENGUARD Gold Certified are also compliant with the BIFMA X7.1 standard and BIFMA e3 credits 7.6.1, 7.6.2, and 7.6.3.

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About:

WaterSense, a voluntary partnership program sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is both a label for water-efficient products and a resource for helping you save water.

The WaterSense label makes it simple to find water-efficient products, new homes, and programs that meet EPA's criteria for efficiency and performance. WaterSense-labeled products and services are certified to use at least 20 percent less water, save energy, and perform as well as or better than regular models.

ABOUT ECOMEDES

Ecomedes is an enterprise-grade cloud software platform dedicated to simplifying sustainable decision-making for responsible resource management. It provides manufacturers, CRE owners, and construction project teams with tools and information to make informed choices regarding sustainable product selection and procurement to help reduce both building costs and climate impact. The platform offers the most comprehensive database of certifications across the widest range of products, and the Mortarr.com visual designer collaboration suite. Users can search on specific sustainability criteria such as energy efficiency, recycled content, or environmental certifications or can search by design inspiration. Headquartered in San Francisco, California, you can learn more at our website www.ecomedes.com.

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