INDOOR ADVANTAGE™

Indoor Air Quality Certification

DELIVER ENHANCED INDOOR AIR QUALITY

The SCS Indoor Advantage™ certification program, developed by SCS Global Services (SCS), certifies compliance with rigorous indoor air quality emission requirements. The program is designed for interior building materials, furnishings and finish systems.

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INDOOR AIR QUALITY

Because most people spend as much as 90% of their time indoors – at home, work or school – indoor air quality is an important issue for architects, designers and purchasers of interior building products and materials. Poor indoor air quality is caused by inadequate ventilation, poor cleaning and/or excessive emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from surfaces and finishes. And it has been well documented that exposure to poor indoor air can contribute to health problems including headaches, asthma, dizziness and prolonged chemical sensitivities.

SCS offers two tiers of certification: Indoor Advantage for office furniture and Indoor Advantage Gold for paints and coatings, adhesives and sealants, insulation, wall coverings, furnishings and other interior products. Hard surface flooring and flooring adhesives can also be certified by SCS under the Resilient Floor Covering Institute's FloorScore™ program.

BENEFIT FROM INDOOR ADVANTAGE™ CERTIFICATION

- Differentiate your products with SCS independent third-party certification
- Qualify for LEED credits
- Proceed down a path of continuous improvement in environmental sustainability
- Identify product performance characteristics to help drive supply chain innovation
- Link your environmental strategies to brand loyalty and bottom-line cost savings
- Sell your products to schools and health care facilities by conforming with California 01350 (applies to Indoor Advantage Gold and FloorScore)
- Provide safer, healthier work environments for workers and product users

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HOW DOES THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS WORK?

SCS works closely with you, the manufacturer, to:

1. Review product production processes and identify appropriate samples for testing

2. Examine VOC emission test reports from chamber tests conducted by independent testing laboratories

3. Determine if test results conform to LEED, BIFMA, CHPS and/or California 01350 criteria

4. Audit the documented control systems

5. Inspect manufacturing plants periodically to review product formulas, processing and quality controls in order to monitor continued compliance with the standard and use of the SCS certification mark

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS – LEVEL™, FSC, MATERIAL CONTENT AND SUSTAINABLE CHOICE™

In addition to Indoor Advantage certification, SCS provides Material Content recycled and biodegradable, Sustainable Choice™ carpet (based on NSF 140-2007), level™ office furniture (based on BIFMA e3-2008) and Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Chain of Custody certifications.

SCS GLOBAL SERVICES

SCS Global Services has been providing global leadership in third-party environmental and sustainability certification, auditing, testing, and standards development for more than 25 years. SCS programs span a wide cross-section of industries, recognizing achievements in green building, product manufacturing, food and agriculture, forestry, retail, and more. SCS is a Certified B Corporation™, reflecting its commitment to socially and environmentally responsible business practices. SCS currently provides services under 16 internationally recognized accreditations.

CONFORM WITH LEED, BIFMA, CHPS AND CALIFORNIA 01350

USGBC Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) criteria for EQ4.1 (adhesives and sealants)	IAG
USGBC LEED criteria for EQ4.2 (paints and coatings)	IAG
USGBC LEED criteria for EQ4.3 (carpet systems, flooring)	FS
USGBC LEED criteria for EQ4.5 (systems furniture, seating)	IA, IAG
Business & Institutional Furniture Manufacturer's Association (BIFMA) X7.1 (low-emitting office furniture and seating)	IA, IAG
Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) (low-emitting products)	IAG, FS
California 01350 Special Environmental Requirements	IAG, FS

IA = Indoor Advantage

IAG = Indoor Advantage Gold

FS = FloorScore