

Green Label Plus Fact Sheet

Green Label Plus is an industry testing program for carpet, adhesive and cushion products that establishes the highest standard for indoor air quality (IAQ). The Carpet and Rug Institute (CRI) created Green Label Plus to identify carpets, adhesives and cushions that are tested by an independent, certified laboratory and meet stringent criteria for low chemical emissions.

To receive Green Label Plus certification, carpet, adhesive and cushion products must undergo a rigorous testing process. Emissions are measured for a range of chemicals and testing is administered by an independent laboratory. The methodology for small scale environmental chamber testing was developed in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

- Initial testing evaluates carpet against the 35 compounds listed on the California 01350 version 1.1.
- Carpet products are tested annually for emission levels for seven chemicals as required by Section 01350, plus six additional chemicals.
- Annual and interim testing of certified carpet is based on 24-hour chamber testing for targeted chemicals and the total level of volatile organic compounds (TVOC).
- Adhesive products are tested for emission levels for 10 chemicals as required by Section 01350, plus five additional chemicals.
- Subsequent annual and semi-annual testing of certified adhesive products is based on 24-hour chamber testing for targeted chemicals and the total level of volatile organic compounds (TVOC).
- Green Label Plus expands on Section 01350 in several respects, including annual tests for the specific chemicals, a chain of custody process and an annual audit of the testing laboratories.

The Green Label Plus symbol indicates:

- The manufacturer voluntarily participates in the program and is identified by an assigned number on the certification label.
- The manufacturer is committed to developing ways to minimize any adverse effects on indoor air quality.
- A representative sample of the product type is tested by an independent laboratory and meets the established emissions requirements.
- Cushion products are tested annually and evaluated for both the GLP criteria as well as the GL criteria.