3M[™] Scotchgard[™] Resilient Floor Protector and 3M[™] Scotchgard[™] Stone Floor Protector Plus Now Certified as Low Emitting VOC Coatings

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What are VOCs?

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) are carbon containing organic compounds which have a low boiling point and will evaporate or sublimate from the liquid or solid form of a compound and enter the surrounding air at normal room temperatures. These compounds are used as ingredients in numerous products including: resilient flooring, floor polishes/coatings, cleaning chemicals, carpet, wall and ceiling coverings, paints, sealers, adhesives, coatings, and furniture. VOCs can have a wide range of human health effects associated to them, ranging from mild respiratory irritation to longer term effects such as cancer. When VOCs enter the environment, they can also react with other compounds in the atmosphere and contribute to the formation of smog. Furthermore, when these products are used in enclosed indoor environments versus outdoor areas they result in higher airborne concentration of VOCs thereby increasing the probability of adverse effects.

As a result, multiple regulations exist today which limit the amount of VOCs in certain categories of products. A variety of guidelines and standards have also been created to help reduce the impact of VOCs released from building materials. These standards provide a consistent method to measure and quantify the amount of off gassing or evaporation of VOCs from products. Organizations such as the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and the U.S. Green Building Council, currently publish standards and guidelines designed to help a facility reduce the impact that VOCs can have on indoor air quality.

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Certification

Scotchgard™ Resilient Floor Protector and Scotchgard™ Stone Floor Protector Plus are now recognized as low emitting VOC coatings by the CDPH and can be used to work towards improving indoor air quality in most commercial environments. Scotchgard™ Resilient Floor Protector and Scotchgard™ Stone Floor Protector Plus were each tested individually under the CDPH standard method v1.2. Compliance testing was conducted by Berkeley Analytical, one of the 35 certified laboratories to perform the testing procedure as outlined in the standard method. Products that meet CDPH certification may also contribute to LEED green building certification.

CDPH Standard Method

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Indoor Air Quality Section has a standard method for testing VOC emissions from indoor sources. Three separate criteria are measured: Individual VOCs of Concern, Formaldehyde, and Total VOCs (TVOC). Each of the above-mentioned criteria are measured for two different exposure scenarios, a school classroom and a private office. A standard is used for both scenarios that consist of specified room dimensions, air flow rates, and occupancy that are generally representative of an average classroom or office. A product must be compliant with all three criteria in both scenarios to be considered as passing.

The California EPA created a list of Chronic Reference Exposure Levels (CRELs) for VOCs. According to the CDPH, CRELs are inhalation concentrations to which the general population, including sensitive individuals, may be exposed for long periods (10 years or more) without the likelihood of serious adverse systematic effects (excluding cancer).

The requirements for passing as low emitting VOC are as follows:

Individual VOCs of concern	≤0.5 CREL
Formaldehyde	≤9.0 µg/m³
Total VOC	Strip all old finish from floor (follow finish manufacturer's recommended procedure)

What is LEED?

LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and is a green building rating system created by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). Any building, whether it is new construction or not, can work towards becoming LEED certified.

When used in conjunction with other wet-applied low emitting VOC coatings, Scotchgard™ Resilient Floor Protector and Scotchgard™ Stone Floor Protector Plus can be used to attain 3 LEED points on new construction and large-scale remodeling jobs. If LEED certification is not a priority, low emitting VOC coatings can still be used to increase sustainability and indoor air quality.

For more information on the USGBC and LEED, please visit new.usgbc.org.

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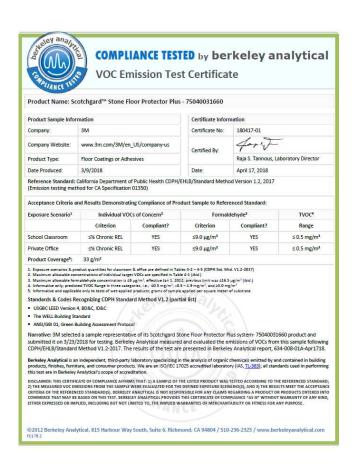
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