

QuartzStone™
LEED Credit Data

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Based on LEED v4 for Building Design and Construction

MR CREDIT: BUILDING PRODUCT DISCLOSURE AND OPTIMIZATION—ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATIONS

BD&C

1-2 points

This credit applies to:

- New Construction (1-2 points)
- Core & Shell (1-2 points)
- Schools (1-2 points)
- Retail (1-2 points)
- Data Centers (1-2 points)
- Warehouses & Distribution Centers (1-2 points)
- Hospitality (1-2 points)
- Healthcare (1-2 points)

Intent

To encourage the use of products and materials for which life-cycle information is available and that have environmentally, economically, and socially preferable life-cycle impacts. To reward project teams for selecting products from manufacturers who have verified improved environmental life-cycle impacts.

Requirements:

NC, CS, SCHOOLS, RETAIL, DATA CENTERS, WAREHOUSES & DISTRIBUTION CENTERS, HOSPITALITY, HEALTHCARE

Achieve one or more of the options below, for a maximum of 2 points.

Option 1. Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) (1 point)

Use at least 20 different permanently installed products sourced from at least five different manufacturers that meet one of the disclosure criteria below.

- Product-specific declaration.
 - Products with a publicly available, critically reviewed life-cycle assessment conforming to ISO 14044 that have at least a cradle to gate scope are valued as one quarter (1/4) of a product for the purposes of credit achievement calculation.
- Environmental Product Declarations which conform to ISO 14025, 14040, 14044, and EN 15804 or ISO 21930 and have at least a cradle to gate scope.
 - Industry-wide (generic) EPD -- Products with third-party certification (Type III), including external verification, in which the manufacturer is explicitly recognized as a participant by the program operator are valued as one half (1/2) of a product for purposes of credit achievement calculation.
 - Product-specific Type III EPD -- Products with third-party certification (Type III), including external verification in which the manufacturer is explicitly recognized as the participant by the program operator are valued as one whole product for purposes of credit achievement calculation.
- USGBC approved program - Products that comply with other USGBC approved environmental product declaration frameworks.

Option 2. Multi-Attribute Optimization (1 point)

Use products that comply with one of the criteria below for 50%, by cost, of the total value of permanently installed products in the project. Products will be valued as below.

- Third party certified products that demonstrate impact reduction below industry average in at least three of the following categories are valued at 100% of their cost for credit achievement calculations.
 - global warming potential (greenhouse gases), in CO₂e;
 - depletion of the stratospheric ozone layer, in kg CFC-11;
 - acidification of land and water sources, in moles H⁺ or kg SO₂;
 - eutrophication, in kg nitrogen or kg phosphate;
 - formation of tropospheric ozone, in kg NO_x, kg O₃ eq, or kg ethene; and
 - depletion of nonrenewable energy resources, in MJ.
- USGBC approved program - Products that comply with other USGBC approved multi-attribute frameworks.

For credit achievement calculation, products sourced (extracted, manufactured, purchased) within 100 miles (160 km) of the project site are valued at 200% of their base contributing cost. Structure and enclosure materials may not constitute more than 30% of the value of compliant building products.

MR CREDIT: BUILDING PRODUCT DISCLOSURE AND OPTIMIZATION - SOURCING OF RAW MATERIALS

BD&C

1-2 points

This credit applies to:

- New Construction (1-2 points)
- Core & Shell (1-2 points)
- Schools (1-2 points)
- Retail (1-2 points)
- Data Centers (1-2 points)
- Warehouses & Distribution Centers (1-2 points)
- Hospitality (1-2 points)
- Healthcare (1-2 points)

Intent

To encourage the use of products and materials for which life cycle information is available and that have environmentally, economically, and socially preferable life cycle impacts. To reward project teams for selecting products verified to have been extracted or sourced in a responsible manner.

Requirements:

NC, CS, SCHOOLS, RETAIL NC, DATA CENTERS, WAREHOUSES & DISTRIBUTION CENTERS, HOSPITALITY NC, HEALTHCARE

Option 1. Raw Material Source and Extraction Reporting (1 point)

Use at least 20 different permanently installed products from at least five different manufacturers that have publicly released a report from their raw material suppliers which include raw material supplier extraction locations, a commitment to long-term ecologically responsible land use, a commitment to reducing environmental harms from extraction and/or manufacturing processes, and a commitment to meeting applicable standards or programs voluntarily that address responsible sourcing criteria.

- Products sourced from manufacturers with self-declared reports are valued as one half (1/2) of a product for credit achievement.
- Third-party verified corporate sustainability reports (CSR) which include environmental impacts of extraction operations and activities associated with the manufacturer's product and the product's supply chain, are valued as one whole product for credit achievement calculation. Acceptable CSR frameworks include the following:
 - Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Sustainability Report
 - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
 - U.N. Global Compact: Communication of Progress
 - ISO 26000: 2010 Guidance on Social Responsibility
 - USGBC approved program: Other USGBC approved programs meeting the CSR criteria.

Option 2. Leadership Extraction Practices (1 point)

Use products that meet at least one of the responsible extraction criteria below for at least 25%, by cost, of the total value of permanently installed building products in the project.

- **Extended producer responsibility.** Products purchased from a manufacturer (producer) that participates in an extended producer responsibility program or is directly responsible for extended producer responsibility. Products meeting extended producer responsibility criteria are valued at 50% of their cost for the purposes of credit achievement calculation.
- **Bio-based materials.** Bio-based products must meet the Sustainable Agriculture Network's Sustainable Agriculture Standard. Bio-based raw materials must be tested using ASTM Test Method D6866 and be legally harvested, as defined by the exporting and receiving country.

Exclude hide products, such as leather and other animal skin material. Products meeting bio-based materials criteria are valued at 100% of their cost for the purposes of credit achievement calculation.
- **Wood products.** Wood products must be certified by the Forest Stewardship Council or USGBC-approved equivalent. Products meeting wood products criteria are valued at 100% of their cost for the purposes of credit achievement calculation.
- **Materials reuse.** Reuse includes salvaged, refurbished, or reused products. Products meeting materials reuse criteria are valued at 100% of their cost for the purposes of credit achievement calculation.
- **Recycled content.** Recycled content is the sum of postconsumer recycled content plus one-half the preconsumer recycled content, based on cost. Products meeting recycled content criteria are valued at 100% of their cost for the purposes of credit achievement calculation.
- **USGBC approved program.** Other USGBC approved programs meeting leadership extraction criteria.

For credit achievement calculation, products sourced (extracted, manufactured and purchased) within 100 miles (160 km) of the project site are valued at 200% of their base contributing cost. For credit achievement calculation, the base contributing cost of individual products compliant with multiple responsible extraction criteria is not permitted to exceed 100% its total actual cost (before regional multipliers) and double counting of single product components compliant with multiple responsible extraction criteria is not permitted and in no case is a product permitted to contribute more than 200% of its total actual cost.

Structure and enclosure materials may not constitute more than 30% of the value of compliant building products.

EQ CREDIT: LOW-EMITTING MATERIALS

BD&C

1-3 points

This credit applies to:

- New Construction (1-3 points)
- Core & Shell (1-3 points)
- Schools (1-3 points)
- Retail (1-3 points)
- Data Centers (1-3 points)
- Warehouses & Distribution Centers (1-3 points)
- Hospitality (1-3 points)
- Healthcare (1-3 points)

Intent

To reduce concentrations of chemical contaminants that can damage air quality, human health, productivity, and the environment.

Requirements:

NC, CS, SCHOOLS, RETAIL, DATA CENTERS, WAREHOUSES & DISTRIBUTION CENTERS, HOSPITALITY, HEALTHCARE

This credit includes requirements for product manufacturing as well as project teams. It covers volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions into indoor air and the VOC content of materials, as well as the testing methods by which indoor VOC emissions are determined. Different materials must meet different requirements to be considered compliant for this credit. The building interior and exterior are organized in seven categories, each with different thresholds of compliance. The building interior is defined as everything within the waterproofing membrane. The building exterior is defined as everything outside and inclusive of the primary and secondary weatherproofing system, such as waterproofing membranes and air-and water-resistive barrier materials.

Option 1. Product Category Calculations

Achieve the threshold level of compliance with emissions and content standards for the number of product categories listed in Table 2.

Table 1. Thresholds of compliance with emissions and content standards for categories of materials

Category	Threshold	Emissions & Content Requirements
Interior paints and coatings applied on site	At least 90%, by volume, for emissions; 100% for VOC content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Emissions Evaluation for paints and coatings applied to walls, floors, and ceiling. • VOC content requirements for wet applied products.
Interior adhesives and sealants applied on site (including flooring adhesive)	At least 90%, by volume, for emissions; 100% for VOC content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Emissions Evaluation. • VOC content requirements for wet applied products.
Flooring	100%	General Emissions Evaluation
Composite Wood	100% not covered by other categories	Composite Wood Evaluation
Furniture (include in calculations if part of scope of work)	At least 90%, by cost	Furniture Evaluation
Healthcare and Schools Projects only: Exterior applied products	At least 90%, by volume	Exterior Applied Products

Table 2. Points for number of compliant categories of products

Compliant Categories	Points
New Construction, Core Shell, Retail, Data Centers, Warehouse and Distribution Centers, Hospitality projects without furniture.	
2	1
4	2
5	3
New Construction, Core Shell, Retail, Data Centers, Warehouse and Distribution Centers, Hospitality projects without furniture.	
3	1
5	2
6	3
Schools, Healthcare without furniture	
3	1
5	2
6	3
Schools, Healthcare without furniture.	
4	1
6	2
7	3

Option 2. Budget Calculation Method

If some products in a category do not meet the criteria, project teams may use the budget calculation method (Table 3).

Table 3. Points for percentage compliance, under budget calculation method.

Percentage of Total	Points
≥ 50% and < 70%	1
≥ 70% and < 90%	2
≥ 90%	3

The budget method organizes the building interior into six assemblies:

- flooring;
- ceilings;
- walls;
- thermal and acoustic insulation;
- furniture; and

Healthcare, Schools only: exterior applied products.

Include furniture in the calculations if it is part of the scope of work. Walls, ceilings, and flooring are defined as building interior products; each layer of the assembly, including paints, coatings, adhesives, and sealants, must be evaluated for compliance. Insulation is tracked separately.

Determine the total percentage of compliant materials according to Equation 1.

Equation 1. Total Percentage Compliance

Total % compliant for projects without furniture =	(% compliant walls + % compliant ceilings + % compliant flooring + % compliant insulation)	4
Total % compliant for projects with furniture =	(% compliant walls + % compliant ceilings + % compliant flooring + % compliant insulation) + (% compliant furniture)	5

Equation 2. System Percentage Compliant

Flooring, walls, ceilings, insulation % compliant =	(compliant surface area of layer 1 + compliant surface area of layer 2 + compliant surface area of layer 3 + ...) / total surface area of layer 1 + total surface area of layer 2 + total surface area of layer 3 + ...)	X 100
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Equation 3. Furniture systems compliant, using ANSI/BIFMA evaluation

% compliant for furniture =	0.5 x cost compliant with §7.6.1 of ANSI/BIFMA e3-2011 + cost compliant with §7.6.2 of ANSI/BIFMA e3-2011 / total furniture cost	X 100
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Calculate surface area of assembly layers based on the manufacturer's documentation for application.

If 90% of an assembly meets the criteria, the system counts as 100% compliant. If less than 50% of an assembly meets the criteria, the assembly counts as 0% compliant.

Manufacturers' claims. Both first-party and third-party statements of product compliance must follow the guidelines in CDPH SM V1.1-2010, Section 8. Organizations that certify manufacturers' claims must be accredited under ISO Guide 65.

Laboratory requirements. Laboratories that conduct the tests specified in this credit must be accredited under ISO/IEC 17025 for the test methods they use.

Emissions and Content Requirements

To demonstrate compliance, a product or layer must meet all of the following requirements, as applicable.

Inherently nonemitting sources. Products that are inherently nonemitting sources of VOCs (stone, ceramic, powder-coated metals, plated or anodized metal, glass, concrete, clay brick, and unfinished or untreated solid wood flooring) are considered fully compliant without any VOC emissions testing if they do not include integral organic-based surface coatings, binders, or sealants.

General emissions evaluation. Building products must be tested and determined compliant in accordance with California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Standard Method v1.1-2010, using the applicable exposure scenario. The default scenario is the private office scenario. The manufacturer's or third-party certification must state the exposure scenario used to determine compliance. Claims of compliance for wet-applied products must state the amount applied in mass per surface area.

Manufacturers' claims of compliance with the above requirements must also state the range of total VOCs after 14 days (336 hours), measured as specified in the CDPH Standard Method v1.1:

- 0.5 mg/m³ or less;
- between 0.5 and 5.0 mg/m³; or
- 5.0 mg/m³ or more.

Projects outside the U.S. may use products tested and deemed compliant in accordance with either (1) the CDPH standard method (2010) or (2) the German AgBB Testing and Evaluation Scheme (2010). Test products either with (1) the CDPH Standard Method (2010), (2) the German AgBB Testing and Evaluation Scheme (2010), (3) ISO 16000-3: 2010, ISO 16000-6: 2011, ISO 16000-9: 2006, ISO 16000-11:2006 either in conjunction with AgBB, or with French legislation on VOC emission class labeling, or (4) the DIBt testing method (2010). If the applied testing method does not specify testing details for a product group for which the CDPH standard method does provide details, use the specifications in the CDPH standard method. U.S. projects must follow the CDPH standard method.

Additional VOC content requirements for wet-applied products. In addition to meeting the general requirements for VOC emissions (above), on-site wet-applied products must not contain excessive levels of VOCs, for the health of the installers and other tradesworkers who are exposed to these products. To demonstrate compliance, a product or layer must meet the following requirements, as applicable. Disclosure of VOC content must be made by the manufacturer. Any testing must follow the test method specified in the applicable regulation.

- All paints and coatings wet-applied on site must meet the applicable VOC limits of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) 2007, Suggested Control Measure (SCM) for Architectural Coatings, or the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Rule 1113, effective June 3, 2011.
- All adhesives and sealants wet-applied on site must meet the applicable chemical content requirements of SCAQMD Rule 1168, July 1, 2005, Adhesive and Sealant Applications, as analyzed by the methods specified in Rule 1168. The provisions of SCAQMD Rule 1168 do not apply to adhesives and sealants subject to state or federal consumer product VOC regulations.
- For projects outside the U.S., all paints, coatings, adhesives, and sealants wet-applied on site must either meet the technical requirements of the above regulations, or comply with applicable national VOC control regulations, such as the European Decopaint Directive (2004/42/EC), the Canadian VOC Concentration Limits for Architectural Coatings, or the Hong Kong Air Pollution Control (VOC) Regulation.
- If the applicable regulation requires subtraction of exempt compounds, any content of intentionally added exempt compounds larger than 1% weight by mass (total exempt compounds) must be disclosed.
- If a product cannot reasonably be tested as specified above, testing of VOC content must comply with ASTM D2369-10; ISO 11890, part 1; ASTM D6886-03; or ISO 11890-2.
- For projects in North America, methylene chloride and perchloroethylene may not be intentionally added in paints, coatings, adhesives, or sealants.

Composite Wood Evaluation. Composite wood, as defined by the California Air Resources Board, Airborne Toxic Measure to Reduce Formaldehyde Emissions from Composite Wood Products Regulation, must be documented to have low formaldehyde emissions that meet the California Air Resources Board ATCM for formaldehyde requirements for ultra-low-emitting formaldehyde (ULEF) resins or no added formaldehyde resins.

Salvaged and reused architectural millwork more than one year old at the time of occupancy is considered compliant, provided it meets the requirements for any site-applied paints, coatings, adhesives, and sealants.

Furniture Evaluation. New furniture and furnishing items must be tested in accordance with ANSI/BIFMA Standard Method M7.1-2011. Comply with ANSI/BIFMA e3-2011 Furniture Sustainability Standard.

Sections 7.6.1 and 7.6.2, using either the concentration modeling approach or the emissions factor approach. Model the test results using the open plan, private office, or seating scenario in ANSI/BIFMA M7.1, as appropriate. USGBC approved equivalent testing methodologies and contaminant thresholds are also acceptable. For classroom furniture, use the standard school classroom model in CDPH Standard Method v1.1. Documentation submitted for furniture must indicate the modeling scenario used to determine compliance.

Salvaged and reused furniture more than one year old at the time of use is considered compliant, provided it meets the requirements for any site applied paints, coatings, adhesives, and sealants.

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Additional insulation requirements. Batt insulation products may contain no added formaldehyde, including urea formaldehyde, phenol formaldehyde, and urea-extended phenol formaldehyde.

Exterior applied products. Adhesives, sealants, coatings, roofing, and waterproofing materials applied on site must meet the VOC limits of California Air Resources Board (CARB) 2007 Suggested Control Measure (SCM) for Architectural Coatings, and South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), Rule 1168, effective July 1, 2005. Small containers of adhesives and sealants subject to state or federal consumer product VOC regulations are exempt.

Projects outside North America may use either the jurisdictional VOC content requirements or comply with the European Decopaint Directive (2004/42/EC, to be updated to most current version when available) Phase II, for water-borne coatings, as analyzed according to ISO 11890 parts 1 and 2, instead of the CARB and SCAQMD regulatory standards.

Two materials are prohibited and do not count toward total percentage compliance: hot-mopped asphalt for roofing, and coal tar sealants for parking lots and other paved surfaces.

Additional Green Attributes of QuartzStone

At the end of its lifecycle QuartzStone stoneworks can be crushed or recycled to obtain concrete or roadfill.

At the end of its lifecycle, because QuartzStone will retain its original finish and properties, it can be reused to obtain flooring, vanity tops, backsplashes and mosaics.

Due to its high structural strength, QuartzStone does not require any substrate of Plywood, MDF or composite wood that is necessary when installing weaker surfacing products such as granite, marble, limestone, soapstone, solid surfacing or recycled concrete. Composite wood usually contains ureaformaldehyde resins that are potentially harmful to building occupants.

QuartzStone is designed to minimize the building occupants exposure to potentially hazardous particulates and chemical pollutants such as dangerous gases found in some natural stones.

QuartzStone instead has been certified by GreenGuard for its Indoor Air Quality properties.

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