

## Third Party Product Certifications



### AP Certified Nontoxic

The Art and Creative Materials Institute (ACMI) Approved Product (AP) Seal identifies products that are certified by a medical expert to be safe for humans, including children. Learn more at [www.acminet.org/](http://www.acminet.org/)



### BPI Compostable

The Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) Compostable certification means that products meet ASTM D6400 or D6868 standards for biodegradability when composted. Learn more at [www.bpiworld.org/BPI-Public](http://www.bpiworld.org/BPI-Public)



### Certified Organic

Organic is a labeling term that indicates that the food or other agricultural product has been produced through approved methods that integrate cultural, biological and mechanical practices that foster cycling of resources, promote ecological balance and conserve biodiversity. Learn more about the National Organic Program: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/nop>.



### Cradle to Cradle™

A certification program that certifies products to four levels (Basic, Silver, Gold and Platinum) based on product life cycle environmental impacts. Learn more at [www.c2ccertified.com](http://www.c2ccertified.com)



## Design for the Environment Program

The U.S. EPA Design for the Environment (DfE) program uses the DfE label on chemical-based household and commercial products that meet the program's stringent human and environmental health criteria. Learn more at [www.epa.gov/dfc](http://www.epa.gov/dfc)



## EPA ENERGY STAR®

The ENERGY STAR mark identifies products that meet U.S. EPA and Department of Energy standards for energy efficiency. Learn more at [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)



## EPEAT

The leading resource for identifying electronic products designed to reduce overall impact on the environment by meeting strict environmental performance criteria. Learn more at [www.epeat.net](http://www.epeat.net)



## Fair Trade Certified™

To earn a license from Fair Trade USA and to use the Fair Trade Certified label on their products, companies must buy from certified farms and organizations, pay Fair Trade prices and premiums and submit to rigorous supply chain audits. Learn more at <http://fairtradeusa.org/>



## Forest Stewardship Council®

The Forest Stewardship Council is an independent nonprofit organization that promotes environmentally sound, socially beneficial and economically prosperous management of the world's forests. Because FSC is the gold standard for forest stewardship, it is the only certification system supported by the greater environmental community. For more information, visit [www.fscus.org](http://www.fscus.org)



## **Green Seal™**

Green Seal certifies products that are holistically designed to be environmentally responsible, including commercial and industrial cleaning products and copy and print paper. Learn more at [www.greenseal.org](http://www.greenseal.org)



## **GREENGUARD**

GREENGUARD products have been scientifically tested and proven to be low chemical emitting, helping you create a healthier indoor space. Learn more at [www.greenguard.org](http://www.greenguard.org)



## **level®**

level is the independent, third-party certification program created to support third-party claims of conformance to the ANSI/BIFMA e3 furniture sustainability standard. Products are certified to the levels 1, 2 or 3. Learn more at <http://levelcertified.org/>



## **Rainforest Alliance Certified™**

Rainforest Alliance Certified farm and forest operations meet comprehensive standards that protect the environment and promote the rights and well-being of workers, their families and communities. To learn more about the Rainforest Alliance, visit [www.rainforest-alliance.org](http://www.rainforest-alliance.org)



## **Recycled/Pre- and Post-Consumer Recycled**

The amount of pre- and post-consumer recycled content used in a material (usually shown as a percentage). Pre-consumer recycled is waste from a manufacturing process that has been collected, processed and recycled into new materials or products before ever going to market. Post-consumer recycled is material that has completed its life cycle as a consumer product before being collected, processed and recycled into

new materials or products. Paper used by an office and then recycled is considered a post-consumer material.

## **Remanufactured**

Refers to products that have been disassembled, repaired and reassembled to initial specifications, extending the product life cycle.



## **Scientific Certification Systems Indoor Advantage/Indoor Advantage Gold**

Scientific Certification Systems provides third-party certification that products meet rigorous indoor air-quality standards. SCS Indoor Advantage is designed for non-flooring products that are intended for use within an enclosed indoor environment, including wall coverings, insulation, systems furniture, seating, casework and paints. There are two levels of certification offered under the program — Indoor Advantage (furniture) and Indoor Advantage Gold (all other). Learn more at <http://www.scscertified.com/gbc/indooradvantage.php>

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