

# FloorScore®

## Deliver Enhanced Indoor Air Quality



FloorScore tests and certifies all hard surface flooring and flooring adhesive products, ensuring they meet stringent indoor air quality emissions requirements. The program, the most rigorous of its kind, was developed by the Resilient Floor Covering Institute (RFCI) in conjunction with Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) and has certified products since 2005.

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. It has been well documented that while healthier indoor air quality improves morale and work performance exposure to poor indoor air can contribute to health problems including headaches, asthma, dizziness and prolonged chemical sensitivities.

FloorScore certification is applicable to any hard surface flooring and flooring adhesives.

### Why Choose SCS?

SCS is a leading third-party certification body with more than 25 years of experience certifying environmental and sustainability claims to the highest standards of performance. SCS is respected throughout the world for our integrity, scientific rigor and true independence.

### Benefit from FloorScore™ Certification

- Differentiate your products with SCS independent third-party certification
- Qualify for LEED credits
- Sell your products to schools and health care facilities by conforming with California 01350
- Provide safer, healthier work environments for workers and product users
- Proceed down a path of continuous improvement in environmental sustainability
- Identify product performance characteristics to help drive supply chain innovation



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Setting the standard for sustainability™  
Providing global leadership in independent, third-party certification,  
auditing, testing and standards development for more than 25 years.

## 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 California 01350 criteria.
4. Audit 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 FloorScore certification label.

## Complementary Certifications

In addition to FloorScore certification, SCS provides LegalHarvest, NWFA Responsible Procurement Program, and Forest Stewardship Council chain-of-custody certification for wood flooring products. All types of flooring products may also qualify for Recycled Content certification from SCS.

## FloorScore in Green Building

FloorScore conforms with USGBC LEED criteria for EQ4.3 (carpet systems, flooring), Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) low-emitting products, and California 01350 Special Environmental Requirements.

