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Trespa® Decorative High-Pressure Compact Laminate (HPL) Panels Potential Contributions to LEED® Credits for Indoor Environmental Quality

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) is an internationally recognized green building certification system, providing third-party verification that a building or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at improving performance across a variety of the metrics. Developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), LEED provides building owners and operators a concise framework for identifying and implementing practical and measurable green building design, construction, operations and maintenance solutions.

The following category description is intended to provide guidance to specifiers, designers, builders, architects and owners with relevant information about how Trespa® products can contribute to the LEED program. Finished goods manufactured from Trespa decorative HPL panels can be evaluated as part of the entire building package for Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) credits in a variety of LEED rating systems. In the Low-Emitting Materials – Composite Wood and Agrifiber category, once certain prerequisites are met, Trespa decorative HPL panels can potentially contribute to the following credits:

Rating System	Rating System Title	Section Credit ID	Possible Points
NC	New Construction and Major Renovation ¹	IEQ Credit 4.4	1
SCHOOLS	Schools New Construction (Composite Wood Products) ²	IEQ Credit 4.4	1
SCHOOLS	Schools New Construction (Furniture & Furnishings) ²	IEQ Credit 4.5	1
CI	Commercial Interiors (Composite Wood Products) ³	IEQ Credit 4.4	1
CI	Commercial Interiors (System Furniture & Seating) ⁴	IEQ Credit 4.5	1
CS	Core and Shell Development ⁵	IEQ Credit 4.4	1
EB-O&M	Existing Buildings Operations & Maintenance ⁶	MR Credit 3	1

Rating Systems NC, EB-O&M, CI (Composite Wood and Agrifiber Products) and CS – Low-Emitting Materials:

Intent: To reduce the quantity of indoor air contaminants that are odorous, irritating and/or harmful to the comfort and well-being of installers and occupants.

Requirements: To meet the requirements of these credits or to contribute toward achieving a credit (EB-O&M – Sustainable Purchasing), composite wood and agrifiber products used on the interior of the building (i.e. inside the weatherproofing system) must contain no added urea-formaldehyde. Materials considered fixtures, furniture and equipment are not considered base building elements and are not included in this credit (see IEQ Credit 4.5 below).

Implementation: The LEED program defines composite wood as a product consisting of wood or plant particles or fibers bonded by a synthetic resin or binder⁷. Trespa products are *wood based fibers* homogeneously reinforced with thermosetting resins, and manufactured under high pressure and at high temperatures. Therefore, Trespa products can reasonably be categorized as composite wood. Trespa decorative HPL panels contain no added urea-formaldehyde (click on the icon below for the supporting letter).



No Added Urea
 Formaldehyde

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Rating Systems SCHOOLS (Composite Wood & Agrifiber Products and Furniture & Furnishing) and CI (System Furniture and Seating) – Low-Emitting Materials:

Intent: To reuse building materials and products to reduce demand for virgin materials and reduce waste, thereby lessening impacts associated with the extraction and processing of virgin resources.

Requirements: To meet the requirements of these credits, all composite wood and agrifiber products, including furniture, student and teacher desks, tables, seats, as well as all system furniture and seating that was manufactured, refurbished or refinished within 1 year prior to occupancy must be GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certified® (material used in the Schools rating system must be GREENGUARD Children & Schools™ Certified).

Implementation: All Trespa decorative HPL panels are GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certified® and GREENGUARD Children & Schools™ Certified and can contribute toward the continued certification of furniture processed from Trespa material. Confirmation of end product certification or licensing conformance must be verified with the furniture manufacturer. Certificates of compliance for all Trespa products can be found at www.greenguard.org.

¹ LEED Rating System for New Construction and Major Renovation (USGBC, 2009), 71

² LEED Rating System for Schools New Construction and Major Renovation (USGBC, 2009), 69

³ LEED Rating System for Commercial Interiors (USGBC, 2009), 51

⁴ LEED Rating System for Commercial Interiors (USGBC, 2009), 52

⁵ LEED Rating System for Core and Shell Development (USGBC, 2009), 69

⁶ LEED Rating System for Existing Buildings Operations and Maintenance (USGBC, 2009), 46

⁷ LEED Reference Guide for Green Building Design and Construction (USGBC, 2009), 626

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