



USFloors' Statement on Formaldehyde and other VOC Emissions

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USFloors takes great care in ensuring that our floors enhance the home without introducing harmful chemical emissions, including formaldehyde, into the indoor environment. With that in mind, our dealer customers and end user consumers can rest assured that all of USFloors' flooring products including our COREtec® branded engineered luxury vinyl floors, Natural Cork floors, Natural Bamboo floors, and our oil finished hardwood floors, are compliant with CARB (California Air Resources Board) Phase 2 requirements for formaldehyde emissions.

In addition, all of USFloors' Natural Cork floors, Natural Bamboo floors, and COREtec® branded floors, are third-party certified GREENGUARD GOLD, through UL Environment's GREENGUARD certification program. The GREENGUARD certification program helps manufacturers create, and helps buyers identify and trust, interior products and materials that have low chemical emissions, improving the quality of the air in which the products are used. All certified products must meet stringent emissions standards based on established chemical exposure criteria. GREENGUARD Certification is broadly recognized and accepted by sustainable building programs and building codes around the world.

The GREENGUARD Gold standard is UL Environment's most rigorous testing standard for VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) emissions, and includes health-based criteria for additional chemicals and also requires lower total VOC emissions levels to ensure that products are acceptable for use in environments such as schools and healthcare facilities. In addition to limiting emissions of more than 360 VOCs and total chemical emissions, GREENGUARD Gold Certified products must also comply with requirements of the State of California's Department of Public Health "Standard Method for the Testing and Evaluation of Volatile Organic Chemical Emissions from Indoor Sources Using Environmental Chambers, Version 1.1 (2010)" (also known as California Section 01350). Current GREENGUARD and GREENGUARD GOLD certificates for USFloors' certified products can be viewed and downloaded on USFloors' GREENGUARD product profile page at:

<http://productguide.ulenvironment.com/SearchResults.aspx?BrandID=691>

While USFloors' oil finished hardwood floors have not been tested for GREENGUARD certification, they do meet the European E0 standard for formaldehyde emissions and are CARB Phase 2 compliant as well. These floors include Castle Combe Originals®, Castle Combe Grande®, Castle Combe West End®, Castle Combe Artisans®, Navarre®, and Rustic Artisans®.