PaperStone
LEED Certification
Information

PaperStone™ is an architectural solid surface made from 100% post-consumer recycled paper and 100% post-consumer recycled cardboard. The 'Certified' product line is certified to Forest Stewardship Council standards by the Smartwood program of The Rainforest Alliance. In addition, PaperStone plays a role in enabling a project to acquire Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) points toward certification.

The LEED Green Building Rating System,® developed by the U.S. Green Building Council under contract with the US Department of Energy, is a voluntary standard for developing environmentally responsible, low emission, high-performance, sustainable buildings. Individual materials and products used in buildings are not certified. The Version 2.2 certification process is for the entire construction project. The project earns "points" toward becoming certified.

The categories where points can accumulate for Global partition products are based on LEED Standard 2.2 as follows: Recycled Content: LEED V2.2 awards points for buildings that contain recycled, salvaged, reused, or refurbished materials, with points awarded as a function of the total building material weights (10% = 1 point, 20% = 2 points). Credit is based on the sum of post-consumer recycled material + 1/2 of pre-consumer recycled material. This contributes to Credits 4.1 & 4.2 of the "Materials & Resources" area. If your project contains 30% recycled materials PaperStone™ can also contribute to Credit 4.0 "Exemplary Performance", Innovation in Design.

Regional Materials: LEED V2.2 awards 1 point if 10% of the building materials are manufactured within 500 miles of the project site and 2 points if 20% of the materials are manufactured within 500 miles of the job site. This contributes to Credit 5.1 and 5.2. of the "Materials & Resources" area. If your project contains 40% of regional materials PaperStone™ also contributes to 5.0 "Exemplary Performance", Innovation in Design.

Certified Wood Materials: LEED V2.2 awards 1 point if a minimum of 50% of wood based materials are certified in accordance with FSC Guidelines. This contributes to Credit 7.0 of the "Materials & Resources" area. If your project contains 95% Certified Wood Materials, PaperStone™ can also contribute to the "Exemplary Performance", Innovation in Design credit.

Low Emitting Materials: LEED V2.2 awards 1 point in Credit 4.4 if the products used on the interior of the building contain no added urea formaldehyde resins. Any laminating adhesives used to apply the material also may not contain added urea formaldehyde. PaperStone™ qualifies under "Indoor Environmental Quality" as it emits no VOC's and contains no added urea formaldehyde.

The countertop with a conscience.

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