

Polyflor Credentials



Environmentally Preferable Flooring

We continue to be involved with the development of products that will be environmentally sustainable, easier to use and multi-functional.

ISO 14001 certification since 2000

ISO 14001 sets out the criteria for an Environmental Management System (EMS) and maps out a framework for a company to follow in setting up an effective EMS.

BRE Global A+ rating certification on 27 individually assessed ranges within the homogeneous, safety, heterogeneous and LVT flooring categories (ENP427, ENP415 & ENP429)

The BRE (Building Research Establishment) is an independent organisation which evaluates the environmental impact of a product. Using a Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) over a building life of 60 years, materials are assessed on their impact against a series of environmental criteria and performance is rated from A+ to E (A+ being the best and E being the worst). Individual assessments relate to specific production data for the product and generic ratings are derived from industry-wide production data and averaged.

EN 15804 EPDs (written to standard ISO 14025) independently verified by IBU

Created by the European working group CEN TC 350, EPDs (Environmental Product Declarations) provide transparent and reliable data for environmental criteria throughout a product's life cycle.

IBU (Institut Bauen und Umwelt e.V.) is an independent, environmental organisation which works closely with construction and environmental authorities in Germany.

Registered approved products with Ecospecifier - Green Tag GreenRate Level A across homogeneous, safety, heterogeneous and LVT ranges (LCARate certification Gold and Silver)

Polyflor is registered to Ecospecifier, a guide to eco and health preferable products, materials and technologies for the built environment. GreenTag is Ecospecifier's Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) and Polyflor's products are certificated to meet GreenTag requirements.

Registered approved products on the BASTA database, EPDs also listed on the DGNB database and can also contribute to LEED points

BASTA is a non-profit organisation owned by IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute and The Swedish Construction Federation.

DGNB (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Nachhaltiges Bauen e.V. / German Sustainable Building Council), promotes sustainable and economically efficient buildings for the future.

LEED® (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) is a sustainable building certification programme which rewards best-in-class building strategies and practices.

Active member of UK RFA and ERFMI

UKRFA (United Kingdom Resilient Flooring Association) - UK trade association for the resilient flooring sector.

ERFMI (European Resilient Flooring Manufacturers' Institute - ensures the maintenance of high ethical standard within the industry.

Member of the UK Green Building Council, Green Building Council of Australia and New Zealand Green Building Council

The Green Building Council is a national non-profit, non-government, membership organisation covering more than 90 countries. The body's main aim is to facilitate dialogue between industry and government to promote sustainability in the construction sector.

Fully support VinylPlus

VinylPlus is the voluntary sustainable development programme of the European PVC industry. It aims to create a long-term sustainability framework for the entire PVC value chain.

Active member of EPFLOOR & Recovynyl

EPFLOOR (European PVC Flooring Manufacturers Sector Group) has a mission to recycle post-consumer PVC flooring waste in Western Europe.

Recovynyl is a PVC recycling scheme, set up to encourage companies to recycle post-consumer PVC. The aim of the scheme is to increase the amount of PVC recycled by establishing sustainable collection and processing arrangements.

A founder and funding member of Recofloor vinyl take-back scheme:

Recofloor is the UK's leading recycling scheme for uplifted smooth vinyl flooring and for smooth and safety off-cuts.

Winner of CIWM (Chartered Institute of Wastes Management) Award for Environmental Excellence in the category of SME Innovative Practice, 2010

Winner of BCE (Business Commitment to the Environment) Premier Award 2011

Winner of Gold International Green Apple Environment Awards 2013, for Environmental Best Practice.

Winner of MEN (Manchester Evening News) Environmental Business of the Year Award 2014.

Up to 40% recycled content

Up to 85% sustainable material

REACH compliant:

Plasticisers used by Polyflor are not classified substances and do not need authorisation under REACH. A range of ortho-phthalates and non-phthalate alternatives were used across Polyflor's vinyl collection.

No harmful substances added, such as formaldehyde; lead; cadmium; mercury or hexavalent chromium.

REACH is a European Union regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation & Restriction of Chemicals.

SA 8000 and BES 6001 certification

SA 8000 is an international, auditable social certification standard for decent workplaces, across all industrial sectors. It is based on the UN Declaration of Human Rights, conventions of the ILO, UN and national law, and spans industry and corporate codes to create a common language to measure social performance.

BES 6001 certification

BES 6001 is a framework Standard from BRE Global, for Responsible Sourcing, along with an associated independent third-party certification scheme. BES 6001 will help organisations manage and reduce the impacts throughout the supply chain. The scheme is recognised by the BREEAM family of certification schemes and the Code for Sustainable Homes where credits can be awarded for construction products independently certified through BES 6001.

Passed the most stringent international VOC tests, including AgBB, Indoor Air Comfort Gold and FloorScore®

AgBB (Ausschuss zur gesundheitlichen Bewertung von Bauprodukten) is a committee for health-related evaluation of building products.

Indoor Air Comfort (IAC) product certification by Eurofins, provides compliance with low VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) emissions requirements of all European specifications. Indoor Air Comfort Gold certification shows a higher level of compliance.

FloorScore ensures that certified flooring meets strict indoor air quality (IAQ) emissions criteria of LEED; CHPS; The Green Guide for Health Care, and is recognised by a long list of healthy building programmes.

Polyflor is working with The Carbon Trust to reduce energy consumption

The Carbon Trust's Energy Management programme provides commercially viable solutions to help UK businesses and the public sector cut carbon, energy and costs.

