

Indoor Advantage™ Gold

SCS Global Services' premier Indoor Air Quality certification for low-emitting interior products



Indoor Advantage™ Gold Certification

- Demonstrates manufacturers' commitment to healthy interiors and low-emitting products.
- Clearly and concisely communicates products' indoor air quality performance.
- Differentiates products through authoritative indoor air quality certification brand.
- Helps architects, designers, purchasers, and consumers select low-emitting materials.

Leadership - Preferred Access to Green Building Markets

Indoor Advantage Gold certified products qualify as an EQ credit for low-emitting materials in all major green building rating systems and programs, including USGBC LEED, WELL Building, Living Building Challenge, CHPS, BREEAM, Green Globes, IgCC, ASHRAE 189.1, CALGreen, NAHB National Green Building Standard, Green Star Australia, Green Star South Africa, Estidama Pearl Rating System, and RESET™.

The Indoor Advantage Gold program is based on California Section 01350 and CDPH Standard Method V1.2 and/or on ANSI/BIFMA M7.1/X7.1, which are referenced, recognized, and required in hundreds of building standards, construction specifications, and environmental purchasing requirements all over the world.

Integrity and Trust

Indoor Advantage Gold is based on established, non-proprietary, open, consensus-based standards and test methods. It employs objective sampling and testing criteria—samples are selected using an objective and transparent scientific process.

No conflict of interest with testing laboratories

- SCS only uses independent, ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratories globally located.
 - Asia (TUV – Hong Kong), North America (BAA - CA, MAS - GA, Intertek – MI), Europe (eco INSTITUT - Germany, Eurofins – Denmark)
- All independent labs must be audited and approved by SCS.
- Testing consistency is verified by SCS through intra-laboratory blind sample testing.
- There is no financial stake in approved laboratories; therefore, there is never undue pressure to skew results or require unnecessary testing.

Objective and experienced auditors

- Lead auditors are certified and trained to ISO 90001.
- Auditors are based in China, United States, Mexico, and Europe.
- Auditors use risk-based auditing criteria to fulfill onsite auditing requirements.



Transparency and Disclosure

SCS is a recognized global leader in third-party certification for environmental sustainability claims and utilizes scientific, non-proprietary standards. These standards were developed using an ANSI open, consensus-based process and a consortium of stakeholders that include NGOs, consumer interest groups, academia, and industry members. SCS is accredited to ISO 17065, an internationally recognized standard for organizations that certify products. ISO 17065 sets the criteria for SCS to implement corporate quality management procedures, and identify and manage all potential conflict of interest and impartiality.

SCS emphasizes full transparency in its operations and communications through:

- Objective certification decisions following open, consensus-based standards.
- Client certification packages, which include test reports and all audit reports used to determine certification decision.

Indoor Air Quality Certification Criteria	Indoor Advantage™ Gold	GREENGUARD/ others
Qualifies as an EQ credit for low-emitting material under USGBC LEED, WELL Building, Living Building Challenge, CHPS, BREEAM, Green Globes, IgCC, ASHRAE 189.1, NAHB National Green Building Standard, Green Star, Estidama Pearl Rating System, and other green building rating systems and programs.	✓	✓
Follows established, non-proprietary, open, and consensus-based standards and test methods without arbitrarily expanding testing requirements.	✓	✗
Tests chemicals that have established scientific and health-based criteria developed by CalEPA and endorsed by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Standard Method.	✓	✗
Uses multiple independent, accredited, and globally located testing laboratories.	✓	✗
Does not have any conflict of interest between certification body and testing laboratory, thereby eliminating any potential financial interests.	✓	✗
Requires use of approved, qualified certification program personnel; and a defined separation between sales, auditor, laboratory analysts, and certification decision-maker.	✓	✗
Requires full certification transparency by providing all audit and test reports to the client, whom has full ownership of these documents.	✓	✗
Has globally located offices which assign regionally-based auditors to conduct audits, collect samples, and discuss quality control issues as necessary with manufacturers.	✓	✗

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