



# LUMBER PRODUCTS GREEN PRODUCTS ACRONYM GLOSSARY



Acronym	Stands for...	Description	Website
ATCM	Airborne Toxic Control Measure	A control measure which reduces emissions of toxic air contaminants	
CARB	California Air Resources Board	To promote and protect public health, welfare and ecological resources through the effective and efficient reduction of air pollutants while recognizing and considering the effects on the economy of the state.	<a href="http://www.arb.ca.gov">www.arb.ca.gov</a>
CHPS	Collaborative for High Performance Schools	Committed to facilitating school design to develop environments that are nergay and resource efficeintm and also healthy, well it, and comfortable.	<a href="http://www.chps.net/">www.chps.net/</a>
COC	Chain of Custody	Terminiolgy used to define the process by which certified products are tracked from the forest, to the mill, to the distributor, to the manufacturer, to the retailer and/or end user	
CPA	Composite Panel Association	The CPA represents the North American composite panel industry on technical, regulatory, quality assurance and product acceptance issues.CPA's 200 members worldwide are committed to product advancement and industry competitiveness. Associate Members include manufacturers of decorative surfaces, furniture, cabinets, and doors and mouldings, as well as laminators, distributors and equipment suppliers.	<a href="http://www.pbmdf.com">www.pbmdf.com</a>
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	The mission of the Environmental Protection Agency is to protect human health and the environment. Since 1970, EPA has been working for a cleaner, healthier environment for the American people. View the Agency's complete strategic plan, annual report, and policy resources.	<a href="http://www.epa.gov">www.epa.gov</a>
EPP	Environmentally Preferred Product	Environmentally Preferable Products, as defined by Federal Executive Order 13101, are "products and services (that) have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared to other products and services that serve the same purpose." Furthermore, various states have adopted policies promoting sustainability to "reduce adverse impacts on natural habitats and species."	<a href="http://www.pbmdf.com">www.pbmdf.com</a>
FSC	Forest Stewardship Council	FSC is an independent, non-governmental, not for profit organization established to promote the responsible management of the world's forests.	<a href="http://www.fsc.org">www.fsc.org</a>
GBI	Green Building Initiative	The mission of the Green Building Initiative is to accelerate the adoption of building practices that result in energy-efficient, healthier and environmentally sustainable buildings by promoting credible and practical green building approaches for residential and commercial construction.	<a href="http://www.thegbi.org">www.thegbi.org</a>
HUD	U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development	HUD's mission is to increase homeownership, support community development and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination. To fulfill this mission, HUD will embrace high standards of ethics, management and accountability and forge new partnerships--particularly with faith-based and community organizations--that leverage resources and improve HUD's ability to be effective on the community level	<a href="http://portal.hud.gov">http://portal.hud.gov</a>
IAQ	Indoor Air Quality	of us face a variety of risks to our health as we go about our day-to-day lives. Driving in cars, flying in planes, engaging in recreational activities, and being exposed to environmental pollutants all pose varying degrees of risk. Some risks are simply unavoidable. Some we choose to accept because to do otherwise would restrict our ability to lead our lives the way we want. And some are risks we might decide to avoid if we had the opportunity to make informed choices. Indoor air pollution is one risk that you can do something about	<a href="http://www.epa.gov">www.epa.gov</a>



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<b>KCMA</b>	Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association	KCMA is a voluntary non-profit industry trade association originally founded in 1955. Currently, KCMA has over 360 members located in the United States and Canada who manufacture kitchen cabinets and bath vanities, fabricate countertops or supply goods and services to the industry.	<a href="http://www.kcma.org">www.kcma.org</a>
<b>KCMA - ESP</b>	KCMA - Environmental Stewardship Program	The Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association developed the Environmental Stewardship Program (ESP) to encourage practices that benefit the environment and society. The voluntary program gives cabinet manufacturers a way to demonstrate their commitment to sustainability and helps you identify products that are better for your home, your family and the environment.	<a href="http://www.greencabinetsource.org">www.greencabinetsource.org</a>
<b>LEED</b>	Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design	The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™ encourages and accelerates global adoption of sustainable green building and development practices through the creation and implementation of universally understood and accepted tools and performance criteria.	<a href="http://www.usgbc.org/">http://www.usgbc.org/</a>
<b>NAHB</b>	National Association of Home Builders	NAHB is a trade association that helps promote the policies that make housing a national priority. Since 1942, NAHB has been serving its members, the housing industry, and the public at large.	<a href="http://www.nahb.org">www.nahb.org</a>
<b>NAF</b>	No Added Formaldehyde	Products labeled as NAF have no formaldehyde of any type added. Please note, there may be naturally occurring formaldehyde as there are in all wood products.	
<b>NAUF</b>	No Added Urea Formaldehyde	Products labeled as NAUF have no urea formaldehyde added. Please note, there may be phenol formaldehyde and naturally occurring formaldehyde in the product.	
<b>PEFC</b>	Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certifications	The PEFC Council (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes) is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organisation, founded in 1999 which promotes sustainably managed forests through independent third party certification. The PEFC provides an assurance mechanism to purchasers of wood and paper products that they are promoting the sustainable management of forests.	<a href="http://www.pefc.org">www.pefc.org</a>
<b>PVA</b>	Polyvinyl Acetate Glue	PVA (Polyvinyl acetates) are probably the most common adhesive on the market. They come in a variety of formulas, all ever so slightly different, and specific to what they are designed to glue.	
<b>SCS (Third Party FSC Certifier)</b>	Scientific Certification Systems	SCS developed its Forest Conservation Program in 1991 and has since emerged as a leading certifier of forest management operations and wood product manufacturers. In 1996, the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) accredited SCS as a certification body, enabling it to evaluate forests according to the FSC Principles and Criteria for Forest Stewardship.	<a href="http://www.scs-certified.com">www.scs-certified.com</a>
<b>SFI</b>	Sustainable Forestry Initiative	The Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) program is based on the premise that responsible environmental behavior and sound business decisions can co-exist. SFI program participants practice sustainable forestry on all the lands they manage. They also millions of additional acres through the training of loggers and foresters in best management practices and landowner outreach programs.	<a href="http://www.aboutsfi.org/">http://www.aboutsfi.org/</a>
<b>Smartwood (Third Party FSC Certifier)</b>	Smartwood	The Rainforest Alliance's SmartWood program offers a diverse set of certification and verification services. While each of these services has a different focus -- ranging from Forest Stewardship Council certification, to verification of legality, to the management of high conservation value forests	<a href="http://www.rainforest-alliance.org">www.rainforest-alliance.org</a>
<b>USGBC</b>	U.S. Green Building Council	The U.S. Green Building Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community of leaders working to make green buildings available to everyone within a generation	<a href="http://www.usgbc.org">www.usgbc.org</a>
<b>VOCs</b>	Volatile Organic Compounds	Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are organic chemical compounds that have high enough vapor pressures under normal conditions to significantly vaporize and enter the atmosphere.	<a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Volatile_organic_compound">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Volatile_organic_compound</a>