



# Low-emitting materials - adhesives and sealants

EQC4.1 | Possible 1 point

## Intent

Reduce the quantity of indoor air contaminants that are odorous, irritating and/or harmful to the comfort and well-being of installers and occupants.

## Requirements

- 1 point for achievement of 2 (4.1, 4.2, 4.3 or 4.4)
- 2 points for achievement of 3 (4.1, 4.2, 4.3 or 4.4)
- 3 points for achievement of 4 (4.1, 4.2, 4.3 or 4.4)

All adhesives and sealants used on the interior of the building (defined as inside of the weatherproofing system and applied on-site) shall comply with the requirements of the following reference standards:

- Adhesives, sealants and sealant primers: South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Rule #1168. VOC limits are listed in the table below and correspond to an effective date of July 1, 2005 and rule amendment date of January 7, 2005.

Architectural Applications	VOC Limit [g/L less water]	Specialty Applications	VOC Limit [g/L less water]
Indoor Carpet Adhesives	50	PVC Welding	510
Carpet Pad Adhesives	50	CPVC Welding	490
Wood Flooring Adhesives	100	ABS Welding	325
Rubber Floor Adhesives	60	Plastic Cement Welding	250
Subfloor Adhesives	50	Adhesive Primer for Plastic	550
Ceramic Tile Adhesives	65	Contact Adhesive	80
VCT & Asphalt Adhesives	50	Special Purpose Contact Adhesive	250
Drywall & Panel Adhesives	50	Structural Wood Member Adhesive	140
Cove Base Adhesives	50	Sheet Applied Rubber Lining Operations	850
Multipurpose Construction Adhesives	70	Top & Trim Adhesive	250
Structural Glazing Adhesives	100		
Substrate Specific Applications	VOC Limit [g/L less water]	Sealants	VOC Limit [g/L less water]
Metal to Metal	30	Architectural	250
Plastic Foams	50	Nonmembrane Roof	300
Porous Material (except wood)	50	Roadway	250
Wood	30	Single-Ply Roof Membrane	450
Fiberglass	80	Other	420
Sealant Primers	VOC Limit [g/L less water]		
Architectural Non Porous	250		
Architectural Porous	775		
Other	750		

- Aerosol adhesives: Green Seal Standard for Commercial Adhesives GS-36 requirements in effect on October 19, 2000.

Aerosol Adhesives:	VOC Weight [g/L minus water]
General purpose mist spray	65% VOCs by weight
General purpose web spray	55% VOCs by weight
Special purpose aerosol adhesives (all types)	70% VOCs by weight