

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 REFERENCES

- .1 LEED Canada Reference Guide for Green Building Design and Construction 2009.
  - .1 Reference Guide released June, 2010.
- .2 South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).
  - .1 Amendment to South Coast Rule 1168, VOC Limits, effective January 7, 2005.
    - .1 Rule 1168, VOC Limits, effective date of July 1, 2005.
  - .2 Rule 1113, VOC Limits, effective date of January 1, 2004.
- .3 Green Seal Standard.
  - .1 GS-36, Commercial Adhesives, VOC Limits, effective October 19, 2000.
  - .2 GS-11, Paints, VOC Limits, First Edition, May 20, 1993.
  - .3 GC-03, Anti-Corrosive Paints, VOC Limits, Second Edition, January 7, 1997.

1.2 DEFINITIONS

- .1 Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (ABS): a plastic made by reacting monomers of acrylonitrile, butadiene, and styrene and is normally identified with an ABS marking.
- .2 Adhesive: any substance that is used to bond one surface to another by attachment. Adhesives include bonding primers, adhesive primers, and adhesive primers for plastics.
- .3 Adhesive Primer for Plastic: a material applied to a plastic substrate before applying an adhesive in order to obtain better adhesion.
- .4 Anti-corrosive / Anti-rust Paints: coatings formulated and recommended for use in preventing the corrosion of ferrous metal substrates.
- .5 Architectural Nonporous Sealant Primer: substance used as a sealant primer on nonporous materials.

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- .6 Architectural porous sealant primer: substance used as a sealant on porous materials.
- .7 Architectural Sealant: sealants applied to ducting, hand railings, cabinets, bathroom fixtures, kitchen fixtures, windows or other architectural features.
- .8 Bond Breakers: applied between layers of concrete to prevent the freshly poured top layer of concrete from bonding to the substrate over which it is poured.
- .9 Carpet Pad Adhesive: an adhesive used for the installation of a carpet pad (or cushion) beneath a carpet.
- .10 Ceramic Tile Adhesive: an adhesive used for the installation of ceramic tile or porcelain tile products.
- .11 Clear Brushing Lacquer: clear wood finishes, excluding clear lacquer sanding sealers, formulated with nitrocellulose or synthetic resins to dry by solvent evaporation without chemical reaction and to provide a solid, protective film.
- .12 Clear Wood Finishes: clear and semi-transparent coatings, including lacquers and varnishes, applied to wood substrates, including floors, to provide a transparent or translucent solid film.
- .13 Chlorinated Polyvinyl Chloride (CPVC): plastic is a polymer of the chlorinated polyvinyl monomer that contains 67% chlorine and is normally identified with a CPVC marking.
- .14 Coating: applied to beautify, protect, or provide a barrier to a surface.
- .15 Concrete-Curing Compounds: coatings formulated for or applied to freshly poured concrete to retard the evaporation of water.
- .16 Contact Adhesive: an adhesive applied to two separate surfaces, allowed to dry, and brought

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- .16 Contact Adhesive: (Cont'd)  
together for adhesion and bonding with  
subsequent pressure.
- .17 Corner Guard Adhesive: an adhesive used  
during the installation of corner guard, which  
is generally made of vinyl or rubber and  
installed vertically on the outer corners of  
walls.
- .18 Cove Base Adhesive: an adhesive used during  
the installation of cove base (or wall base),  
which is generally made of vinyl or rubber and  
installed horizontally on a wall.
- .19 Drywall Adhesive: an adhesive used during the  
installation of gypsum dry wall to studs or  
solid surfaces.
- .20 Dry-Fog Coatings: formulated only for spray  
application so that when sprayed, overspray  
droplets dry before falling on floors and  
other surfaces.
- .21 Faux Finishing Coatings: glazes designed for  
wet-in-wet techniques used as a stain or glaze  
to create artistic effects, including but not  
limited to, dirt, old age, smoke damage, and  
simulated marble and wood grain.
- .22 Flat Paints and Coatings: Paints and coatings  
that register a gloss of less than 15 on an  
85-degree meter or less than 5 on a 60-degree  
meter.
- .23 Fiberglass Substrate Adhesive: if no other  
definitions within this specification apply  
and the mentioned substrates do apply, the  
associated VOC limit shall govern product  
selection.
- .24 Floor Coatings: opaque coatings that are  
formulated for or applied to flooring; and  
clear coatings formulated for or applied to  
concrete flooring, but do not include  
Industrial Maintenance Coatings.
- .25 Graphic Arts (sign) Coatings: Sign paints  
(excluding structural components) formulated  
for hand-application by artists using brush or

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- .25 Graphic Arts (sign) Coatings:(Cont'd)  
roller techniques to murals, including  
lettering enamels, poster colours, copy  
blockers and bulletin enamels.
- .26 High-Temperature Industrial Maintenance  
Coatings: industrial maintenance coatings  
formulated for or applied to substrates  
exposed continuously or intermittently to  
temperatures above 400°F.
- .27 Indoor Adhesive, Sealant, or Sealant Primer:  
an adhesive or sealant product applied  
on-site, inside the building's weatherproofing  
system.
- .28 Indoor Paints or Coating Products: applied  
inside a building's weatherproofing system
- .29 Industrial Maintenance Coatings: Includes  
primers, sealers, undercoaters, intermediate  
coatings and topcoats, formulated for or  
applied to substrates, including floors, which  
are exposed to either:
  - .1 Immersion in water, wastewater, chemical  
solutions or chronic exposure of interior  
surfaces to moisture condensation.
  - .2 Acute or chronic exposure to corrosive,  
caustic or acidic agents, or similar  
chemicals, chemical fumes, chemical mixtures,  
or solutions.
  - .3 Repeated exposure to temperatures in  
excess of 250°F.
  - .4 Repeated heavy abrasion, including  
mechanical wear and repeated scrubbing with  
industrial solvents, cleaners or scouring  
agents.
- .30 Interior of the Building: all space and  
materials that are located, or will be  
located, within the building's weatherproofing  
system.
- .31 Lacquers: clear or pigmented wood finishes,  
including clear lacquer sanding sealers,  
formulated with nitrocellulose or synthetic  
resins to dry by evaporation without chemical  
reaction.

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- .32 Low-Solids Coatings: coatings containing one pound or less of solids per gallon of material. VOC levels for Low-Solids Coatings are measures in grams of VOC per litre of material, including water.
- .33 Magnesite Cement Coatings: coatings formulated for or applied to magnesite cement decking to protect the magnesite cement substrate from erosion by water.
- .34 Mastic Coatings: formulated to cover holes and minor cracks and to conceal surface irregularities, and applied in a thickness of at least 10 mils (dry, single coat).
- .35 Metal to Metal Substrate: if no other definitions within this specification apply and the mentioned substrates do apply, the associated VOC limit shall govern product selection.
- .36 Multi-purpose Construction Adhesive: any adhesive to be used for the installation or repair of various construction materials, including but not limited to: drywall, subfloor, panel, fibreglass reinforced plastic (FRP), ceiling tile, and acoustic tile.
- .37 Non-flat Paints and Coatings: Paints and coatings that are not defined under any other definition in this specification and that register a gloss of 5 or greater on a 60 degree meter and a gloss of 15 or greater on an 85 degree meter.
- .38 Nonporous Sealant: substance used as a sealant on nonporous materials. Nonporous materials, such as plastic and metal, do not have opening in which fluids may be absorbed or discharged.
- .39 Off-gassing: the emission of volatile organic compounds (VOC's) from synthetic and natural products.
- .40 Paint: a liquid, liquefiable, or mastic composition that is converted to a solid protective, decorative, or functional adherent film after application as a thin layer. These

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- .40 Paint: (Cont'd)  
coatings are intended for application to interior or exterior surfaces of residential, commercial, institutional, or industrial buildings.
- .41 Panel Adhesive: an adhesive used for the installation of plywood, pre-decorated hardboard (or tileboard), fiberglass reinforced plastic, and similar pre-decorated or non-decorated panels to studs or solid surfaces.
- .42 Plastic Foam Substrate Adhesives: if no other definitions within this specification apply and the mentioned substrates do apply, the associated VOC limit shall govern product selection.
- .43 Plastic Cement Welding: the use of adhesives made of resins and solvent which are used to dissolve the surfaces of plastic, except ABS, CPVC, and PVC plastic, to form a bond between mating surfaces.
- .44 Pre-treatment Wash Primers: coatings which contain a minimum of 0.5% acid, by weight, applied directly to bare metal surfaces to provide necessary surface etching.
- .45 Porcelain Tile Adhesive: an adhesive used for the installation of ceramic tile or porcelain tile products.
- .46 Porous Materials: have tiny openings, often microscopic, which can absorb or discharge fluids. Examples include wood, fabric, paper, corrugated paperboard, and plastic foam.
- .47 Porous Material Substrate Adhesive (except wood): where no other definitions or substrate specific materials apply, this VOC limit shall govern product selection.
- .48 Primer: applied to a substrate to improve adhesion of subsequently applied coats.
- .49 Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC): this plastic is a polymer of the chlorinated vinyl monomer that contains 57 percent chlorine.

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- .50 Quick-Dry Enamels: non-flat, high gloss coatings which can be applied by brush or roller between 60°F and 80°F. Set-to-touch in two hours or less, dry-hard in eight hours or less, tack-free in four hours or less.
- .51 Quick-Dry Primers: applied to a surface to provide a firm bond between the substrate and subsequent coats. Dry-to-touch in one-half hour and can be recoated in two hours.
- .52 Rubber Flooring Adhesive: an adhesive that is used for the installation of flooring material in which both the back and the top surface area made of synthetic rubber, and which may be in sheet or tile form.
- .53 Sanding Sealers: clear wood coatings formulated for or applied to bare wood for sanding and to seal the wood for subsequent application of coatings.
- .54 Sealant: has adhesive properties and is formulated primarily to fill, seal, or waterproof gaps or joints between two surfaces. Sealants include all types of caulks.
- .55 Sealant Primer: applied to a substrate, prior to the application of a sealant, to enhance the bonding surface.
- .56 Sealers: coatings applied to either block materials from penetrating into or leaching out of a substrate, to prevent subsequent coatings from being absorbed by the substrate, or to prevent harm to subsequent coatings by materials in the substrate.
- .57 Sheet-applied Rubber Lining Operation: the hand application of sheet rubber lining to metal or plastic substrates in order to protect the underlying substrate from corrosion or abrasion. These operations also include laminating sheet rubber to fabric.
- .58 Shellac: clear or pigmented coatings formulated solely with the resinous secretions of the lac insect. Shellacs are formulated to dry by evaporation without a chemical reaction

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- .58 Shellac: (Cont'd)  
providing a quick-drying, solid, protective film for priming and sealing stains and odours; and for wood finishing excluding floors.
- .59 Special Purpose Contact Adhesive: a contact adhesive that is used to bond all of the following substrates to any surface: melamine covered board, metal, unsupported vinyl, Teflon, ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene, rubber and wood veneer 1/16 inch or less in thickness.
- .60 Specialty Primers: Formulated to seal substrates which have fire, smoke or water damage.
- .61 Stains: opaque or semi-transparent coatings which are formulated to change the colour but not conceal the grain pattern or texture.
- .62 Structural Glazing Adhesive: any adhesive used to adhere glass, ceramic, metal, stone, or composite panels to exterior building frames.
- .63 Structural Wood Member Adhesive: an adhesive used for the construction of any load bearing joints in wooden joists, trusses, or beams.
- .64 Subfloor Adhesive: Used for the installation of subflooring material over floor joists.
- .65 Substrate Specific Applications: For adhesives, adhesive bonding primers, or any other primer not regulated by VOC limits and categories established in this specification, substrate specific VOC limits will apply.
- .66 Swimming Pool Coatings: applied to the interior of swimming pools and to resist swimming pool chemicals. Includes repair coatings applied over existing coatings.
- .67 Undercoaters: coatings formulated for or applied to substrates to provide a smooth surface for subsequent coats.



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- .68 Varnishes: clear wood finishes formulated with various resins to dry by chemical reaction.
- .69 VCT: means vinyl composition tile and is a material made from thermoplastic resins, fillers and pigments.
- .70 Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's): carbon compounds that participate in atmospheric photochemical reactions (excluding carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, carbonic acid, metallic carbides and carbonates, and ammonium carbonate). The compounds vaporize at normal room temperatures.
- .71 Waterproofing Concrete / Masonry Sealers: clear or pigmented sealers that are formulated for sealing concrete and masonry to provide resistance against water, alkalis, acids, ultraviolet light, and staining.
- .72 Wood Preservatives: coatings formulated to protect wood from decay or insect attack by the addition of a wood preservative chemical.
- .73 Wood Substrate Adhesive: if no other definitions within this specification apply and the mentioned substrates do apply, the associated VOC limit shall govern product selection.
- .74 Waterproofing Sealers: coatings which are formulated for the primary purpose of preventing penetration of porous substrates by water.
- .75 Weatherproofing System: protects the building from exterior environment (wind and water) and is defined as the air barrier within the wall and roof assemblies.
- .76 Wood Flooring Adhesive: an adhesive used to install a wood floor surface, which may be in the form of parquet tiles, wood planks, or strip-wood.
- .77 Zinc-Rich IM Coatings: primers formulated to contain a minimum of 65 percent metallic zinc

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(Cont'd) powder (zinc dust) by weight of total solids  
for application to metal substrates.

1.3 SUBMITTALS .1 All products governed under this  
specification must be reviewed by the  
Departmental Representative and stamped as  
reviewed prior to products arriving on site.  
.1 As indicated by references to this  
specification and related specification  
sections.  
.2 Submit manufacturer letters, technical  
data sheets and/or MSDS (Material Safety Data  
Sheets, inclusive of the following  
information:  
.1 VOC contents in g/L format.  
.2 Description of applications and  
intended uses.

1.4 VOC LIMITS .1 Refer to Appendix "D" to specifications, VOC  
Limits Table.

## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 GENERAL .1 All adhesives, sealants, paints and coatings  
used on the interior of the building (i.e.,  
inboard side of the weatherproofing system and  
applied on-site) must comply with the  
requirements of this specification regardless  
of the project's stage of construction (i.e.,  
prior to building close-in).

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 GENERAL

- .1 The definitions in this specification have been provided in order to assist with the categorization of products being used on this project.
  - .1 VOC limits established in the above referenced tables will regulate which products have acceptable emissions and can be applied on the inboard side of the weatherproofing system.
    - .1 Products that meet any of the above definitions are required to be submitted for review.
      - .1 If a distinction cannot be made between categories, or whether a product is required to be submitted for review, the product will be forwarded to the consultant for guidance.
  - .2 Product compliance is measured using g/L format.
    - .1 Pigments are not required to be included when calculating product VOC contents.
    - .2 Test methods used to establish product VOC contents do not form part of these specification requirements, so long as:
      - .1 Test methods to include VOC in g/L, less water.