

CARB Information Update

A recent 60 Minutes broadcast on the subject of laminate flooring sourced by a national flooring retailer from China has raised many questions about laminate flooring products. The following information will help answer those questions.

All laminate flooring manufactured and sold by Pergo has been tested in accordance with the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) 93120 Title 17, California Code of Regulations, and meets the CARB Phase 2 standards. The state of California devised this standard and began its implementation in 2008 to reduce the formaldehyde emissions from composite wood products and finished goods that contain composite wood products that are sold, offered for sale, supplied, used or manufactured for sale in California. While formaldehyde is a naturally occurring substance in all wood, high levels considered harmful for humans can occur when resins containing high levels of formaldehyde are used to manufacture laminate core board. The CARB Phase 2 standards are as follows:

- MDF Core Board <8mm thick: <0.13 PPM (parts per million)
- MDF Core Board 8mm thick or greater: <0.11 PPM (parts per million)

As required by CARB's ATCM 93120, all of Pergo's laminate core board manufacturing facilities and suppliers were audited and samples were randomly selected for testing by an independent Third Party Certifier approved by CARB. Based upon results achieved by independent Third Party Certifiers, all Pergo laminate flooring is Phase 2 as defined by CARB's ATCM 93120 and, therefore, compliant with the law. Pergo regularly checks to ensure all certification is updated and that all CARB requirements are being met.

In addition, all Pergo laminate flooring products have been tested by an independent laboratory and have been awarded FloorScore® certification based on the CDPH Standard Method v1.1. This means Pergo products do not release any harmful VOC's into living environments and are recognized as compliant for the following use standards:

- CALGreen, CA Code of Regulations Title 24, Part II, 2012
- USGBC LEED CI, NC, Schools, Healthcare, 2009
- USGBC LEED Version 4, BD&C, ID&C, 2013
- Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS), National Core Criteria, 2013
- ANSI/GBI 01-2010, Green Building Assessment Protocol

Consumer satisfaction and safety are paramount at Pergo. We take these obligations seriously and constantly ensure we are in full compliance with all regulatory requirements as well as our own internal requirements.