GS-11 Paints and Coatings



A High Standard for Protecting People and Planet

Green Seal's Leadership standard means paint, coating, stain or sealer are verified as safer for human health and the environment than similar products while delivering uncompromising performance.

Safer Chemicals



Volatile Organic Compounds	Restricted to content level specified by CARB SCM 2007 for product type
Volatile Organic Compounds Emissions Testing	Product must undergo environmental chamber test and meet emissions limits for 35 target VOCs
Volatile Aromatic Hydrocarbons	< 0.5% by weight
Hazardous Air Pollutants	Prohibited above 100ppm
Ozone-depleting Compounds	Prohibited above 100ppm
Carcinogens	Prohibited above 100ppm
Mutagens	Prohibited above 100ppm
Reproductive Toxins	Prohibited above 100ppm
Alkylphenol Ethoxylates	Prohibited above 100ppm
Formaldehyde Donors	Prohibited above 100ppm
Halogenated Solvents	Prohibited above 100ppm
1,2 Dichlorobenzene	Prohibited above 100ppm
Di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	Prohibited above 100ppm
Butyl benzyl phthalate	Prohibited above 100ppm
Di-n-butyl phthalate	Prohibited above 100ppm
Di-n-octyl phthalate	Prohibited above 100ppm
Diethyl phthalate	Prohibited above 100ppm
Dimethyl phthalate	Prohibited above 100ppm
Triphenyl tins and tributyl tins	Prohibited above 100ppm
Triclosan	Prohibited above 100ppm
Methylene chloride	Cannot be intentionally added at any level



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Safer Chemicals (Continued)

Perchloroethylene	Cannot be intentionally added at any level
Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Cannot be intentionally added at any level
Antimony	Prohibited above 100ppm
Hexavalent Chromium	Prohibited above 100ppm
Lead	Prohibited above 100ppm
Mercury	Prohibited above 100ppm
Cadmium	Prohibited above 100ppm

Sustainable Packaging



Packaging	Must either contain a minimum of 20% recovered material, be recyclable as part of a take-back program, or source-reduced
Packaging Chemicals	Phthalates, Hexavalent Chromium, Lead, Mercury, and Cadmium and must not be intentionally added to packaging

Verified Performance and Claims



Product Performance	Product must demonstrate they work effectively / as intended as measured by the applicable ASTM, SSPC, UL Ecologo, and BHMA test methods. Products can meet specified cut-off levels or perform as well as a benchmark product in its product class.
Labeling	Must include instructions for proper use and disposal to minimize waste, including information on disposing leftover products and packaging.
Marketing Claims	Green Seal trademarks cannot be used in conjunction with any claims that might mislead consumers as to the extent or nature of certification