

Now There's an Easy Way for Consumers to Find EPP Products

COMPOSITE WOOD PANELS: GREEN BY NATURE!

By their very nature, composite wood panels are among the greenest building materials in the marketplace. But today's consumer wants proof of greenness, and EPP certification offers that assurance.



Only products carrying this seal are produced in a facility licensed under the Composite Panel Association's Environmentally Preferable Product Downstream Program.

THE EPP DOWNSTREAM PROGRAM

The EPP Downstream Program is an easy way for consumers to identify environmentally responsible products. Products carrying the EPP Downstream logo were manufactured by a company that has demonstrated its environmental commitment by purchasing EPP-certified composite wood panels. When you specify and purchase EPP Downstream products, you can rest assured knowing that those products are manufactured to the highest environmental and quality standards.

SPECIFY EPP PRODUCTS & GET CARB-CERTIFIED PANELS TOO

Most EPP-certified mills have also achieved compliance with California's tough new regulation on formaldehyde emissions—the CARB rule. That makes your purchase of an EPP-certified product even better. It means you're supporting companies that specify and use especially low emitting composite panels that are also recycled.

Visit www.pbmdf.com for a list of participating EPP Downstream Manufacturers. Or contact CPA at (703) 724-1128 or info@pbmdf.com.

What People Are Saying

“Our participation in the CPA's EPP program shows Collins' continued commitment to utilizing resources in an environmentally friendly manner, while still maintaining a competitive position in the marketplace.”

Collins Products

“For our company, EPP certification validates our promise to deliver products that hit a high mark when it comes to environmental performance.”

Flakeboard

“Our ability to meet the EPP Specification, requiring a reduction in formaldehyde emissions, reflects a commitment to continuous improvement and technological advances.”

Roseburg

“CPA's EPP program allows us to meet the market demand for sustainable products that are qualified through third-party certification.”

SierraPine



= CARB + 100% Recycled/Recovered

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A Specifier's Guide to
EPP-Certified Composite Panels



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WHAT IS AN “EPP” PRODUCT?

An Environmentally Preferable Product (EPP) is one that has been third-party certified to comply with environmental criteria referenced in the U.S. EPA’s Guidelines for Environmentally Preferable Purchasing. The Composite Panel Association (CPA) established an EPP certification program in 2002 for manufacturers of particleboard, medium density fiberboard (MDF) and hardboard to meet the consumer demand for environmental certification of those products.

CPA’s EPP program meets the strict California Air Resources Board (CARB) Composite Wood Formaldehyde Air Toxic Control Measure, which takes effect on January 1, 2009, and goes further by requiring 100% recycled/recovered fiber for certification.

WHO IS THE CPA?

The Composite Panel Association (CPA), founded in 1960, represents the North American particleboard, medium density fiberboard (MDF), hardboard and decorative surfaces industries on technical, regulatory, quality assurance and product acceptance issues. Membership includes the leading producers in North America, who collectively represent nearly 95% of the domestic manufacturing capacity. CPA is a nonprofit 501(c)(6) organization.

WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR CPA EPP CERTIFICATION?

Products certified to CPA’s EPP Certification Program must demonstrate that they are made from 100% recycled and/or recovered fiber and meet strict formaldehyde emissions requirements.

HOW IS CPA EPP CERTIFICATION ENFORCED?

Earning CPA EPP certification is a significant accomplishment and requires a panel manufacturer to commit to making high-quality, environmentally responsible products. Compliance with CPA EPP requirements requires ongoing emissions testing in the plant, rigorous monthly audits and quarterly independent third-party product emission testing.

IS CPA EPP CERTIFICATION CREDIBLE?

Absolutely! The CPA EPP panel certification program is the most widely-specified environmental certification program for composite wood products in North America. It’s also the first EPP certification program accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). This accreditation is provided in accordance with ISO/IEC Guide 65 for product certification programs and ensures that the certifying organization follows ANSI procedures and principles of due process, openness and independence. All product testing is overseen by CPA professionals. Products are tested in laboratories that have been accredited by the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP), International Accreditation Service (IAS) or Standards Council of Canada (SCC).

HOW DO I KNOW I’M GETTING A CPA-CERTIFIED EPP PRODUCT?

Ask for it! The most important step in buying EPP material is to clearly specify in all of your purchase documents and communications that the product must be EPP. To confirm you’ve received CPA-certified EPP product, look for the EPP stamp on panel unit bundles and on purchase documents. To find a certified EPP supplier, visit the CPA web site at www.pbmdf.com.



CPA’S GREEN COMMITMENT

CPA is committed to serving the Green Building community. Our members continue to develop durable, low emitting products that utilize recycled material from a renewable resource.

GO GREEN

Composite Wood Products are eligible for the following LEED Credits:

- Recycled Content MR Credit 4.1
- Recycled Content MR Credit 4.2
- Regional Materials MR Credit 5.1
- Regional Materials MR Credit 5.2
- Certified Wood MR Credit 7
- Low Emitting Material EQ Credit 4.4

Composite Wood Products are also used in downstream systems eligible for:

- Low Emitting Materials EQ Credit 4.5 (LEED-CI)
- Environmentally Preferable MR Credit 5 Products (LEED-H)

CPA EPP is referenced by:

- Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association (KCMA) Environmental Stewardship Program
- National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Model Green Home Building Guidelines



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