

Polyflor Credentials

We continue to be involved with the development of products that will be environmentally sustainable, easier and healthier to use and multi-functional.

- ISO 9001 certification**
 ISO 9001 is a certified quality management system (QMS) for organisations who want to prove their ability to consistently provide products and services that meet the needs of relevant stakeholders.
- ISO 14001 certification**
 ISO 14001 sets out the criteria for an Environmental Management System (EMS) and maps out a framework for a company to follow in setting up an effective EMS.
- BES 6001 certification**
 BES 6001 is a framework Standard from BRE Global, for Responsible Sourcing, along with an associated independent third-party certification scheme. BES 6001 will help organisations manage and reduce the impacts throughout the supply chain. The scheme is recognised by the BREEAM family of certification schemes and the Code for Sustainable Homes where credits can be awarded for construction products independently certified through BES 6001.
- SA 8000 certification**
 SA 8000 is an international, auditable social certification standard for decent workplaces, across all industrial sectors. It is based on the UN Declaration of Human Rights, conventions of the ILO, UN and national law, and spans industry and corporate codes to create a common language to measure social performance.
- BS OHSAS 18001 approval**
 BS OHSAS 18001, a framework for an occupational health and safety management system.
- BRE Global**
 A+ rating certification on 32 individually assessed ranges within the homogeneous, safety, heterogeneous and LVT flooring categories (ENP472, ENP415 & ENP429). Also 13 ranges with generic BRE Global A+ rating.

 The BRE (Building Research Establishment) is an independent organisation which evaluates the environmental impact of a product. Using a Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) over a building life of 60 years, materials are assessed on their impact against a series of environmental criteria and performance is rated from A+ to E (A+ being the best and E being the worst). Individual assessments relate to specific production data for the product, whereas generic ratings are derived from industry-wide production data and averaged.

- EN 15804 EPDs** (written to standard ISO 14025) verified by **IBU**
 Created by the European working group CEN TC 350, EPDs (Environmental Product Declarations) provide transparent and reliable data for environmental criteria throughout a product's life cycle.

IBU (Institut Bauen und Umwelt e.V.) is an independent, environmental organisation which works closely with construction and environmental authorities in Germany.
- Registered approved products with Ecospecifier – GreenTag GreenRate Level A across homogeneous, safety, heterogeneous and LVT ranges (LCARate certification Gold and Silver)**

 Polyflor is registered to Ecospecifier, a guide to eco and health preferable products, materials and technologies for the built environment. GreenTag is Ecospecifier's Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) and Polyflor's products are certificated to meet GreenTag requirements.
- Registered approved products on the BASTA database, EPDs also listed on the DGNB database and can also contribute to LEED points**

BASTA is a non-profit organisation owned by IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute and The Swedish Construction Federation.

DGNB (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Nachhaltiges Bauen e.V. / German Sustainable Building Council), promotes sustainable and economically efficient buildings for the future.

LEED® (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) is a sustainable building certification programme which rewards best-in-class building strategies and practices.
- Passed the most stringent international VOC tests, including AqBB, Indoor Air Comfort Gold and FloorScore®**

AqBB (Ausschuss zur gesundheitlichen Bewertung von Bauprodukten) is a committee for health-related evaluation of building products.

Indoor Air Comfort (IAC) product certification by Eurofins, provides compliance with low VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) emissions requirements of all European specifications. Indoor Air Comfort Gold certification shows a higher level of compliance.

FloorScore® ensures that certified flooring meets strict indoor air quality (IAQ) emissions criteria of LEED®; CHPS; The Green Guide for Health Care, and is recognised by a long list of healthy building programmes.

Memberships

- A founder and funding member of Recofloor vinyl take-back scheme**
 Recofloor is the UK's leading recycling scheme for uplifted smooth vinyl flooring and for smooth and safety offcuts.
 - Winner of **CIWM** (Chartered Institute of Wastes Management) Award for Environmental Excellence in the category of SME Innovative Practice, 2010
 - Winner of **BCE** (Business Commitment to the Environment) Premier Award 2011
 - Winner of **Gold International Green Apple Environment Awards** 2013, for Environmental Best Practice.
 - Winner of **MEN** (Manchester Evening News) Environmental Business of the Year Award 2014.
 - Winner of **Let'srecycle.com Awards** Excellence in Recycling & Waste Management.
- Fully support VinylPlus**

VinylPlus is the voluntary sustainable development programme of the European PVC industry. It aims to create a long-term sustainability framework for the entire PVC value chain.
- Active member of EPFLOOR & Recovinyl**

EPFLOOR (European PVC Flooring Manufacturers Sector Group) has a mission to recycle post-consumer PVC flooring waste in Western Europe.

Recovinyl is a PVC recycling scheme, set up to encourage companies to recycle post-consumer PVC. The aim of the scheme is to increase the amount of PVC recycled by establishing sustainable collection and processing arrangements.
- As a member of SFEC (Syndicat Français des Enducteurs Calandriers), James Halstead France (Polyflor's subsidiary) helps finance the French vinyl flooring recycling scheme, PVC Next.**

SFEC works with the government and informs its members on regulations and standards and partakes in environmental policy, with a commitment to sustainable development.

- PVC Next** is France's national waste vinyl flooring recycling scheme, funded by James Halstead France and 4 other manufacturers within the SFEC association.
- Member of the UK Green Building Council, Green Building Council of Australia and New Zealand Green Building Council**

 The Green Building Council is a national non-profit, non-government, membership organisation covering more than 90 countries. The body's main aim is to facilitate dialogue between industry and government to promote sustainability in the construction sector.
- Member of the Dementia Action Alliance** which is committed to transforming the lives of the 800,000 people living with dementia in the UK, and partner of the **International Dementia Design Network**, hosted by the University of Salford.
- Polyflor is working with The Carbon Trust to reduce energy consumption**

 The Carbon Trust's Energy Management programme provides commercially viable solutions to help UK businesses and the public sector cut carbon, energy and costs.
- Active member of UKRFA and ERFMI**

UKRFA (United Kingdom Resilient Flooring Association) - UK trade association for the resilient flooring sector.

ERFMI (European Resilient Flooring Manufacturers' Institute) - ensures the maintenance of high ethical standard within the industry.
- REACH compliant**

REACH is a European Union regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation & Restriction of Chemicals.

 Plasticisers used by Polyflor are not classified substances and do not need authorisation under **REACH**. A range of ortho-phthalates and non-phthalate alternatives were used across Polyflor's vinyl collection.

 No harmful substances added, such as formaldehyde; lead; cadmium; mercury or hexavalent chromium.

