BEHR® DRYWALL PLUS PRIMER & SEALER

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Shown above: BEHR® Drywall Plus Interior Primer & Sealer is a GREENGUARD® Gold certified, 100% Acrylic, fast-drying primer that seals uncoated and previously painted surfaces.



Behr Paint Company, producer of BEHR® and KILZ® products, is one of the largest manufacturers and suppliers of paint, primers, stains and surface finish products to do-it-yourselfers and professionals.

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In order to support comparative assertions, this EPD meets all comparability requirements stated in ISO 14025:2006. However, such differences in certain assumptions, data quality, and variability between LCA data sets may still exist. As such, caution should be exercised when evaluating EPDs from different manufacturers, as the EPD results may not be entirely comparable. Any EPD comparison must be carried out at the building level per ISO 21930 guidelines. The results of this EPD reflect an average performance by the product and its actual impacts may vary on a case-to-case basis.





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EPD PROGRAM AND PROGRAM OPERATOR NAME, ADDRESS, LOGO, AND WEBSITE	UL Solutions www.ul.com 333 Pfingsten Rd, Northbrook IL, 60062 www.spot.ul.com
GENERAL PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS AND VERSION NUMBER	Program Operator Rules v 2.7 2022
MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS	Behr Process LLC 1801 E St Andrew PI, Santa Ana, CA 92705
DECLARATION NUMBER	4791080617.102.1
DECLARED PRODUCT & FUNCTIONAL UNIT OR DECLARED UNIT	1m² of covered and protected substrate for a period of 60 years with 97% opacity after drying
REFERENCE PCR AND VERSION NUMBER	PCR for architectural coating: NAICS 325510, NSF (2022)
DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT APPLICATION/USE	Interior Primer
PRODUCT RSL DESCRIPTION (IF APPL.)	5 years market life used over a 60 year estimated building life
MARKETS OF APPLICABILITY	North America
DATE OF ISSUE	August 12, 2024
PERIOD OF VALIDITY	5 Years
EPD TYPE	Product-specific
RANGE OF DATASET VARIABILITY	N/A
OVERALL DATA QUALITY ASSESSMENT SCORE	Very good
EPD SCOPE	Cradle to grave
YEAR(S) OF REPORTED PRIMARY DATA	2021
LCA SOFTWARE & VERSION NUMBER	Sphera's LCA for Experts (fka GaBi) v10.7.0.183
LCI DATABASE(S) & VERSION NUMBER	Sphera's Managed LCA Content (fka GaBi) 2023.1
LCIA METHODOLOGY & VERSION NUMBER	IPCC AR5, TRACI 2.1, CML 2001 (2013)
	NSF International
The PCR review was conducted by:	PCR Review Panel
	ncss@nsf.org
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Exclusions: EPDs do not indicate that any environmental or social performance benchmarks are met, and there may be impacts that they do not encompass. LCAs do not typically address the site-specific environmental impacts of raw material extraction, nor are they meant to assess human health toxicity. EPDs can complement but cannot replace tools and certifications that are designed to address these impacts and/or set performance thresholds – e.g. Type 1 certifications, health assessments and declarations, environmental impact assessments, etc.

Accuracy of Results: EPDs regularly rely on estimations of impacts; the level of accuracy in estimation of effect differs for any particular product line and reported impact.

Comparability: EPDs from different programs may not be comparable. Full conformance with a PCR allows EPD comparability only when all stages of a life cycle have been considered. However, variations and deviations are possible". Example of variations: Different LCA software and background LCI datasets may lead to differences results for upstream or downstream of the life cycle stages declared.



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1. Product Definition and Information

1.1. Description of Company/Organization

Founded in 1947, Behr Paint Company's unwavering commitment to quality, innovation, and value has helped foster their growth into one of the largest manufacturers of paints, primers, decorative finishes, stains, surface preparation and application products for DIYers and professionals in North America. With operations in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, this Santa Ana, California based company has worked diligently to deliver the quality brands, BEHR®, KILZ®, and WHIZZ® to meet the coating, color, and application needs of consumers, designers and professional paint contractors resulting in BEHR® becoming one of the most trusted brands in America. BEHR® paint delivers superior value at every price point so everyone can transform their space into the look they want, with the colors they love.

1.2. Product Description

Product Identification

BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer is an interior water-based primer that seals uncoated and previously painted interior drywall, wallboard, wood, and brick to promote a uniform finish for topcoats. This 100% acrylic formula is ideal for use under lower sheen paints and has excellent hiding properties for topcoat products. BEHR® Drywall Plus is GREENGUARD® GOLD certified and MPI approved offering an interior primer that meets or exceeds environmental and performance requirements. BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer is available in gallon, 2-gallon and 5-gallon sized containers.

Product Specification

Table 1. Specifications for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer

SKU	FILL / MAX TINT LOAD	RESIN TYPE	% SOLIDS BY VOLUME	% SOLIDS BY WEIGHT	FILM THICKNESS @ 250 SQ FT/GL	FILM THICKNESS @ 400 SQ FT/GL	Viscosity (KU)
73	128 fl oz 2 fl oz	100% Acrylic	23% ± 2%	36% ± 2%	Wet: 6.4 mils Dry: 1.4 mils	Wet: 4.0 mils Dry: 0.9 mils	90 – 100





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1.3. Application

Recommended application information for BEHR® Drywall Plus Interior Primer & Sealer is as follows:

Brush: Nylon/polyester

Roller: 3/8" – 1/2" nap roller cover, depending on surface texture

Airless Spray:

Tip: .015" - .019" **Filter:** 60 mesh

Fluid Pressure: 1,800 – 2,500 psi

Thinning: Do not thin if using a brush or roller; however, if using a sprayer and thinning is required, thin with water at a rate of no more than ½ pint per gallon.

The VOC emissions associated with each SKU after application are all <0.22 mg/m³. The method used to determine this was the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) standard test method, a revised and expanded standard based on California Specification 01350. VOC content in g/L for each SKU is shown in Table 2.

Table 2. VOC content (g/L)

	73 - DRYWALL Plus Primer
VOC (g/L of paint)	2.35

1.4. Material Composition

The material composition of the product is shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Material composition range in weight % for BEHR® Drywall Plus Interior Primer & Sealer

MATERIAL	73
Resin/Binder	20 - 25%
Additive	1 - 5%
Biocide	0.1 - 1%
Extender Pigment	10 - 15%







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MATERIAL	73
Pigment (TiO2)	10 - 15%
Solvent	0.1 – 1%
Water	50 – 55%

1.5. Manufacturing

As shown in Figure 1, manufacturing begins with metering of raw materials, followed by the pre-mix, dispersion, and let-down steps. The finished paint is dispensed into jars, cans, and/or pails, which are then labeled, boxed, and loaded onto pallets for distribution.

Flow Diagram

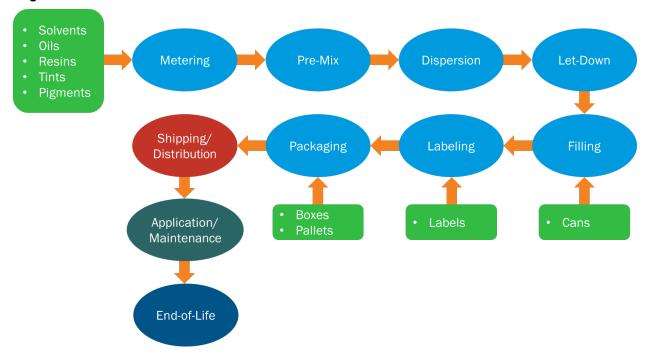


Figure 1. Flow diagram for cradle-to-grave LCA of BEHR® Drywall Plus Interior Primer & Sealer

1.6. Packaging

Table 4 provides descriptions, volumes, and materials for the primary paint packaging used for BEHR® Drywall Plus Interior Primer & Sealer. These packages are then placed in cardboard boxes and loaded onto heat-treated wooden pallets for distribution.







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Table 4. Description of primary paint packaging

CONTAINER	VOLUME	MATERIAL
Can	Gallon	Polypropylene
Pail	2 Gallons or 5 Gallons	High Density Polyethylene

1.7. Transportation

Raw materials and packaging are transported to each of the production facilities via truck or rail. After production and packaging, the paint is sent to one of twelve distribution centers by truck before being trucked to individual The Home Depot stores. Weighted average distances are calculated for transportation from distribution centers to stores in seven different regions.

1.8. Product Installation and Use

The use stage begins when the user applies the product to a substrate. This stage does not require any energy or additional cleaning inputs, but includes the VOCs emitted during application and drying. BEHR® Drywall Plus Interior Primer & Sealer is considered a low-VOC product.

1.9. Reference Service Life and Estimated Building Service Life

Per the PCR, all results declared are calculated for a market life of 5 years. The estimated building life is 60 years per the PCR.

1.10. Reuse, Recycling, and Energy Recovery

The Home Depot stores encourage customers to use PaintCare or local paint recycling programs.

1.11. Disposal

Product end-of-life occurs with the disposal of the substrate material. 100% of the waste is disposed of in a landfill at the end-of-life stage and cannot be separated from the substrate before disposal. Packaging is recovered at a rate of 6.2% for plastics, 33.9% for metals, and 80.9% for paper and corrugated material. Recovery rates represent the average fractions of waste recovered in the US.





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2. Life Cycle Assessment Background Information

2.1. Functional or Declared Unit

The functional unit for the study is:

Covering and protecting 1 m² of substrate for a period of 60 years (the assumed lifetime of a building), exhibiting 97% opacity after drying

The functional unit and reference flow required for the functional unit were calculated for the market life as prescribed by the PCR. Market life for interior paints is 5 years. Lifetimes and reference flows for each sheen and base combination are shown in Table 5. Results were calculated for all base and sheen formulations.

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SKU SHEEN BASE MARKET LIFETIME (YEARS) PAINT PER UNIT COLORANT PER UNIT AREA (KG/M²) UNIT AREA (KG/M²)

0.123

0.0047

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Table 5. Sheen, base, market life, and reference flows for each product

2.2. System Boundary

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The LCA was performed according to ISO 14040 standards. The system boundary is cradle-to-grave, and includes the following modules as defined in the PCR. The declaration covers BEHR® Drywall Plus Interior Primer & Sealer sold in the North American market for the reference year 2021.





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Figure 2. System boundaries for cradle to grave LCA

2.3. Estimates and Assumptions

The modeling approach makes assumptions that are prescribed by the PCR, such as in packaging disposal and recovery treatment, as well as transportation distances and use phase assumptions.

2.4. Cut-off Criteria

No cut-off criteria was defined by this study. For processes within the system boundary, all available energy and material flow data have been included in the model.

2.5. Data Sources and Quality

Primary data, for the 2021 reference year, was obtained from six of Behr's production facilities that produce BEHR® Drywall Plus Interior Primer & Sealer. Those facilities are located in: Chicago Heights, IL; Allentown, PA; Roanoke, TX; McDonough, GA and two in Santa Ana, CA. Background data was obtained from the GaBi 2023.1 database and is representative of the years 2012-2021. Overall, both primary and background data are representative of the product system and have been deemed very good quality.









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2.6. Period under Review

The period under review is 2021.

2.7. Allocation

Manufacturing inputs for the six facilities were allocated to each paint product by volume.

3. Life Cycle Assessment Results

In accordance with the PCR, TRACI 2.1 impact characterization methodology is used to calculate the declared environmental impacts, except for global warming potential and abiotic resource depletion, which follow the methodology in the IPCC 5th assessment report, and CML, respectively (Table 6). Additional inventory metrics are also calculated per the guiding PCR. The declared impacts and inventory metrics are summarized in this section. The total LCIA results for market life for each impact category are provided in Table 7.

Furthermore, the results of each impact category for each stage are presented in Table 8 to Table 13. Additionally, in this section, the LCI results for each stage are presented along with the total LCI results for each impact category.

3.1. Life Cycle Impact Assessment Results

Table 6. Environmental impact categories for North America

PARAMETER	DESCRIPTION	LCIA METHOD	Unit
GWP	Global warming potential, fossil	IPCCC AR5 (2013)	kg CO ₂ eq.
ODP	Stratospheric ozone layer depletion potential	TRACI 2.1	kg CFC 11 eq.
AP	Land and water acidification potential	TRACI 2.1	kg SO ₂ eq.
EP	Eutrophication potential	TRACI 2.1	kg N eq.
SFP	Tropospheric ozone photochemical oxidant (smog) formation potential	TRACI 2.1	kg O ₃ eq.
ADPf	Abiotic resource potential for fossil resources	CML 2001	MJ







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Table 7. Total LCIA results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life

	SKU	GWP	AP	EP	ODP	SFP	ADPF
		KG CO₂ EQ.	KG SO₂ EQ.	KG N EQ.	к g CFC 11 EQ.	KG O ₃ EQ.	MJ
	73	2.44E+00	8.45E-03	7.21E-04	7.07E-14	1.03E-01	4.62E+01

Table 8. GWP LCIA results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life (kg CO₂ eq.)

SKU	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3	STAGE 4	TOTAL
73	1.92E+00	4.78E-01	0.00E+00	4.01E-02	2.44E+00

Table 9. AP LCIA results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life (kg SO₂ eq.)

SKU	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3	STAGE 4	TOTAL
73	7.32E-03	9.43E-04	0.00E+00	1.85E-04	8.45E-03

Table 10. EP LCIA results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life (kg N eq.)

SKU	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3	STAGE 4	TOTAL
73	2.94E-04	1.32E-04	0.00E+00	2.96E-04	7.21E-04

Table 11. ODP LCIA results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life (kg CFC-11 eq.)

SKU	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3	STAGE 4	TOTAL
73	6.62E-14	3.30E-15	0.00E+00	1.20E-15	7.07E-14

Table 12. SFP LCIA results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life (kg O₃ eq.)

SKU	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3	STAGE 4	TOTAL
73	8.30E-02	1.69E-02	7.45E-10	3.33E-03	1.03E-01







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Table 13. ADPf LCIA results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life (MJ)

SKU	SKU STAGE 1		STAGE 3	STAGE 4	TOTAL	
73	3.79E+01	8.24E+00	0.00E+00	1.13E-01	4.62E+01	

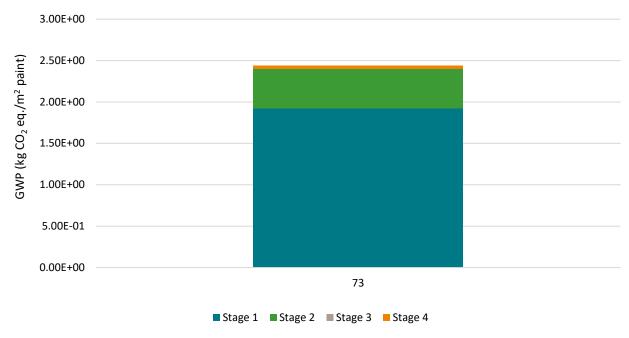


Figure 3: GWP results by stage by market life







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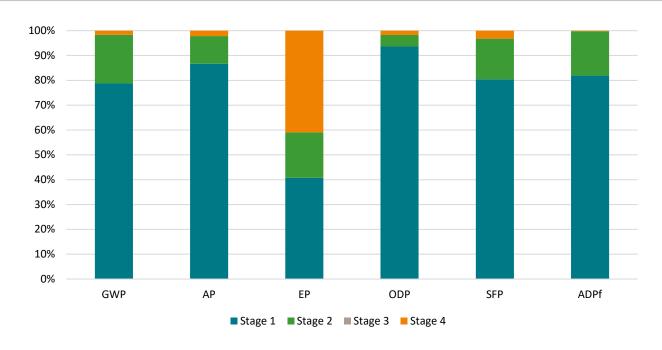


Figure 4. LCIA contribution results for 73

3.2. Life Cycle Inventory Results

Table 14. Total Resource use results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life

SKU	RPR _E	RPR _M	NRPR _E	NRPR _M	SM	RSF	NRSF	RE	FW
	MJ	MJ	MJ	MJ	KG	MJ	MJ	MJ	M ³
73	2.95E+00	2.88E-01	4.15E+01	6.60E+00	7.57E-04	0	0	0	1.44E-02

Table 15. RPRe results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life (MJ)

SKU	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Total
73	2.52E+00	3.77E-01	0.00E+00	5.65E-02	2.95E+00

Table 16. RPRm results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life (MJ)

SKU	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Total
73	2.88E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.88E-01







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Table 17. NRPRe results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life (MJ)

SKU	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Total
73	3.30E+01	8.38E+00	0.00E+00	1.12E-01	4.15E+01

Table 18. NRPRm results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life (MJ)

SKU	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Total
73	6.60E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	6.60E+00

Table 19. SM results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life (kg)

SKU	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Total
73	7.57E-04	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	7.57E-04

Table 20. FW results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life (m³)

SKU	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Total
73	1.21E-02	2.32E-03	0.00E+00	-1.80E-06	1.44E-02

Table 21. Total output and waste results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life

SKU	HWD	NHWD
SKU	%	%
73	0.35%	99.65%

Table 22. Waste results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life

SKU	Waste	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Total
72	HWD	4.78%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.35%
73	NHWD	95.22%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	99.65%







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Table 23. Energy resource use results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life

	SKU	BIO ENERGY	FOSSIL ENERGY	HYDRO/WIND ENERGY	Nuclear Energy	OTHER RENEWABLE ENERGY	NON- RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES	RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES
1		MJ	MJ	MJ	MJ	MJ	KG	KG
	73	1.09E-08	4.62E+01	1.05E+00	1.83E+00	2.19E+00	1.26E+00	-1.88E-07

Table 24. Bio-energy results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life (MJ)

SKU	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Total
73	9.62E-09	-1.04E-11	0.00E+00	1.31E-09	1.09E-08

Table 25. Fossil energy results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life (MJ)

SKU	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Total
73	3.79E+01	8.24E+00	0.00E+00	1.13E-01	4.62E+01

Table 26. Hydro/ Wind energy results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life (MJ)

SKU	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Total
73	9.65E-01	7.33E-02	0.00E+00	1.12E-02	1.05E+00

Table 27. Nuclear energy results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life (MJ)

SKU	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Total
73	1.68E+00	1.46E-01	0.00E+00	-2.95E-04	1.83E+00

Table 28. Other energy results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life (MJ)

SKU	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Total
73	1.84E+00	3.03E-01	0.00E+00	4.53E-02	2.19E+00







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Table 29. Non-renewable resource results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life (kg)

SKU	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Total
73	9.94E-01	2.64E-01	0.00E+00	3.40E-03	1.26E+00

Table 30. Renewable resource results for BEHR® Drywall Plus Primer & Sealer, per 1 m² for 60 years by market life (kg)

SKU	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Total
73	4.23E-08	2.59E-11	0.00E+00	-2.30E-07	-1.88E-07

4. Additional Environmental Information

4.1. Environmental Activities and Certifications



GREENGUARD Certification

BEHR® Drywall Plus Interior Primer & Sealer is GREENGUARD and GREENGUARD Gold Certified. This third-party certification assures our paints are low-emitting and contribute to healthy indoor environments.

GREENGUARD Certification establishes acceptable indoor air standards for indoor products, environments, and buildings. GREENGUARD Gold Certification offers stricter certification criteria, considers safety factors to account for sensitive individuals (such as children and the elderly), and ensures that a product is acceptable for use in environments such as schools and healthcare facilities.

GREENGUARD certified products are referenced standards in numerous sustainable building initiatives including Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®), Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS), Green Guide for Health Care (GGHC), Sustainable Building Industry Council (SBIC) and many others. For more information on the GREENGUARD Certification Program emission standards visit greenguard.org.



MPI Extreme Green Performance™ Standard (MPI GPS-2-12)

BEHR® Drywall Plus Interior Primer & Sealer is certified with the MPI Extreme Green Performance™ (X-Green) Standard, a three-pronged standard that has requirements on indoor air quality, durability, and environmental safety of paint products.

MPI's Green Performance™ Standards were established to challenge the thinking that VOC level alone should determine a 'green' coating. MPI believes that performance and durability are critical to true sustainability, since premature failure and the frequent repainting that results inevitably leads to greater VOC emissions and non-sustainable and costly maintenance operations. Therefore, paints certified to MPI's Green Performance™ Standard:







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- 1) Provide performance and durability equal to their 'conventional' counterparts;
- 2) Have eliminated or contain only trace quantities of various undesirable chemical compounds such as phthalates;
- 3) Have reduced VOC. MPI's GPS 2 -- the most stringent in North America when introduced in 2007 -- has a maximum allowable VOC of 50 g/l across the board for all paint types.

The Extreme Green Environmental Performance™ Standard, which complements MPI's Green Performance™ Standards includes the following additional requirements:

- 1) No carcinogenic ingredients;
- 2) Maximum 50 g/I VOC;
- 3) Submit a third-party test result verifying they meet CHPS (Collaborative for High Performance Schools) emissions requirements;
- 4) The certification of emissions compliance to CHPS must be within two years of testing.

The MPI Green Performance™ Standard is the only green paint/coatings certification required by both the US and Canadian governments and referenced by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

4.2. Further Information

For further information visit behr.com and kilz.com.

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