






Our Credentials Guide


Sustainability & CSR





Environmental and Corporate Social Responsibility management ensures continual development and progress, where it matters. The external audits and certification listed, assure that this is our priority and we will continue to report transparently on key metrics regarding our culture, operations and stakeholder engagement.

Certification	What it means
ISO 14001 	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.
ISO 9001 	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.
BES 6001 	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 	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 	BS OHSAS 18001, a framework for an occupational health and safety management system.

Environmental Life Cycle Analysis





Environmental LCAs are important in creating a level playing field for comparing products' environmental impacts and performance, enabling customers to make informed choices for specification.

Certification	What it means
BRE 	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. Individual assessments relate to specific production data for the product, whereas generic ratings are derived from industry-wide production data and averaged.

IBU EPD 	Polyflor's product specific EPDs are verified by IBU (Institut Bauen und Umwelt e.V.) - an independent, environmental organisation which works closely with construction and environmental authorities in Germany. Product specific EPDs available on www.ibu-epd.com/en/published-epds
ERFMI EPD 	Generic EPDs are available via ERFMI (European Resilient Flooring Manufacturers' Institute), which provide transparency on environmental impacts. Generic EPDs available on www.ibu-epd.com/en/published-epds
INIES FDES 	INIES provides environmental and health declarations of products for evaluating the performance of construction works. The INIES FDES is an independent third-party audit. To view FDES, visit www.inies.fr
GreenTag 	GreenTag is Ecospecifier's Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) and Polyflor's products are certificated to meet GreenTag requirements.






Recycling

Recycling is as important to us as it is our customers - if not more so. In operating our own recycling schemes as well as being part of external recycling initiatives, we are fully committed to minimising our and our customers' environmental impact.

Organisation	What it means
Recofloor 	Polyflor is co-founder and owner of Recofloor the UK's leading recycling scheme for smooth and safety offcuts and uplifted smooth vinyl flooring. This scheme is also used in Australia, New Zealand and Iceland.
Polyflor RVF SA 	The Polyflor Recycling Vinyl Flooring scheme is an independent recycling scheme in South Africa, collecting waste Polyflor vinyl flooring.
AgPR 	We work with AgPR (Arbeitsgemeinschaft PVC-Bodenbelag) to reclaim recycled vinyl flooring waste from Germany/EU.
PVC Next 	PVC Next is France's national waste vinyl flooring recycling scheme, funded by James Halstead France and 4 other manufacturers within the Kaléi association.



Health


We want our floor coverings to be healthy for the environment and for our customers. Our ranges are non-shedding and do not harbour dust. They do not contain harmful substances; are REACH compliant and are certified to assure very low VOC emissions for best indoor air comfort and quality.

Certification & Authorisation	What it means
IAC 	Indoor Air Comfort (IAC) product certification by Eurofins, provides compliance to low VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) emissions requirements of European specifications. Indoor Air Comfort Gold certification shows a higher level of compliance, meeting criteria of many voluntary specifications issued by most relevant ecolabels and similar specifications in the EU. This is 'best in class' and good for indoor air quality, posing no risk to health.
FloorScore® 	FloorScore® product certification by SCS Global, 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.
Afsset 	Afsset (L'Agence française de sécurité sanitaire de l'environnement et du travail) tests construction products compliance to the French government's regulations regarding VOC and formaldehyde emissions.
M1 	M1 is the short version name of the Finnish voluntary emission classification of building materials. M1 is the lowest VOC emission class of that system.
REACH 	REACH is a European Union regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation & Restriction of Chemicals. No harmful substances added, such as formaldehyde; asbestos and heavy metals. Plasticisers used by Polyflor are not classified substances and do not need authorisation under REACH. A range of mostly non-phthalate and ortho-phthalate plasticisers used across Polyflor's vinyl collection.

Environmental Listings








Polyflor products are listed on various databases specifically for sustainable products, making specification options easier for green build projects.

Organisation	What it means
DGNB 	Our EPDs are listed on the DGNB database DGNB (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Nachhaltiges Bauen e.V. / German Sustainable Building Council), which promotes sustainable and economically efficient buildings for the future.
BASTA 	Polyflor has registered, approved products on the BASTA database, BASTA is a non-profit organisation owned by IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute and The Swedish Construction Federation.

Ecospecifier 	Polyflor is registered to Ecospecifier, a guide to eco and health preferable products, materials and technologies for the built environment.
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Memberships & Associations

We like to be in the mix and keep abreast of current or potential issues and challenges, both within the industry and on wider environmental matters. This enables us to engage with stakeholders and react better to customer demands.


Organisation	What it means
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.
Recovinyl 	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.
Kaléi 	Kaléi works with the government and informs its members on regulations and standards and partakes in environmental policy, with a commitment to sustainable development.
UK Green Building Council 	The Green Building Council is a 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.
New Zealand Green Building Council 	
The Carbon Trust 	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.
UKRFA 	UKRFA (United Kingdom Resilient Flooring Association) - UK trade association for the resilient flooring sector.

<p>ERFMI</p> 	<p>ERFMI (European Resilient Flooring Manufacturers' Institute - ensures the maintenance of high ethical standard within the industry.</p>
<p>SAVA</p> 	<p>The Southern African Vinyls Association (SAVA) is a representative body for the local vinyl industry fulfilling an active role in the sustainability of the industry.</p>
<p>Dementia Action Alliance</p> 	<p>Member of the Dementia Action Alliance which is committed to transforming the lives of those living with dementia in the UK, and partner of the International Dementia Design Network, hosted by the University of Salford.</p>

Awards





Polyflor and our co-owned recycling scheme, Recofloor, have won environmental awards over recent years and while it's not about winning awards - it's about doing the right thing - we are proud to be acknowledged and rewarded for our sustainability efforts and hard work.

Polyflor Awards

 <p>Polyflor UK Winner of Made in the North West Green Company 2015</p>	 <p>Polyflor South Africa Winner of SAVA's Innovation in PVC Recycling 2017</p>
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Recofloor Awards

 <p>Winner of CIWM (Chartered Institute of Wastes Management) Award for Environmental Excellence in the category of SME Innovative Practice, 2010</p>
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 <p>Winner of Let's Recycle Award - Excellence in Recycling & Waste Management 2016</p>	 <p>Winner of Gold International Green Apple Environment Awards 2013, for Environmental Best Practice</p>	 <p>Winner of MEN (Manchester Evening News) Environmental Business of the Year Award 2014</p>	 <p>Winner of BCE (Business Commitment to the Environment) Premier Award 2011</p>
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