

INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (EQ)

EQ PREREQUISITE: MINIMUM INDOOR AIR QUALITY PERFORMANCE Required

BD&C

This prerequisite applies to

- New Construction
- Core & Shell
- Schools
- Retail
- Data Centers
- Warehouses & Distribution Centers
- Hospitality
- Healthcare

Intent

To contribute to the comfort and well-being of building occupants by establishing minimum standards for indoor air quality (IAQ).

Requirements

NC, CS, SCHOOLS, RETAIL, DATA CENTERS, WAREHOUSES & DISTRIBUTION CENTERS, HOSPITALITY

Meet the requirements for both ventilation and monitoring.

Ventilation

Mechanically Ventilated Spaces

Option 1. ASHRAE Standard 62.1–2010

For mechanically ventilated spaces (and for mixed-mode systems when the mechanical ventilation is activated), determine the minimum outdoor air intake flow for mechanical ventilation systems using the ventilation rate procedure from ASHRAE 62.1–2010 or a local equivalent, whichever is more stringent.

Meet the minimum requirements of ASHRAE Standard 62.1–2010, Sections 4–7, Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality (with errata), or a local equivalent, whichever is more stringent.

Option 2. CEN Standards EN 15251–2007 and EN 13779–2007

Projects outside the U.S. may instead meet the minimum outdoor air requirements of Annex B of Comité Européen de Normalisation (CEN) Standard EN 15251–2007, Indoor environmental input parameters for design and assessment of energy performance of buildings addressing indoor air quality, thermal environment, lighting and acoustics; and meet the requirements of CEN Standard EN 13779–2007, Ventilation for nonresidential buildings, Performance requirements for ventilation and room conditioning systems, excluding Section 7.3, Thermal environment; 7.6, Acoustic environment; A.16; and A.17.

Naturally Ventilated Spaces

For naturally ventilated spaces (and for mixed-mode systems when the mechanical ventilation is inactivated), determine the minimum outdoor air opening and space configuration requirements using the natural ventilation procedure from ASHRAE Standard 62.1–2010 or a local equivalent, whichever is more stringent. Confirm that natural ventilation is an effective strategy for the project by following the flow

diagram in the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE) Applications Manual AM10, March 2005, Natural Ventilation in Nondomestic Buildings, Figure 2.8, and meet the requirements of ASHRAE Standard 62.1–2010, Section 4, or a local equivalent, whichever is more stringent.

All Spaces

The indoor air quality procedure defined in ASHRAE Standard 62.1–2010 may not be used to comply with this prerequisite.

Monitoring

Mechanically Ventilated Spaces

For mechanically ventilated spaces (and for mixed-mode systems when the mechanical ventilation is activated), monitor outdoor air intake flow as follows:

- For variable air volume systems, provide a direct outdoor airflow measurement device capable of measuring the minimum outdoor air intake flow. This device must measure the minimum outdoor air intake flow with an accuracy of $\pm 10\%$ of the design minimum outdoor airflow rate, as defined by the ventilation requirements above. An alarm must indicate when the outdoor airflow value varies by 15% or more from the outdoor airflow setpoint.
- For constant-volume systems, balance outdoor airflow to the design minimum outdoor airflow rate defined by ASHRAE Standard 62.1–2010 (with errata), or higher. Install a current transducer on the supply fan, an airflow switch, or similar monitoring device.

Naturally Ventilated Spaces

For naturally ventilated spaces (and for mixed-mode systems when the mechanical ventilation is inactivated), comply with at least one of the following strategies.

- Provide a direct exhaust airflow measurement device capable of measuring the exhaust airflow. This device must measure the exhaust airflow with an accuracy of $\pm 10\%$ of the design minimum exhaust airflow rate. An alarm must indicate when airflow values vary by 15% or more from the exhaust airflow setpoint.
- Provide automatic indication devices on all natural ventilation openings intended to meet the minimum opening requirements. An alarm must indicate when any one of the openings is closed during occupied hours.
- Monitor carbon dioxide (CO₂) concentrations within each thermal zone. CO₂ monitors must be between 3 and 6 feet (900 and 1 800 millimeters) above the floor and within the thermal zone. CO₂ monitors must have an audible or visual indicator or alert the building automation system if the sensed CO₂ concentration exceeds the setpoint by more than 10%. Calculate appropriate CO₂ setpoints using the methods in ASHRAE 62.1–2010, Appendix C.

CS only

Mechanical ventilation systems installed during core and shell construction must be capable of meeting projected ventilation levels and monitoring based on the requirements of anticipated future tenants.

Residential only

In addition to the requirements above, if the project building contains residential units, each dwelling unit must meet all of the following requirements.

- Unvented combustion appliances (e.g., decorative logs) are not allowed.
- Carbon monoxide monitors must be installed on each floor of each unit.
- All indoor fireplaces and woodstoves must have solid glass enclosures or doors that seal when closed.
- Any indoor fireplaces and woodstoves that are not closed combustion or power-vented must pass a backdraft potential test to ensure that depressurization of the combustion appliance zone is less than 5 Pa.

- Space- and water-heating equipment that involves combustion must be designed and installed with closed combustion (i.e., sealed supply air and exhaust ducting) or with power-vented exhaust, or located in a detached utility building or open-air facility.
- For projects in high-risk areas for radon, EPA Radon Zone 1 (or local equivalent for projects outside the U.S.), design and construct any dwelling unit on levels one through four above grade with radon-resistant construction techniques. Follow the techniques prescribed in EPA Building Radon Out; NFPA 5000, Chapter 49; International Residential Code, Appendix F; CABO, Appendix F; ASTM E1465; or a local equivalent, whichever is most stringent.

HEALTHCARE

Meet the following requirements for both ventilation and monitoring.

Ventilation

Mechanically Ventilated Spaces

For mechanically ventilated spaces (and for mixed-mode systems when the mechanical ventilation is activated), determine the minimum outdoor air intake flow for mechanical ventilations systems using the ventilation rates in ASHRAE Standard 170–2008, Section 7; the requirements of the 2010 FGI Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities (Table 2.1–2); or a local equivalent, whichever is most stringent. For any area not covered in 170 or the FGI guidelines, follow ASHRAE 62.1 or a local equivalent, whichever is more stringent and meet the minimum requirements of ASHRAE Standard 170–2008, Sections 6–8, Ventilation of Health Care Facilities (with errata) or a USGBC-approved equivalent standard for projects outside the U.S.

Naturally Ventilated Spaces

For naturally ventilated spaces (and for mixed-mode systems when the mechanical ventilation is inactivated), determine the minimum outdoor air opening and space configuration requirements using the natural ventilation procedure of ASHRAE Standard 62.1–2010 (with errata) or a local equivalent, whichever is more stringent. Confirm that natural ventilation is an effective strategy for the project by following the flow diagram in Figure 2.8 of the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE) Applications Manual AM10, March 2005, Natural Ventilation in Nondomestic Buildings.

Monitoring

Mechanically Ventilated Spaces

For mechanically ventilated spaces (and for mixed-mode systems when the mechanical ventilation is activated), provide a direct outdoor airflow measurement device capable of measuring the minimum outdoor air intake flow. This device must measure the minimum outdoor air intake flow with an accuracy of +/-10% of the design minimum outdoor airflow rate defined by the ventilation requirements above. An alarm must alert staff whenever the outdoor airflow value varies by 15% or more from the outdoor airflow setpoint.

Naturally Ventilated Spaces

For naturally ventilated spaces (and for mixed-mode systems when the mechanical ventilation is inactivated), comply with at least one of the following strategies.

- Provide a direct exhaust airflow measurement device capable of measuring the exhaust airflow with an accuracy of +/-10% of the design minimum exhaust airflow rate. An alarm must indicate when airflow values vary by 15% or more from the exhaust airflow setpoint.
- Provide automatic indication devices on all natural ventilation openings intended to meet the minimum opening requirements. An alarm must indicate when any one of the openings is closed during occupied hours.
- Monitor carbon dioxide (CO₂) concentrations within each thermal zone. CO₂ monitors must be between 3 and 6 feet (900 and 1 800 millimeters) above the floor and within the thermal zone. CO₂ monitors must have an audible or visual indicator or alert the building automation system if

the sensed CO₂ concentration exceeds the setpoint by more than 10%. Calculate appropriate CO₂ setpoints by using the methods in ASHRAE 62.1–2010, Appendix C.

EQ PREREQUISITE: ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE CONTROL Required

BD&C

This prerequisite applies to

- New Construction
- Core & Shell
- Schools
- Retail
- Data Centers
- Warehouses & Distribution Centers
- Hospitality
- Healthcare

Intent

To prevent or minimize exposure of building occupants, indoor surfaces, and ventilation air distribution systems to environmental tobacco smoke.

Requirements

NC, CS, RETAIL, DATA CENTERS, WAREHOUSES & DISTRIBUTION CENTERS, HOSPITALITY, HEALTHCARE

Prohibit smoking inside the building.

Prohibit smoking outside the building except in designated smoking areas located at least 25 feet (7.5 meters) from all entries, outdoor air intakes, and operable windows. Also prohibit smoking outside the property line in spaces used for business purposes.

If the requirement to prohibit smoking within 25 feet (7.5 meters) cannot be implemented because of code, provide documentation of these regulations.

Signage must be posted within 10 feet (3 meters) of all building entrances indicating the no-smoking policy.

Residential only

Option 1. No Smoking

Meet the requirements above.

OR

Option 2. Compartmentalization of Smoking Areas

Prohibit smoking inside all common areas of the building. The prohibition must be communicated in building rental or lease agreements or condo or coop association covenants and restrictions. Make provisions for enforcement.

Prohibit smoking outside the building except in designated smoking areas located at least 25 feet (7.5 meters) from all entries, outdoor air intakes, and operable windows. The no-smoking policy also applies to spaces outside the property line used for business purposes.

If the requirement to prohibit smoking within 25 feet (7.5 meters) cannot be implemented because of code, provide documentation of these regulations.

Signage must be posted within 10 feet (3 meters) of all building entrances indicating the no-smoking policy.

Each unit must be compartmentalized to prevent excessive leakage between units:

- Weather-strip all exterior doors and operable windows in the residential units to minimize leakage from outdoors.
- Weather-strip all doors leading from residential units into common hallways.
- Minimize uncontrolled pathways for the transfer of smoke and other indoor air pollutants between residential units by sealing penetrations in the walls, ceilings, and floors and by sealing vertical chases (including utility chases, garbage chutes, mail drops, and elevator shafts) adjacent to the units.
- Demonstrate a maximum leakage of 0.23 cubic feet per minute per square foot (1.17 liters per second per square meter) at 50 Pa of enclosure (i.e., all surfaces enclosing the apartment, including exterior and party walls, floors, and ceilings).

SCHOOLS

Prohibit smoking on site.

Signage must be posted at the property line indicating the no-smoking policy.

EQ CREDIT: ENHANCED INDOOR AIR QUALITY STRATEGIES

BD&C

1–2 points

This credit applies to

- New Construction (1–2 points)
- Core & Shell (1–2 points)
- Schools (1–2 points)
- Retail (1–2 points)
- Data Centers (1–2 points)
- Warehouses & Distribution Centers (1–2 points)
- Hospitality (1–2 points)
- Healthcare (1–2 points)

Intent

To promote occupants' comfort, well-being, and productivity by improving indoor air quality.

Requirements

NC, CS, SCHOOLS, RETAIL, DATA CENTERS, WAREHOUSES & DISTRIBUTION CENTERS, HOSPITALITY, HEALTHCARE

Option 1. Enhanced IAQ Strategies (1 point)

Comply with the following requirements, as applicable.

Mechanically ventilated spaces:

- A. entryway systems;
- B. interior cross-contamination prevention; and
- C. filtration.

Naturally ventilated spaces:

- A. entryway systems; and
- D. natural ventilation design calculations.

Mixed-mode systems:

- A. entryway systems;
- B. interior cross-contamination prevention;
- C. filtration;
- D. natural ventilation design calculations; and
- E. mixed-mode design calculations.

A. Entryway Systems

Install permanent entryway systems at least 10 feet (3 meters) long in the primary direction of travel to capture dirt and particulates entering the building at regularly used exterior entrances. Acceptable entryway systems include permanently installed grates, grilles, slotted systems that allow for cleaning underneath, rollout mats, and any other materials manufactured as entryway systems with equivalent or better performance. Maintain all on a weekly basis.

Warehouses & Distribution Centers only

Entryway systems are not required at doors leading from the exterior to the loading dock or garage but must be installed between these spaces and adjacent office areas.

Healthcare only

In addition to the entryway system, provide pressurized entryway vestibules at high-volume building entrances.

B. Interior Cross-Contamination Prevention

Sufficiently exhaust each space where hazardous gases or chemicals may be present or used (e.g., garages, housekeeping and laundry areas, copying and printing rooms), using the exhaust rates determined in EQ Prerequisite Minimum Indoor Air Quality Performance or a minimum of 0.50 cfm per square foot (2.54 l/s per square meter), to create negative pressure with respect to adjacent spaces when the doors to the room are closed. For each of these spaces, provide self-closing doors and deck-to-deck partitions or a hard-lid ceiling.

C. Filtration

Each ventilation system that supplies outdoor air to occupied spaces must have particle filters or air-cleaning devices that meet one of the following filtration media requirements:

- minimum efficiency reporting value (MERV) of 13 or higher, in accordance with ASHRAE Standard 52.2–2007; or
- Class F7 or higher as defined by CEN Standard EN 779–2002, Particulate Air Filters for General Ventilation, Determination of the Filtration Performance.

Replace all air filtration media after completion of construction and before occupancy.

Data Centers only

The above filtration media requirements are required only for ventilation systems serving regularly occupied spaces.

D. Natural Ventilation Design Calculations

Demonstrate that the system design for occupied spaces employs the appropriate strategies in Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE) Applications Manual AM10, March 2005, Natural Ventilation in Non-Domestic Buildings, Section 2.4.

E. Mixed-Mode Design Calculations

Demonstrate that the system design for occupied spaces complies with CIBSE Applications Manual 13–2000, Mixed Mode Ventilation.

Option 2. Additional Enhanced IAQ Strategies (1 point)

Comply with the following requirements, as applicable.

Mechanically ventilated spaces (select one):

- A. exterior contamination prevention;
- B. increased ventilation;
- C. carbon dioxide monitoring; or
- D. additional source control and monitoring.

Naturally ventilated spaces (select one):

- A. exterior contamination prevention;
- D. additional source control and monitoring; or
- E. natural ventilation room by room calculations.

Mixed-mode systems (select one):

- A. exterior contamination prevention;
- B. increased ventilation;
- D. additional source control and monitoring; or
- E. natural ventilation room-by-room calculations.

A. Exterior Contamination Prevention

Design the project to minimize and control the entry of pollutants into the building. Ensure through the results of computational fluid dynamics modeling, Gaussian dispersion analyses, wind tunnel

modeling, or tracer gas modeling that outdoor air contaminant concentrations at outdoor air intakes are below the thresholds listed in Table 1 (or local equivalent for projects outside the U.S., whichever is more stringent).

Table 1. Maximum concentrations of pollutants at outdoor air intakes

Pollutants	Maximum concentration	Standard
Those regulated by National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)	Allowable annual average OR 8-hour or 24-hour average where an annual standard does not exist OR Rolling 3-month average	National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)

B. Increased Ventilation

Increase breathing zone outdoor air ventilation rates to all occupied spaces by at least 30% above the minimum rates as determined in EQ Prerequisite Minimum Indoor Air Quality Performance.

C. Carbon Dioxide Monitoring

Monitor CO₂ concentrations within all densely occupied spaces. CO₂ monitors must be between 3 and 6 feet (900 and 1 800 millimeters) above the floor. CO₂ monitors must have an audible or visual indicator or alert the building automation system if the sensed CO₂ concentration exceeds the setpoint by more than 10%. Calculate appropriate CO₂ setpoints using methods in ASHRAE 62.1–2010, Appendix C.

D. Additional Source Control and Monitoring

For spaces where air contaminants are likely, evaluate potential sources of additional air contaminants besides CO₂. Develop and implement a materials-handling plan to reduce the likelihood of contaminant release. Install monitoring systems with sensors designed to detect the specific contaminants. An alarm must indicate any unusual or unsafe conditions.

E. Natural Ventilation Room-by-Room Calculations

Follow CIBSE AM10, Section 4, Design Calculations, to predict that room-by-room airflows will provide effective natural ventilation.

EQ CREDIT: LOW-EMITTING MATERIALS

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1–3 points

This credit applies to

- New Construction (1–3 points)
- Core & Shell (1–3 points)
- Schools (1–3 points)
- Retail (1–3 points)
- Data Centers (1–3 points)
- Warehouses & Distribution Centers (1–3 points)
- Hospitality (1–3 points)
- Healthcare (1–3 points)

Intent

To reduce concentrations of chemical contaminants that can damage air quality, human health, productivity, and the environment.

Requirements

NC, CS, SCHOOLS, RETAIL, DATA CENTERS, WAREHOUSES & DISTRIBUTION CENTERS, HOSPITALITY, HEALTHCARE

This credit includes requirements for product manufacturing as well as project teams. It covers volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions in the indoor air and the VOC content of materials, as well as the testing methods by which indoor VOC emissions are determined. Different materials must meet different requirements to be considered compliant for this credit. The building interior and exterior are organized in seven categories, each with different thresholds of compliance. The building interior is defined as everything within the waterproofing membrane. The building exterior is defined as everything outside and inclusive of the primary and secondary weatherproofing system, such as waterproofing membranes and air- and water-resistive barrier materials.

Option 1. Product Category Calculations

Achieve the threshold level of compliance with emissions and content standards for the number of product categories listed in Table 2.

Table 1. Thresholds of compliance with emissions and content standards for 7 categories of materials

Category	Threshold	Emissions and content requirements
Interior paints and coatings applied on site	At least 90%, by volume, for emissions; 100% for VOC content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Emissions Evaluation for paints and coatings applied to walls, floors, and ceilings • VOC content requirements for wet applied products
Interior adhesives and sealants applied on site (including flooring adhesive)	At least 90%, by volume, for emissions; 100% for VOC content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Emissions Evaluation • VOC content requirements for wet applied products
Flooring	100%	General Emissions Evaluation
Composite wood	100% not covered by other categories	Composite Wood Evaluation

Ceilings, walls, thermal, and acoustic insulation	100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Emissions Evaluation • Healthcare, Schools only Additional insulation requirements
Furniture (include in calculations if part of scope of work)	At least 90%, by cost	Furniture Evaluation
Healthcare and Schools Projects only: Exterior applied products	At least 90%, by volume	Exterior Applied Products

Table 2. Points for number of compliant categories of products

Compliant categories	Points
New Construction, Core Shell, Retail, Data Centers, Warehouse and Distribution Centers, Hospitality projects without furniture	
2	1
4	2
5	3
New Construction, Core Shell, Retail, Data Centers, Warehouse and Distribution Centers, Hospitality projects with furniture	
3	1
5	2
6	3
Schools, Healthcare without furniture	
3	1
5	2
6	3
Schools, Healthcare with furniture	
4	1
6	2
7	3

Option 2. Budget Calculation Method

If some products in a category do not meet the criteria, project teams may use the budget calculation method (Table 3).

Table 3. Points for percentage compliance, under budget calculation method

Percentage of total	Points
≥ 50% and < 70%	1
≥ 70% and < 90%	2
≥ 90%	3

The budget method organizes the building interior into six assemblies:

- flooring;
- ceilings;
- walls;
- thermal and acoustic insulation;
- furniture; and
- **Healthcare, Schools only:** exterior applied products.

Include furniture in the calculations if it is part of the scope of work. Walls, ceilings, and flooring are defined as building interior products; each layer of the assembly, including paints, coatings, adhesives, and sealants, must be evaluated for compliance. Insulation is tracked separately.

Determine the total percentage of compliant materials according to Equation 1.

Equation 1. Total percentage compliance

Total % compliant for projects without furniture =	$\frac{(\% \text{ compliant walls} + \% \text{ compliant ceilings} + \% \text{ compliant flooring} + \% \text{ compliant insulation})}{4}$	
Total % compliant for projects with furniture =	$\frac{(\% \text{ compliant walls} + \% \text{ compliant ceilings} + \% \text{ compliant flooring} + \% \text{ compliant insulation}) + (\% \text{ compliant furniture})}{5}$	

Equation 2. System percentage compliant

Flooring, walls, ceilings, insulation % compliant =	$\frac{(\text{compliant surface area of layer 1} + \text{compliant surface area of layer 2} + \text{compliant surface area of layer 3} + \dots)}{\text{total surface area of layer 1} + \text{total surface area of layer 2} + \text{total surface area of layer 3} + \dots}$	X 100
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Equation 3. Furniture systems compliant, using ANSI/BIFMA evaluation

% compliant for furniture =	$\frac{0.5 \times \text{cost compliant with } \S 7.6.1 \text{ of ANSI/BIFMA e3-2011} + \text{cost compliant with } \S 7.6.2 \text{ of ANSI/BIFMA e3-2011}}{\text{total furniture cost}}$	X 100
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Calculate surface area of assembly layers based on the manufacturer’s documentation for application.

If 90% of an assembly meets the criteria, the system counts as 100% compliant. If less than 50% of an assembly meets the criteria, the assembly counts as 0% compliant.

Manufacturers’ claims. Both first-party and third-party statements of product compliance must follow the guidelines in CDPH SM V1.1–2010, Section 8. Organizations that certify manufacturers’ claims must be accredited under ISO Guide 65.

Laboratory requirements. Laboratories that conduct the tests specified in this credit must be accredited under ISO/IEC 17025 for the test methods they use.

Emissions and Content Requirements

To demonstrate compliance, a product or layer must meet all of the following requirements, as applicable.

Inherently nonemitting sources. Products that are inherently nonemitting sources of VOCs (stone, ceramic, powder-coated metals, plated or anodized metal, glass, concrete, clay brick, and unfinished or untreated solid wood flooring) are considered fully compliant without any VOC emissions testing if they do not include integral organic-based surface coatings, binders, or sealants.

General emissions evaluation. Building products must be tested and determined compliant in accordance with California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Standard Method v1.1–2010, using the applicable exposure scenario. The default scenario is the private office scenario. The manufacturer’s or third-party certification must state the exposure scenario used to determine compliance. Claims of compliance for wet-applied products must state the amount applied in mass per surface area.

Manufacturers' claims of compliance with the above requirements must also state the range of total VOCs after 14 days (336 hours), measured as specified in the CDPH Standard Method v1.1:

- 0.5 mg/m³ or less;
- between 0.5 and 5.0 mg/m³; or
- 5.0 mg/m³ or more.

Projects outside the U.S. may use products tested and deemed compliant in accordance with either (1) the CDPH standard method (2010) or (2) the German AgBB Testing and Evaluation Scheme (2010). Test products either with (1) the CDPH Standard Method (2010), (2) the German AgBB Testing and Evaluation Scheme (2010), (3) ISO 16000-3: 2010, ISO 16000-6: 2011, ISO 16000-9: 2006, ISO 16000-11:2006 either in conjunction with AgBB, or with French legislation on VOC emission class labeling, or (4) the DIBt testing method (2010). If the applied testing method does not specify testing details for a product group for which the CDPH standard method does provide details, use the specifications in the CDPH standard method. U.S. projects must follow the CDPH standard method.

Additional VOC content requirements for wet-applied products. In addition to meeting the general requirements for VOC emissions (above), on-site wet-applied products must not contain excessive levels of VOCs, for the health of the installers and other tradesworkers who are exposed to these products. To demonstrate compliance, a product or layer must meet the following requirements, as applicable. Disclosure of VOC content must be made by the manufacturer. Any testing must follow the test method specified in the applicable regulation.

- All paints and coatings wet-applied on site must meet the applicable VOC limits of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) 2007, Suggested Control Measure (SCM) for Architectural Coatings, or the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Rule 1113, effective June 3, 2011.
- All adhesives and sealants wet-applied on site must meet the applicable chemical content requirements of SCAQMD Rule 1168, July 1, 2005, Adhesive and Sealant Applications, as analyzed by the methods specified in Rule 1168. The provisions of SCAQMD Rule 1168 do not apply to adhesives and sealants subject to state or federal consumer product VOC regulations.
- For projects outside the U.S., all paints, coatings, adhesives, and sealants wet-applied on site must either meet the technical requirements of the above regulations, or comply with applicable national VOC control regulations, such as the European Decopaint Directive (2004/42/EC), the Canadian VOC Concentration Limits for Architectural Coatings, or the Hong Kong Air Pollution Control (VOC) Regulation.
- If the applicable regulation requires subtraction of exempt compounds, any content of intentionally added exempt compounds larger than 1% weight by mass (total exempt compounds) must be disclosed.
- If a product cannot reasonably be tested as specified above, testing of VOC content must comply with ASTM D2369-10; ISO 11890, part 1; ASTM D6886-03; or ISO 11890-2.
- For projects in North America, methylene chloride and perchloroethylene may not be intentionally added in paints, coatings, adhesives, or sealants.

Composite Wood Evaluation. Composite wood, as defined by the California Air Resources Board, Airborne Toxic Measure to Reduce Formaldehyde Emissions from Composite Wood Products Regulation, must be documented to have low formaldehyde emissions that meet the California Air Resources Board ATCM for formaldehyde requirements for ultra-low-emitting formaldehyde (ULEF) resins or no added formaldehyde resins.

Salvaged and reused architectural millwork more than one year old at the time of occupancy is considered compliant, provided it meets the requirements for any site-applied paints, coatings, adhesives, and sealants.

Furniture evaluation. New furniture and furnishing items must be tested in accordance with ANSI/BIFMA Standard Method M7.1–2011. Comply with ANSI/BIFMA e3-2011 Furniture Sustainability Standard,

Sections 7.6.1 (for half credit, by cost) OR 7.6.2 (for full credit, by cost), using either the concentration modeling approach or the emissions factor approach. Model the test results using the open plan, private office, or seating scenario in ANSI/BIFMA M7.1, as appropriate. USGBC-approved equivalent testing methodologies and contaminant thresholds are also acceptable. For classroom furniture, use the standard school classroom model in CDPH Standard Method v1.1. Documentation submitted for furniture must indicate the modeling scenario used to determine compliance.

Salvaged and reused furniture more than one year old at the time of use is considered compliant, provided it meets the requirements for any site-applied paints, coatings, adhesives, and sealants.

Healthcare, Schools only

Additional insulation requirements. Batt insulation products may contain no added formaldehyde, including urea formaldehyde, phenol formaldehyde, and urea-extended phenol formaldehyde.

Exterior applied products. Adhesives, sealants, coatings, roofing, and waterproofing materials applied on site must meet the VOC limits of California Air Resources Board (CARB) 2007 Suggested Control Measure (SCM) for Architectural Coatings, and South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), Rule 1168, effective July 1, 2005. Small containers of adhesives and sealants subject to state or federal consumer product VOC regulations are exempt.

Projects outside North America may use either the jurisdictional VOC content requirements or comply with the European Decopaint Directive (2004/42/EC, to be updated to most current version when available) Phase II, for water-borne coatings, as analyzed according to ISO 11890 parts 1 and 2, instead of the CARB and SCAQMD regulatory standards.

Two materials are prohibited and do not count toward total percentage compliance: hot-mopped asphalt for roofing, and coal tar sealants for parking lots and other paved surfaces.

EQ CREDIT: CONSTRUCTION INDOOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

BD&C

1 point

This credit applies to

- New Construction (1 point)
- Core & Shell (1 point)
- Schools (1 point)
- Retail (1 point)
- Data Centers (1 point)
- Warehouses & Distribution Centers (1 point)
- Hospitality (1 point)
- Healthcare (1 point)

Intent

To promote the well-being of construction workers and building occupants by minimizing indoor air quality problems associated with construction and renovation.

Requirements

NC, CS, SCHOOLS, RETAIL, DATA CENTERS, WAREHOUSES & DISTRIBUTION CENTERS, HOSPITALITY

Develop and implement an indoor air quality (IAQ) management plan for the construction and preoccupancy phases of the building. The plan must address all of the following.

During construction, meet or exceed all applicable recommended control measures of the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning National Contractors Association (SMACNA) IAQ Guidelines for Occupied Buildings under Construction, 2nd edition, 2007, ANSI/SMACNA 008–2008, Chapter 3.

Protect absorptive materials stored on-site and installed from moisture damage.

Do not operate permanently installed air-handling equipment during construction unless filtration media with a minimum efficiency reporting value (MERV) of 8, as determined by ASHRAE 52.2–2007, with errata (or equivalent filtration media class of F5 or higher, as defined by CEN Standard EN 779–2002, Particulate Air Filters for General Ventilation, Determination of the Filtration Performance), are installed at each return air grille and return or transfer duct inlet opening such that there is no bypass around the filtration media. Immediately before occupancy, replace all filtration media with the final design filtration media, installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

Prohibit the use of tobacco products inside the building and within 25 feet (7.5 meters) of the building entrance during construction.

HEALTHCARE

Moisture. Develop and implement a moisture control plan to protect stored on-site and installed absorptive materials from moisture damage. Immediately remove from site and properly dispose of any materials susceptible to microbial growth and replace with new, undamaged materials. Also include strategies for protecting the building from moisture intrusion and preventing occupants' exposure to mold spores.

Particulates. Do not operate permanently installed air-handling equipment during construction unless filtration media with a minimum efficiency reporting value (MERV) of 8, as determined by ASHRAE 52.2–2007, with errata (or equivalent filtration media class of F5 or higher, as defined by CEN Standard EN 779–2002, Particulate Air Filters for General Ventilation, Determination of the Filtration Performance), are installed at each return air grille and return or transfer duct inlet opening such that there is no bypass

around the filtration media. Immediately before occupancy, replace all filtration media with the final design filtration media, installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

VOCs. Schedule construction procedures to minimize exposure of absorbent materials to VOC emissions. Complete painting and sealing before storing or installing "dry" materials, which may accumulate pollutants and release them over time. Store fuels, solvents, and other sources of VOCs separately from absorbent materials.

Outdoor emissions. For renovation projects involving waterproofing, repairing asphalt roofing, sealing parking lots, or other outdoor activities that generate high VOC emissions, develop a plan to manage fumes and avoid infiltration to occupied spaces. Comply with the procedures established by NIOSH, Asphalt Fume Exposures during the Application of Hot Asphalt to Roofs (Publication 2003-112).

Tobacco. Prohibit the use of tobacco products inside the building and within 25 feet (7.5 meters) of the building entrance during construction.

Noise and vibration. Develop a plan based on the British Standard (BS 5228) to reduce noise emissions and vibrations from construction equipment and other nonroad engines by specifying low-noise emission design or the lowest decibel level available that meets performance requirements in the British Standard. Construction crews must wear ear protection in areas where sound levels exceed 85 dB for extended periods.

Infection control. For renovations and additions adjacent to occupied facilities or phased occupancy in new construction, follow the FGI 2010 Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities and the Joint Commission on Standards to establish an integrative infection control team comprising the owner, designer, and contractor to evaluate infection control risk and document the required precautions in a project-specific plan. Use the infection control risk assessment standard published by the American Society of Healthcare Engineering and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as a guideline to assess risk and to select mitigation procedures for construction activities.

EQ CREDIT: INDOOR AIR QUALITY ASSESSMENT

BD&C

1–2 points

This credit applies to

- New Construction (1–2 points)
- Schools (1–2 points)
- Retail (1–2 points)
- Data Centers (1–2 points)
- Warehouses & Distribution Centers (1–2 points)
- Hospitality (1–2 points)
- Healthcare (1–2 points)

Intent

To establish better quality indoor air in the building after construction and during occupancy.

Requirements

NC, SCHOOLS, RETAIL, DATA CENTERS, WAREHOUSES & DISTRIBUTION CENTERS, HOSPITALITY, HEALTHCARE

Select one of the following two options, to be implemented after construction ends and the building has been completely cleaned. All interior finishes, such as millwork, doors, paint, carpet, acoustic tiles, and movable furnishings (e.g., workstations, partitions), must be installed, and major VOC punch list items must be finished. The options cannot be combined.

Option 1. Flush-Out (1 point)

Path 1. Before Occupancy

Install new filtration media and perform a building flush-out by supplying a total air volume of 14,000 cubic feet of outdoor air per square foot (4 267 140 liters of outdoor air per square meter) of gross floor area while maintaining an internal temperature of at least 60°F (15°C) and no higher than 80°F (27°C) and relative humidity no higher than 60%.

OR

Path 2. During Occupancy

If occupancy is desired before the flush-out is completed, the space may be occupied only after delivery of a minimum of 3,500 cubic feet of outdoor air per square foot (1 066 260 liters of outdoor air per square meter) of gross floor area while maintaining an internal temperature of at least 60°F (15°C) and no higher than 80°F (27°C) and relative humidity no higher than 60%..

Once the space is occupied, it must be ventilated at a minimum rate of 0.30 cubic foot per minute (cfm) per square foot of outdoor air (1.5 liters per second per square meter of outside air) or the design minimum outdoor air rate determined in EQ Prerequisite Minimum Indoor Air Quality Performance, whichever is greater. During each day of the flush-out period, ventilation must begin at least three hours before occupancy and continue during occupancy. These conditions must be maintained until a total of 14,000 cubic feet per square foot of outdoor air (4 270 liters of outdoor air per square meter) has been delivered to the space.

OR

Option 2. Air Testing (2 points)

After construction ends and before occupancy, but under ventilation conditions typical for occupancy, conduct baseline IAQ testing using protocols consistent with the methods listed in Table 1 for all occupied spaces. Use current versions of ASTM standard methods, EPA compendium methods, or ISO methods, as indicated. Laboratories that conduct the tests for chemical analysis of formaldehyde and volatile

organic compounds must be accredited under ISO/IEC 17025 for the test methods they use. Retail projects may conduct the testing within 14 days of occupancy.

Demonstrate that contaminants do not exceed the concentration levels listed in Table 1.

Table 1. Maximum concentration levels, by contaminant and testing method

Contaminant		Maximum concentration	ASTM and U.S. EPA methods	ISO method	
Particulates	PM10 (for all buildings)	50 µg/m ³ Healthcare only: 20 µg/m ³	EPA Compendium Method IP-10	ISO 7708	
	PM2.5 (for buildings in EPA nonattainment areas for PM2.5, or local equivalent)	15 µg/m ³			
Ozone (for buildings in EPA nonattainment areas for Ozone, or local equivalent)		0.075 ppm	ASTM D5149 - 02	ISO 13964	
Carbon monoxide (CO)		9 ppm; no more than 2 ppm above outdoor levels	EPA Compendium Method IP-3	ISO 4224	
Total volatile organic compounds (TVOCs)		500 µg/m ³ Healthcare only: 200 µg/m ³	EPA TO-1, TO-17, or EPA Compendium Method IP-1	ISO 16000-6	
Formaldehyde		27 ppb Healthcare only: 16.3 ppb	ASTM D5197, EPA TO-11, or EPA Compendium Method IP-6	ISO 16000-3	
Target volatile organic compounds*	1	Acetaldehyde	140 µg/m ³	ASTM D5197; EPA TO-1, TO-17, or EPA Compendium Method IP-1	ISO 16000-3, ISO 16000-6
	2	Benzene	3 µg/m ³		
	3	Carbon disulfide	800 µg/m ³		
	4	Carbon tetrachloride	40 µg/m ³		
	5	Chlorobenzene	1000 µg/m ³		
	6	Chloroform	300 µg/m ³		
	7	Dichlorobenzene (1,4-)	800µg/m ³		
	8	Dichloroethylene (1,1)	70 µg/m ³		
	9	Dimethylformamide (N,N-)	80 µg/m ³		
	10	Dioxane (1,4-)	3000 µg/m ³		
	11	Epichlorohydrin	3 µg/m ³		
	12	Ethylbenzene	2000 µg/m ³		
	13	Ethylene glycol	400 µg/m ³		
	14	Ethylene glycol monoethyl ether	70 µg/m ³		
	15	Ethylene glycol monoethyl ether acetate	300 µg/m ³		
	16	Ethylene glycol monomethyl ether	60 µg/m ³		
	17	Ethylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate	90 µg/m ³		

19	Hexane (n-)	7000 µg/m ³
20	Isophorone	2000 µg/m ³
21	Isopropanol	7000 µg/m ³
22	Methyl chloroform	1000 µg/m ³
23	Methylene chloride	400 µg/m ³
24	Methyl t-butyl ether	8000 µg/m ³
25	Naphthalene	9 µg/m ³
26	Phenol	200 µg/m ³
27	Propylene glycol monomethyl ether	7000 µg/m ³
28	Styrene	900 µg/m ³
29	Tetrachloroethylene (Perchloroethylene)	35 µg/m ³
30	Toluene	300 µg/m ³
31	Trichloroethylene	600 µg/m ³
32	Vinyl acetate	200 µg/m ³
33-35	Xylenes, technical mixture (m-, o-, p-xylene combined)	700 µg/m ³

ppb = parts per billion; ppm = parts per million; µg/cm = micrograms per cubic meter

*The target volatile organic compounds are from CDPH Standard Method v1.1, Table 4-1. The Maximum concentration limits for these target compounds are the full CREL adopted by Cal/EPA OEHHA in effect on June 2014 <http://oehha.ca.gov/air/allrels.html>.

Conduct all measurements before occupancy but during normal occupied hours, with the building ventilation system started at the normal daily start time and operated at the minimum outdoor airflow rate for the occupied mode throughout the test.

For each sampling point where the concentration exceeds the limit, take corrective action and retest for the noncompliant contaminants at the same sampling points. Repeat until all requirements are met.