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Becker Acroma

Green Solutions

From Becker Acroma



At Becker, our goal has long been leadership in products that have a low impact on the environment. Our first waterborne coatings were introduced more than 50 years ago. This green corporate culture has driven Becker Acroma to a leadership position in the evolution to products that have minimal impact on the environment throughout their life cycle.

AGENCIES vs. CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

This is a confusing topic, as there are numerous agencies and green building programs these include USGBC, GBI, Green Globes, KCMA ESP, BIFMA, CARB, and NHBA, all using numerous certification approaches like LEEDS, Green Guard, Green Seal, Cradle to Grave, and Certified Green. Wood finishes can be certified under specific testing programs which give a manufacturer an indication that the coating will meet the requirements of an agency or green building program. Certification under these programs can also be used to market products as “Green” or “Environmentally Responsible” independent from the building program.

LEEDS

For example, the US Green Building Council (USGBC) uses the LEED’s (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification program. In regards to the “Materials and Resources” section of LEED’s (on-site applied “low-emitting materials”) many Becker Acroma products will give the project LEED points. These include Akva Line Clears, Laqva Prime LV, Aqua Chroma Spray Stains, Aqualux Wipe Stains, Aqualux Neutral, and others.

In the “Indoor Air Quality” section of LEEDS (specific to low emitting furniture), complete products like chairs or workstations are tested. Becker Acroma Aqualight Clear, Laqva Prime White, Akvatopp White, Akva Line Clears, Hydra Glaze, Aqua Chroma Spray and Wiping stain bases, as well as our Italian Polyurethane line of products will all allow for LEEDs points under the Indoor Air Quality section.

INTERIOR WATER BASED PRODUCTS

Becker Acroma is known as a leader

in cutting edge water based clear and pigmented products. These products contain no formaldehyde, low VOC’s, and most importantly develop a hard clear surface that looks more like solvent lacquer than our competitors.

EXTERIOR WATER PRODUCTS

At Becker Acroma, we are pleased to have two different options of water based exterior products. These environmentally friendly systems can achieve a furniture grade finish on exterior surfaces and are easily applied with conventional equipment.

Becker Acroma is transforming the marketplace through leadership in solutions that increase productivity, improve health, and conserve the Earth’s resources. We understand this as a shared responsibility and we intend to continue increasing our offering of sustainable solutions to industrial wood manufacturers. If you would like to learn more about green agencies, green building programs, and green certifications and how Becker Acroma’s green solutions can benefit your organization, please contact your Becker Acroma Representative.

IT’S IN OUR NATURE



qualifying for certification within the guidelines of the BIFMA method M 7.1