



March 4, 2015

**RESIDENTIAL BULLETIN: #020A**

**TO: ALL DISTRIBUTORS**

**SUBJECT: FORMALDEHYDE IN FLOORING**

***We have added an attachment with the below bulletin information that you can share with all your customers.***

At Mannington, the quality and safety of our products is of the utmost importance to us, and we know it also is for our customers. A recent CBS News program, 60 Minutes, aired a story regarding formaldehyde in wood-based flooring products sold by Lumber Liquidators. This report has raised questions about the safety of different types of flooring. The information below will help answer those questions.

- All applicable Mannington flooring products comply with the California Air Resource Board's (CARB) Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) 93120 Title 17, California Code of Regulations, and meet or exceed CARB Phase 2 standards.

The vast majority of our flooring is also FloorScore® certified for indoor air quality. FloorScore® IAQ certification means that a flooring product is independently certified by SCS (Scientific Certification Systems) to comply with the volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions criteria (including formaldehyde) of the California Section 01350 program. This is sometimes referred to as "CA 01350." Both CARB and FloorScore® test for formaldehyde. FloorScore® however, tests for a broader range of VOC's of indoor finishes, including flooring. Any product that has met these stringent standards is considered a low VOC product that will contribute to good indoor air quality.

**LAMINATE**

- Mannington laminate flooring is 100% made in the United States, at our own manufacturing facilities in North Carolina.
- Mannington laminate is certified to a standard that is set by the North American Laminate Flooring Association (NALFA), called the NALFA LF-01 standard. This standard requires 3<sup>rd</sup> party testing, and includes the "CARB" standard which is the California standard referenced in the 60 Minutes report.
- 100% of Mannington Laminate is certified to the FloorScore® IAQ standard.

**HARDWOOD**

- Over 80% of Mannington's Engineered hardwood products are made in the United States, at our own manufacturing facilities in Alabama and North Carolina.
- All domestically produced Mannington hardwood products are FloorScore® IAQ certified.
- All imported Mannington hardwood products have been tested and comply with CARB phase 2.

**RESILIENT SHEET, ADURA®, AND PORCELAIN**

- These three product categories (Resilient Sheet, Adura and Porcelain) do not contain formaldehyde.
- All three product categories have been certified to the FloorScore® IAQ standard.

For more information about the environmental attributes of any Mannington product, visit [www.mannington.com/residential](http://www.mannington.com/residential). Go to the product you are interested in, and then click on the "Environmental Attributes" link.

For more information about FloorScore, please visit:  
<http://www.rfci.com/knowledge-center/floorscore/>

For more information about CARB please visit:  
[http://www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/compwood/consumer\\_faq.pdf](http://www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/compwood/consumer_faq.pdf)

Any further questions may be directed to Dan Natkin, Sr. Director of Residential Products ([dan\\_natkin@mannington.com](mailto:dan_natkin@mannington.com)) or Betsy Amoroso, Sr. Director of Marketing and Corporate Communications ([betsy\\_amoroso@mannington.com](mailto:betsy_amoroso@mannington.com)).

Sincerely,

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