



LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is the nationally recognized standard for qualifying building construction as complying with the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) guidelines. It is important to understand that individual products are not LEED certified. LEED is a points-based system that qualifies buildings as being LEED compliant. Individual products that qualify under specific LEED categories can contribute to the points required for a building to be LEED certified. Buildings can be certified through the points system to meet one of four LEED certifications:

26 – 32 points – Certified  
33 – 38 points – Silver

39 – 51 points – Gold  
52 – 69 points – Platinum

Of the six categories that a building can earn points toward certification, only two categories are applicable to Texas Cement Products; Materials & Resources and Indoor Environmental Air Quality. Under Materials & Resources, there are four qualifications under which Texas Cement can contribute to LEED certification:

1. MR Credit 4.1: Recycled Content: 10% (post-consumer + ½ pre-consumer).
2. MR Credit 4.2: Recycled Content: 20% (post-consumer + ½ pre-consumer).
3. MR Credit 5.1: Regional Materials: 10% Extracted, Processed & Manufactured Regionally (within a 500 mile radius of Texas Cement Products in Houston, TX).
4. MR Credit 5.1: Regional Materials: 20% Extracted, Processed & Manufactured Regionally (within a 500 mile radius of Texas Cement Products in Houston, TX).

Under Indoor Environmental Air Quality, the Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) of an adhesive are measured and are required to fall within established parameters for specific product types to be considered "Low-Emitting Materials, Adhesives and Sealants". In accordance with the USGBC, Texas Cement's products can qualify for contribution to LEED points under the testing procedures established by the "South Coast Air Quality Management District's Rule 1168 – Adhesive and Sealant Applications".

In all, there are five (5) points categories that TexRite products can contribute to LEED certification of a building. The "TexRite Products Contributing To LEED Points" chart shows the TexRite products that can contribute to LEED certification and the specific categories in which each product can contribute.

Information such as Data Sheets and MSDS Sheets are available for each product on Texas Cement's website; [TexRite.com](http://TexRite.com). Other specific information can be obtained from Texas Cement's Technical Service Department at 800-669-0115.



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