



Green Label Plus™
Indoor Air Quality Testing Program
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Getting Started with Green Label Plus™

1. Participation in Green Label Plus (GLP) begins with completion of the Participation Agreement and return of the Product Registration.
2. Once these documents are completed and returned, the CRI Accounting Department will issue an invoice for the appropriate amount according to the GLP Fee Schedule.
3. Carpet and Cushion – If there is already a CRI Sample Agent in your area, we will send the kit as soon as the fees are paid. If there is no CRI Sample Agent in your area, we will first locate a suitable professional in your area and enter a contract for services with them. Adhesive collections are typically made by the manufacturer and shipped directly to the laboratory upon confirmation of payment.
4. Carpet and Cushion – Once the Sample Agent has received the kit, you will be contacted to schedule for the sample collection. The sample must be collected as the product is being finished (within one hour of finishing) but before any packaging or storage. It is recommended that the sample be collected before any lot numbers or production information is printed on the back of the product.
5. Samples are shipped to our contracted laboratory in the United States. Overnight shipping is not required, but the sample must be received at the laboratory within seven days of the manufacture date (which must be the same as the collection date).
6. International – Since customs delays can be expected when shipping internationally, three day shipping is a good target time frame. Overnight shipping is not required.
7. The laboratory will accept the sample and verify that the Chain of Custody has been correctly completed and that all shipping and handling guidelines have been met. Samples not collected or shipped correctly may be rejected by the laboratory.
8. Tests will be conducted at the laboratory as ordered. Initial Tests require two weeks (14 days) of testing while Annual, Random (adhesives), and Interim Tests (carpet) require 24 hours.
9. Once the test has been completed, the results are analyzed using Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry. The results are reported to CRI.
10. CRI uses the test report and Chain of Custody to verify that the sample meets all criteria and that the collection, shipping, and testing protocols have been correctly followed

11. A successful Initial Test will result in certification to the GLP program. Successful Annual Tests result in continued compliance with the GLP program. Interim Tests (carpet only) are required for quality control throughout the year and are not used for any outside evaluation of your product.
12. Should the product not comply with the program criteria on either Initial or Annual Tests, the participant will be notified separately with several options for continuing in the program.
13. Average time from return of the Participation Agreement and Product Registration until notification of a successful Initial Test is normally five to eight weeks depending on whether CRI already has a Sample Agent in your area.