



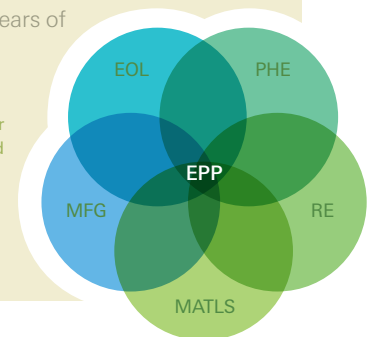
# EPP Certification

We go beyond carpet to seek ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. We understand that the future of our natural resources and the quality of life they afford, are dependent upon how we do business today.



The Sustainable Carpet Assessment Standard created a national, environmental tool for evaluating carpet and rugs. The Mohawk Group became one of the first manufacturers to achieve Environmentally Preferable Product (EPP) certification. As one of the world's most trusted carpet brands, Mohawk has long been known for innovative, environmentally responsible production. Already, several of our leading products have met the stringent Platinum and Gold Sustainability Standard—**only Gold and Platinum products earn the EPP Sustainable Choice label**. For you, EPP certification means that choosing Mohawk is a choice to protect the environment for future generations. For us, it's just another way of giving our customers and community the very best. After 150+ years of industry leadership and environmental responsibility, we wouldn't settle for anything less.

EPP Certification is composed of five evaluation criteria: PHE—Safe for Public Health; RE—Renewable Energy & Efficiency; MATLS—Bio-based & Recycled Content; MFG—Manufacturing; and EOL—End of Life.





## The Five Evaluation Criteria Defined

What makes a product environmentally preferred? Here are the five criteria used to determine EPP Sustainable Choice Certification

**Safe for Public Health and Environment (PHE)** Not only the product itself, but also the processes that go into manufacturing the product must be safe for the public and safe for the environment. This guards against harmful chemicals that are put into products along the entire supply chain. Reductions in green house gas emissions that contribute to global warming, ozone depletion and twelve other environmental impact categories are also evaluated.

**Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RE)** Because it takes a lot of energy to manufacture carpet, we're working to use renewable energy across our entire supply chain and making sure we don't contribute to climate change. This applies to the energy we generate on site (by regulating the fuels we use) as well as the power we bring in from elsewhere (monitoring our electricity usage and the percentage of it that comes from renewable vs. non-renewable sources). For our EPP certification, we documented 100% of the energy we use – both thermal and electrical.

**Bio-based or Recycled Materials (MATLS)** What about the materials that go into our carpets? Where do they come from, and what's their impact on the environment? Our EPP certified products use high levels of pre-consumer and/or post-consumer recycled or bio-based materials. Materials such as face fiber, and backing are preferred recycled content materials.

**Facility or Company Based (MFG)** Our compliance with the highest standards extends beyond our individual products to our company as a whole – from our adoption of an environmental management policy...to our ISO 14001 registered facilities...to the percentage of sustainable carpet that we purchase, make, and sell. We're serving our communities through excellent labor practices, workplace standards, commitment to human rights and positive community impact.

**Reclamation, Sustainable Reuse and End of Life Management (EOL)** The more product we can reclaim and reuse, the less waste goes into landfills and incinerators. So, we extend the life of our carpet systems by promoting proper installation and maintenance. We recycle materials through our ReCover network, and downcycle others (taking lower grade materials that cannot be recycled and using them in other processes). Instead of just focusing on a few specific procedures, we document our carpet reclamation over the entire supply chain. We also work closely with CARE (Carpet America Recovery Effort) – an industry and government partnership dedicated to reducing industry waste.

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