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## TEXTILE TECHNOLOGIES

### **Carpet & Rug Industry (CRI) Benchmark Studies**

As early as 1989, the CRI funded research on the emission rates of carpet products. It was determined that initial VOC (volatile organic compounds) emissions from carpet products are generally quite low, especially when compared with other interior products. In addition, emissions normally decrease within 48 hours of installation. Most importantly, the majority of emissions from carpet products are virtually undetectable after a few days.

### **CRI Green Label Program**

To identify carpet products that emit low VOC levels the CRI established a testing program. To receive the Green Label Certification, carpet products made in the U.S. must meet standards for total volatile organic compounds, including specific maximums for styrene, 4-PC, and formaldehyde content. To meet the Green Label requirements for total VOCs, carpet emissions must not exceed 0.5 milligrams per square meter, per hour.

Carpet products manufactured with BioCel™ or EnviroCel™ polyurethane carpet backings are designed to meet this requirement.

Look for this symbol on carpet which meets the CRI's Green Label Program requirements.



Note: For additional information about the CRI's Green Label Program, visit [www.carpet-rug.com](http://www.carpet-rug.com).

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