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What is the definition of Rapidly Renewable?

The USBGC (LEED V2.2) defines Rapidly Renewable as “made from plants that are typically harvested within a ten-year cycle or shorter.”

What are the Rapidly Renewable materials used in Ecolibrium Bio-Based Wall Base?

Ecolibrium contains a combination of walnut shells, pine rosin, and vegetable oil, all of which are considered Rapidly Renewable materials, by the USGBC definition.

What kind of fillers are used in Ecolibrium?

100% natural materials, walnut and oyster shells, are used as fillers in Ecolibrium.

Why doesn't all of Johnsonite's wall base contain Rapidly Renewable materials?

At Johnsonite, it's all about Balanced Choice. Our goal is to provide solutions that balance all the competing needs of your space - function and aesthetics, first-time costs and lifetime return, safety and efficiency - with your desire to use products that create less impact on the planet. Ecolibrium is an enhancement to Johnsonite's selection of sustainable wall base solutions. As our development of sustainable balanced solutions continues, the advancements made in Ecolibrium will be incorporated into other solutions.

Does Ecolibrium hold up as well as traditional wall base?

Yes, Ecolibrium meets all the performance requirements of ASTM-F1861, Standard Specification for Resilient Wall Base.

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What about nut allergies?

There are no concerns about allergic reactions due to nut allergies. Research has shown that the allergens in nuts reside in the meat of the nut, rather than the shell. The shells are processed to remove any residual nut material. Walnut shells have been used in cosmetics for many years with no issues.

Does Ecolibrium meet any industrial environmental standards and where can Ecolibrium contribute on LEED projects?

- NSF 332 Certified Platinum
- FloorScore™ certified, exceeds CHPS 01350, IEQ-4.3
- 5% Rapidly Renewable content, MR-6
- 15% Pre-Consumer recycled content, MR-4
- Regional Materials manufactured in Chagrin Falls, OH, MR-5
- ReStart® Reclamation Program, MR-2

About Johnsonite

For more than 100 years, Johnsonite has been a leading provider of innovative flooring solutions that integrate function, design, life safety, and sustainability to enhance productivity in commercial spaces. Johnsonite is the North American commercial brand of the Tarkett Group, which manufactures and markets integrated flooring, flooring accessories, wall base and sports surface solutions to professionals and end users in 100 countries, from 30 production sites. And, with 2010 revenues of €1.9 billion, Tarkett Group is a leading global flooring supplier. Since January 2007, Tarkett has been owned by the Deconinck family (50%) and private equity funds affiliated with KKR (50%). Tarkett and its Johnsonite brand are committed to providing solutions that balance each component of the triple bottom line: people, the environment and economics. Johnsonite's mission is geared toward enhancing the productivity and well being of the people who design, manufacture, distribute, live and work with their products daily. Johnsonite is headquartered in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, with operations located throughout North America. For more information, please visit www.johnsonite.com and www.tarkett.com. Follow Johnsonite online via Twitter, @Johnsonite, and on Facebook, www.facebook.com/johnsoniteflooring.



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