

Get what you need from a Health Product Declaration, *fast*.

## Step 2

### Check the disclosure threshold.

- CONTENT INVENTORY  
Threshold (per material)
- 100 ppm
  - 1,000 ppm
  - Per GHS SDS
  - Per OSHA MSDS
  - Other

These appear in descending order of **granularity**. For example, 100 parts per million (ppm) looks at ingredients that make up at least 0.01% of the material. At each disclosure level below this, you get less data—so you might see fewer hazards listed simply because they weren't accounted for.

## Step 3

### Look for "no."

- Based on the selected Content Inventory Threshold:
- Characterized.....  Yes  No  
Are the Percent Weight and Role provided for all substances?
- Screened.....  Yes  No  
Are all substances screened using Priority Hazard Lists with results disclosed?
- Identified.....  Yes  No  
Are all substances disclosed by Name (Specific or Generic) and Identifier?

This section tells you how thorough the manufacturer was in disclosing ingredients.

- 1) Characterized:** Did they list each substance in the product? For LEED v4, this has to say "yes" (they don't have to be listed by name).
- 2) Screened:** Did they list all the hazards associated with the substances? For LEED v4, this has to say "yes" (with exceptions).
- 3) Identified:** The HPD lets manufacturers keep some ingredients proprietary. Remember: for LEED, you still have to characterize and screen most substances.

## Step 4

### Scan for GreenScreen red flags.

CONTENT IN DESCENDING ORDER OF QUANTITY  
Summary of product contents and results from screening individual chemical substances against HPD Priority Hazard Lists and the GreenScreen for Safer Chemicals®. The HPD does not assess whether using or handling this product will expose individuals to its chemical substances or any health risk. Refer to Section 2 for further details.

MATERIAL | SUBSTANCE | RESIDUAL OR IMPURITY  
GREENSCREEN SCORE | HAZARD TYPE

Here's how to do a quick hazard scan.

- 1) Skim the inventory for these three GreenScreen scores:**
  - **BM-1:** The most hazardous chemicals known to science
  - **LT-1:** On hazard lists all over the world but haven't undergone a full GreenScreen assessment
  - **LT-P1:** Probably hazardous, but there isn't consensus
- 2) Do a reality check.** The presence of a hazard doesn't mean someone will be exposed to it, let alone get sick. Use HPDs to weigh tradeoffs.
- 3) Look out for "false positives."** Check our free guide to *The Five Hazard Warnings You Can Usually Ignore at BuildingGreen.com/5hazards*.

## Step 1

### Note the expiry date.

EXPIRY DATE\*:   
\* or within 3 months of significant change in product contents

First, make sure the HPD is valid. Search for an update if it's expired.

## Step 5

### Consider accessories.

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#### + Section 4: Accessories

This section lists related products or materials that the manufacturer requires or recommends for installation (such as adhesives or fasteners), maintenance, cleaning, or operations. For information relating to the contents of these related products, refer to their applicable Health Product Declarations, if available.

ACCESSORY PRODUCT OR MATERIAL NAME HPD URL:  
CONDITION WHEN RECOMMENDED OR REQUIRED AND/OR OTHER NOTES:

That carpet might look squeaky-clean, but what about the adhesive? What about the stain-resistance treatments you're going to need? Check Section 4 to learn which accessories aren't accounted for in the product HPD.