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Richlite® Surface Materials

Richlite's product offering is as rich as the company's 65-year history. Richlite® FSC™ comes in seven colors with names that reflect natural and historic landmarks near the manufacturing facility in Tacoma, Washington. Additionally, Richlite's recycled series includes r50 and r100, names which reflect their percentage of recycled content.








Product Name	 Color	 FSC	 Fiber Source	 Recycled Content	 GREENGUARD	 WE Technology	
Black Diamond	Black	Yes	30% Eucalyptus 70% Pine	No	Yes	Yes	\$\$
Yellow Island	Yellow/Amber	Yes	30% Eucalyptus 70% Pine	No	Yes	Yes	\$\$\$
Green Mountain	Dark Green	Yes	30% Eucalyptus 70% Pine	No	Yes	Yes	\$\$\$
Chocolate Glacier	Dark Chocolate	Yes	30% Eucalyptus 70% Pine	No	Yes	Yes	\$\$\$
Blue Canyon	Deep Blue	Yes	30% Eucalyptus 70% Pine	No	Yes	Yes	\$\$\$
Browns Point	Medium Brown	Yes	30% Eucalyptus 70% Pine	No	Yes	Yes	\$\$\$
Redstone	Deep Red	Yes	30% Eucalyptus 70% Pine	No	Yes	Yes	\$\$\$
r50	Medium Brown	No	50% Softwood (e.g. Douglas Fir, Hemlock, Red Cedar)	50% Old Corrugated Cardboard (Post Consumer Waste)	Yes	Yes	\$
r100	Light Maple	Yes	0% Wood Fibers	100% Post Consumer Waste Paper	Yes	Yes	\$\$





Photo: Batt & Lear



Photo: Hyvaco, Inc.

Why Richlite®?

Architects and designers appreciate Richlite for its versatility, durability and environmental attributes. The material has a natural appeal and matte finish that complement a variety of architectural styles. Designers often specify Richlite for the inherent strength that enables the surface to accommodate long spans and cantilevers without extra support.



All Richlite materials are made either with FSC-Certified or post-consumer recycled paper to minimize the company's environmental impact. In addition, Richlite products are GREENGUARD certified for indoor use in residential, school and institutional environments and contribute to LEED points. The surfaces are produced using an innovative and efficient WE™ (Waste-to-Energy) manufacturing system that captures toxins and re-circulates heat to greatly minimize fuel consumption, pollution and carbon emissions..

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About Richlite®



Richlite circa 1943

Richlite is a family affair that has operated out of the same location since 1943. In the beginning, Richlite produced its materials for industrial purposes that were adopted by the aerospace, marine and commercial food industries.

Architects and designers discovered the material in the late 1990s and began specifying it for high-end residential and commercial countertops and reception areas. Beyond countertops, Richlite is a popular surface material for indoor wall cladding / wainscot, work surfaces, wall caps, stair treads, artistic features and related architectural applications. Though its products are typically used for premium projects, Richlite has always maintained its casual and friendly demeanor over the decades.

Richlite products are sold in the U.S. and Canada through kitchen, bath and green building product dealers supported by a network of certified fabricators to ensure quality installations. To find a dealer, become a dealer or learn more about Richlite's products and sustainability practices visit www.richlite.com.

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Richlite® Sustainability

For 65 years Richlite Company has been devoted to producing a quality product that is aware of the environment it is produced in. Our company will always be committed to improving our sustainable practices while never sacrificing quality.

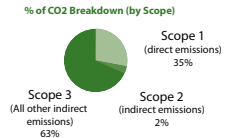


WE Technology

During manufacturing, the waste from processing our raw materials is converted into energy used to sustain our heating system. This occurs during the paper saturating process where we now use 83% less fuel. Our innovative WE™ manufacturing design captures solvents left over from the manufacturing process and recycles it back as energy into our heating system. Traditional RTO horizontal saturating lines emit four to five times the amount of CO₂ as Richlite's new WE™ manufacturing system.



Richlite began tracking emissions in 2005 using the Greenhouse Gas Protocol (GHG Protocol), which was developed through a partnership between the World Resources Institute and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development. Richlite has made great strides in reducing carbon emissions, however, we continually review our three different scopes of emissions. We developed our WE™ manufacturing system which will greatly help reduce emissions from the factory. The greatest part of our current emissions, however, comes from Scope 3 – specifically out-bound freight, where we have taken the first step of using only Smartway™ Transport Partnership carriers to reduce emissions.



30%
decrease of CO₂ emissions per pound of Richlite by 2010



Richlite is GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certified® and meets the criteria for GREENGUARD Children & Schools™ Certification. The GREENGUARD Certification program recognizes interior building materials and products that meet the most stringent chemical emissions standards deemed safe and appropriate for use in residential and commercial buildings, including educational (daycare and K-12) environments. GREENGUARD Environmental Institute (GEI) is an industry-independent, non-profit organization that oversees the GREENGUARD Certification Program. Please download Richlite's GREENGUARD certificate at www.greenguard.org.



All Richlite materials are made either with FSC-Certified or post-consumer recycled paper. The non-recycled products utilize fibers from the rapidly renewable eucalyptus tree. r50 uses 50% Old Corrugated Cardboard (post consumer waste) and r100 uses 100% recycled FSC-Certified paper. FSC™ is a global non-profit organization devoted to encouraging the responsible management of the world's forests. FSC™ sets high standards that ensure forestry is practiced in an environmentally responsible, socially beneficial, and economically viable manner. See Richlite's FSC Certificate at www.fsc.org.