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FORMALDEHYDE - MONARCH PLANK'S COMMITMENT TO YOU

Formaldehyde has received media attention over the years when certain products were found to have high levels of formaldehyde, such as urea formaldehyde insulation in the 1970's, the FEMA trailers after Hurricane Katrina, and more recently, laminate flooring sold by a national retailer that was labeled as being CARB II compliant when in fact it was not. But it is important to put the risks posed by formaldehyde in wood products into perspective, and to realize how complicated it is to assess our total risk.

Formaldehyde is everywhere in nature. It is a normal by-product of many natural processes, including digestion, decomposition, and the combustion of organic material. The human body emits significant amounts of formaldehyde when we exhale. Formaldehyde is also present in a wide range of other products that we use every day. Sources include gas and wood burning stoves, gas heaters, vehicle exhaust, tobacco smoke, glues, paints, cleaning products, preservatives, paper product coatings, cosmetics, insecticides, and permanent-press curtains and clothing.

Consider these facts: • Every time a baby exhales, they emit approximately 500 times the proposed level of formaldehyde that is acceptable according to the EPA. • The World Health Organization has estimated that the average adult ingests nine times more formaldehyde each day from food than they inhale from all airborne sources combined. • The standard human body, through natural metabolic processes, generates and disposes of about 45,000 mg of formaldehyde every day. This means that a person would have to breath air from CARB Phase II particleboard for over 61 YEARS just to equal the amount that a body naturally generates and consumes in 24 hours.

Despite these figures, we agree that it is important to limit the amount of formaldehyde added to our indoor environment by man-made products. At Monarch Plank, we are committed to doing just that.

Our Guarantee

We strive for total customer satisfaction. Not only do we want you to be satisfied with the look and ease of installation of our flooring, we want you to have peace of mind. Rest assured that our flooring is as safe as it is attractive. All Monarch Plank products easily meet the CARB Phase II standard and are made with No Added Urea Formaldehyde (NAUF). While we are sometimes offered the opportunity to cut costs by using higher formaldehyde glues, we never do. Not only are our suppliers' factories CARB Phase II certified, but we also take the extra step of conducting periodic tests on random samples from our inventory, which we send to certified American test laboratories to confirm that we are consistently exceeding the highest indoor air quality standards. This added layer of safety has a cost, but you are worth it. At Monarch Plank, we are committed to protecting the health and well being of our customers.