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## Network Coatings

Akril Panel

Good Environmental Choice - Australia

ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION



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Akril Panel is an innovative alternative to a glass splashback. Give the look of coated glass, the Akril Panel eliminates the problems associated with glass splashbacks and coated glass. Applications include decorative feature walls, shower splashback, Wall Cladding, commercial fitouts, shopfitting, signage, in wet areas such as kitchens and bathrooms and various other applications. Akril Panel also offers a ten year U.V. warranty making it the perfect application for both indoor and outdoor applications.

### 1. Description of Company and Production

#### Company Name: Network Coatings

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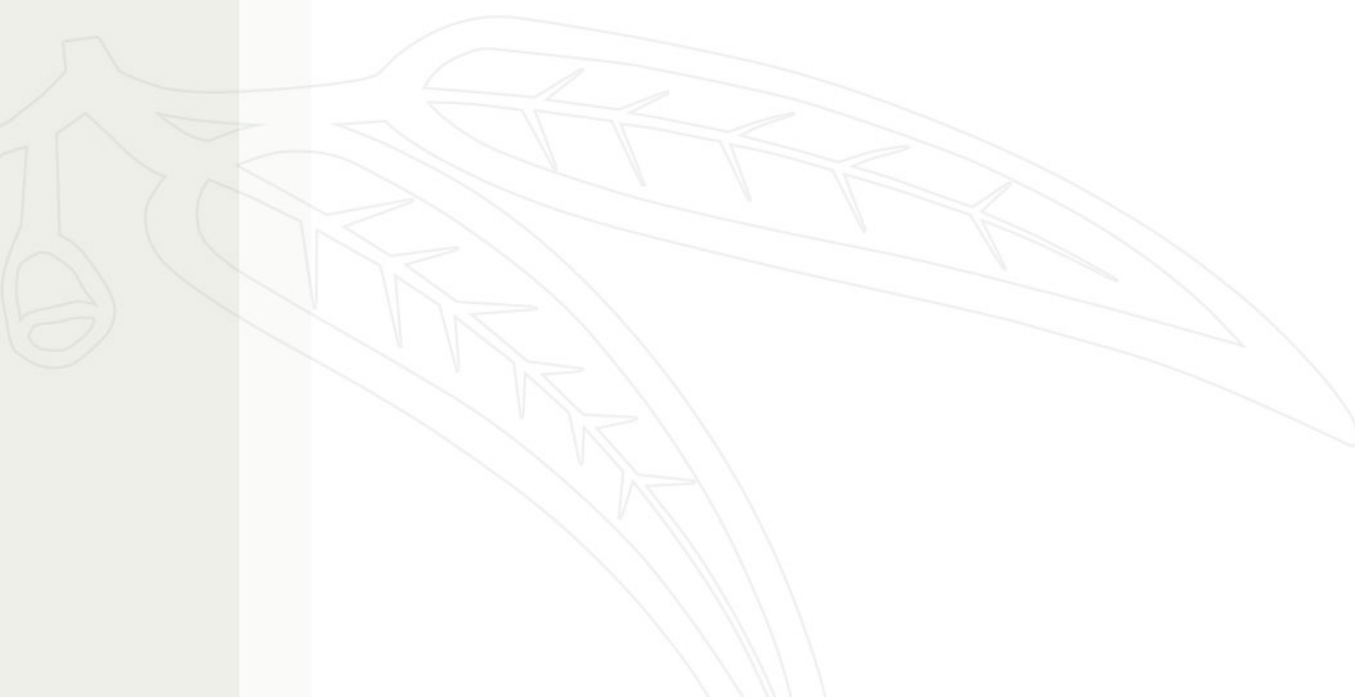
## 2. Description of the Verification.

The Good Environmental Choice Label is the national product life cycle independent environmental declaration in Australia ([www.geca.org.au](http://www.geca.org.au)). The organisation is an independent non-profit environmental research and certification organisation recognised as the Australian member of an international network of ecolabelling schemes under the Global Ecolabelling Network. Good Environmental Choice Australia (GECA) Ltd. manages the Good Environmental Choice – Mark of Conformity in conformance to ISO 14 024 – International Standard for Third Party Environmental Labelling and Declaration.

Following an independent audit against the recognition requirements of the Australian Ecolabel Program the range of InterfaceFLOR products have been awarded the "Good Environmental Choice" label for the Australian market. The Ecolabel is awarded to those products that meet or exceed voluntary standards of environmental performance. The verification procedure is managed via a Documented Quality Management System and Certification Program Manual which have made significant use of the ISO 14 000 series.

The objectives of the program are to:

- a) Provide incentives for suppliers to reduce the environmental impacts of products sold in Australia;
- b) Provide a clear, credible and independent guide to consumers wishing to take account of environmental factors in their purchasing decisions;
- c) Encourage consumers to purchase products which have lower environmental impacts;
- d) Recognize genuine moves by companies to reduce the adverse environmental impacts of their products;
- e) Aim ultimately to improve the quality of the environment and to encourage the sustainable management of resources.



### 3. The Products

The following Network Coatings product has been awarded the Good Environmental Choice Declaration:

#### Akril Panel



Akril Panel is an innovative solution to coated glass products. Supplied in a sheet form and in standard sizes Akрил Panel offers you the unique appearance of glass without the inherent obstacles associated with the supply and installation of glass.

As an off the shelf product, Akрил Panel is the perfect product for any vertical application, including showers, laundries, kitchen doors and walls and any area in the home or office area where direct heat will not be applied.



#### 4. Key Environmental Performance Findings by GECA

The key environmental performance criterion against which the Network Coatings Akril Panel was assessed, and the findings by GECA, is provided below.

Criterion	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
Fit for Purpose	The Akril Panel has been on the Australian market for 4 years. Network Coatings guarantees its product's performance for a period of 10 years. Technical data is available for quality measurements including: Tensile strength, Rockwell hardness, heat distortion, Vicat softening point and compressive strength.
Timber and Other Natural Materials	Akril Panel does not contain timber, therefore these criteria are not applicable.
Controversial Timber Sources	
Treatment	
Air Emissions	
Salvaged & Reclaimed Timbers	
Plastics	The product is entirely made of plastic, Network Coatings print stickers which are attached to the products, displaying the resin code, and the company web site contains a page with the recycling code displayed.
Padding Material	The product range does not contain synthetic latex, therefore this criterion is not applicable.
Fabric	The Akril Panel product does not contain any fabrics, therefore this criterion is not applicable.
Glass	The Akril Panel product does not contain any glass, therefore this criterion is not applicable.
Adhesives	GECS have reviewed tests which show the adhesive recommended for use with the products, Bostik V60 Silicone, is compliant to the requirements of this criterion.
Overall Loads	MSDS for all production ingredients have been reviewed. None of the chemicals banned in this criterion are included in the Akril Panel.

Prohibited Substances	MSDS for all chemicals used in the products under assessment have been reviewed. None of the above listed banned chemicals are included in the products under assessment.
Separability	The product is a single sheet of plastic, after installation it can easily be dismantled for the purpose of recycling.
Product Custodianship	GECA inspected a take back policy statement by Network Coatings. This policy is acceptable under the requirements of this criterion.
Coatings/treatments	No treatment is applied to the Akril Panel product that will prevent recycling.
Replacement Parts	The product is a single sheet of plastic, therefore this criterion is not applicable.
Recycled Furniture	The Akril Panel product does not contain any recycled furniture components, therefore this criterion is not applicable.

## 5. Environmental and Social Regulatory Obligations:

GECA received copies of an environmental licence, an audit report and a statement confirming no prosecution in an environmental court of law.

GECA reviewed a sample pay slip, a workers compensation insurance certificate, and a statement that the company has not been prosecuted in the past two years in relation to the applicable social regulations.

## 6. Additional Information

A detailed Verification report is supplied to verified manufacturers regarding the environmental characteristics of their products and evidence of compliance. The verification report can be made available at the sole discretion of the manufacturer. The Australian Ecolabel Program is the national environmental product life cycle labelling program for Australia. Further details of the Australian Ecolabel Program are available from [www.geca.org.au](http://www.geca.org.au)

Good Environmental Choice Australia recommends these products to green purchasing officers, specifiers, and every day Australians seeking to purchase products and services on the basis of functional and overall environmental and human health performance.

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