

A fresh breeze for your own four walls



Renovation without risking your health: Since we spend most of our time in enclosed spaces, clean indoor air is of vital importance. A useful guide for finding low-emission building materials is the Europe-wide recognized EMICODE® seal: it stands for health and environmentally compatible products that are regularly tested by independent laboratories.

These days, it's quite trendy to redesign or revamp old rooms. In 2018, more than 8.72 million Germans – that's more than one in ten – were planning to renovate their homes within the next two years according to a study by IfD Allensbach Institute for Public Opinion Research. A healthy room climate is becoming increasingly important as we spend so much time indoors – time that we need to recharge our batteries. When using low-emission building products, you will be able to enjoy „clean“ air after finishing your renovation project – for the sake of your health and that of our environment.

Floors, walls and ceilings account for the largest part of the living space surrounding us at home. That's why they should be free of harmful substances. We are also surrounded by products that we hardly notice in our everyday lives. These include adhesives, wall panels, insulating underlays, sealants, primers, parquet varnishes, fillers and joint sealants.

The eco-label EMICODE® on the product packaging provides reliable guidance when undertaking a renovation project. It is exclusively awarded to building and installation products that meet the world's strictest emission limits. For this reason, professional

builders usually opt for products that bear the EMICODE® label. The emission levels are determined by independent laboratories. After certification, the products are regularly monitored by independent experts and testing institutes to ensure long-term compliance with the limit values. This is a major advantage of EMICODE® over other certification systems for health and environmentally friendly building products.

By choosing the right label, you have a triple benefit: You can be sure to breathe in unpolluted indoor air, protect your health and at the same time go easy on the environment.

More information about the EMICODE® can be found at: www.emicode.com

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Only products complying with the most stringent emission limits are awarded the EMICODE® label. Manufacturers must undertake to produce these products according to high quality standards and subject to strict monitoring to fulfil the EMICODE® requirements at all times. To ensure maximum reliability of the emission values claimed by the manufacturers, the products are regularly submitted to random spot checks by independent, internationally recognized testing institutes. The EMICODE® label is currently used in up to 20 languages. The GEV (Gemeinschaft emissionskontrollierte Verlegewerkstoffe, Klebstoffe und Bauprodukte e.V.) in Düsseldorf has been responsible for EMICODE® since 1997. **Contact:** info@emicode.com