

What is BREEAM?

BREEAM is the world's foremost environmental assessment method and rating system for buildings. It sets the standard for best practice in sustainable building design, construction and operation. A BREEAM assessment uses recognized measures of performance, which are set against established benchmarks, to evaluate a building's specification, design, construction and use.

Evaluation Criteria:

BREEAM bases its evaluation on a building's performance in the following eight key areas: energy and water use, the internal environment (health and well-being), pollution, transport, materials, waste, ecology and management processes.

Certification Process:

Applicants wishing to obtain BREEAM certification must first appoint a BREEAM assessor. The assessment and certification process depends on when the Assessor is appointed, the stage in the design process and the availability and format of information. Interim design stage certification would typically take place between the end of the detailed design stage and the beginning of operations on site. Final certification, which relies on 'as built' evidence of compliance with BREEAM, will occur toward the end of operations on site and handover of the building. It can therefore be said that a BREEAM Assessment will take as long as the project.

The Uretech range of adhesives and coatings:

Credits are awarded in BREEAM for the use of construction products that have a low environmental impact and are responsibly sourced. The environmental impact is determined using the categories detailed in BRE Global Green Guide. These categories are climate change, water extraction, mineral resource extraction, stratospheric ozone depletion, human toxicity, ecotoxicity to freshwater, nuclear waste (higher level), ecotoxicity to land, waste disposal, fossil fuel depletion, eutrophication, photochemical ozone creation and acidification.

Star Uretech declares that the following data is accurate and should be used in your BREEAM assessment:

The Star Uretech range of single component adhesives and coatings are supplied in metal containers that when empty or contain fully cured material can be recycled or disposed of as general building waste.

Ref: BREEAM Credit 'Volatile Organic Compounds'

The Uretech range of single component pedestal adhesives and tanking membranes fall into the BREEAM classification of Flooring Adhesives and are tested according to the EU/BS standard *BSEN 13999:2007* The products have emission levels of:

VOC's	None detected
Aldehydes	None detected
Volatile diisocyanates	No isocyanates detected

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