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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION**

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InterfaceFLOR

Standard:  
GECA 1-2007 – Adhesives

Conformance Declaration Date:  
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# environmental solutions for sustainable markets in Australia

The Environmental Choice Australia Mark ecolabelling program is the national product life cycle environmental declaration based on internationally recognized standard setting and assessment methodology.

The national program is managed by two distinct organisations:

Good Environmental Choice Australia Ltd. is the standard setting and sustainable consumption market promotions body which develops and declares the ecolabelling standards defining product environmental preference in conformance to ISO 14 024 – International Standard for Third Party Environmental Labelling and Declaration ([www.eassurance.com.au](http://www.eassurance.com.au)). GECA is an independent non-profit environmental research and ecolabeling standard setting organisation recognised as the Australian member of an international network of ecolabelling schemes under the Global Ecolabelling Network.

Environmental Assurance (also trading as Good Environmental Choice Services Pty Ltd) is the auditing and certification body with responsibility for product assessment, certification and licensing of products against the declared standards ([www.eassurance.com.au](http://www.eassurance.com.au)). GECS is the assessment body for this Program with expertise specific to quality product environmental performance auditing following the principles of ISO 14 010 and ISO 14 024 in it's audit and certification services.

Following an independent audit against the recognition requirements of the Australian Program this declaration outlines key environmental performance attributes of products that have been awarded the "Environmental Choice Australia" label for the Australian market. The Ecolabel is awarded to those products that meet or exceed voluntary standards of environmental performance.

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.

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## CERTIFICATION FINDINGS

These adhesive products manufactured by Interface Australia Pty Ltd have been assessed against the GECA 1-2007 standard – Adhesives. These products have successfully gained official registration as certified 'Good Environmental Choice' products under the Australian Ecolabel program.

### 1. MANUFACTURER DESCRIPTION

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InterfaceFLOR (Interface Australia Pty Ltd) is a leading manufacturer of high-quality modular carpets for the Australian and Asia Pacific markets. In line with the industrial sustainability initiatives of the international parent company Interface Inc., InterfaceFLOR is committed to eliminating environmental impacts, adopting new and sustainable business models, re-evaluating its products and processes, and engaging other organisations to implement similar programs.

Companies leading  
Australia's environmental  
response at work.



2: REGISTERED PRODUCTS

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The following InterfaceFLOR product has been awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Declaration:

PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
Intertac	Pressure sensitive adhesive for securing a range of floor coverings.
Water Based Seam Sealer	Used to weld carpet edges together.

Inter-Tac

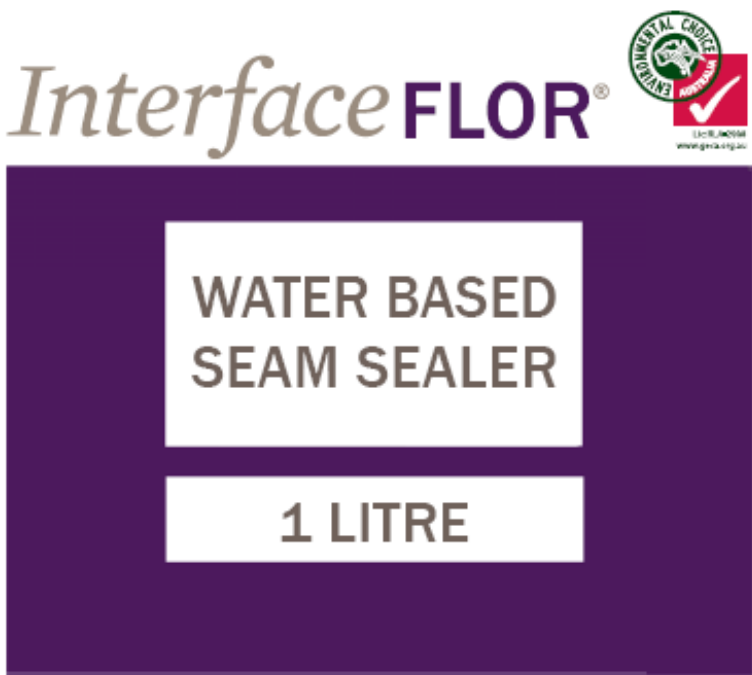
Inter-Tac is a water based pressure sensitive adhesive especially manufactured for the installation of InterfaceFLOR products. It has excellent coverage, adhesion and release capabilities and is suited to application by roller. The subfloor should be primed before application of Inter-Tac.

Inter-Tac is formulated with the additive Intersept for improved antimicrobial performance.



Water Based Seam Sealer

A water based adhesive used to weld edges of carpet together.



Products with a distinctive  
environmental edge.



3. KEY ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE FINDINGS

The key environmental performance criteria against which the InterfaceFLOR products were assessed, and the findings by Environmental Assurance, are provided below.

Criterion	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
Fitness for Purpose	All InterfaceFLOR modular carpet manufacturing facilities worldwide maintain registration to ISO 9001 Quality Management Systems and ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems.
Prohibited Substances	None of the listed hazardous substances are present in or used in the manufacturing of this product complying with the requirements of this criterion.
Levels of Volatile Organic Substances	This adhesive product contains less than 5% by weight of volatile organic compounds complying with the requirements of this criterion.
Human Health Exposure	This product contains no type 1, 2A or 2B carcinogens as classed by the IARC complying with the requirements of this criterion.
Packaging Requirements	These products are packaged in re-sealable polypropylene containers that are not chlorinated or halogenated and are recyclable.
Product Information	The labeling on these products clearly states instructions, application rates, cleaning of equipment, safety and waste disposal methods for the container. MSDS's are available upon request or on the InterfaceFLOR website.
Environmental Regulations	InterfaceFLOR is certified to ISO14001 Environemntal Management System and is in compliance with the relevant environmental regulations. This company has not been prosecuted in the last 24 months under Environmental Law.
Labour, Anti-Discrimination and Safety Regulations	InterfaceFLOR is in compliance with the relevant social and workplace requirements and has not been the subject of prosecution in a court of law within the past 24 months.

Quantifying key criteria for  
assurance to the market.

FURTHER INFORMATION

A detailed verification report is supplied to verified manufacturers regarding the findings of environmental characteristics of their products and evidence of compliance. The verification report can be made available at the sole discretion of the manufacturer.

This EPD has been made available for 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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