Green Star points for steel *Understanding Responsible Product Values and how to use them*

Green Building Council of Australia's Green Star Rating

Green Star is an internationally recognised rating system setting the standard for healthy, resilient, positive buildings and places and, like the SCS Scheme, aligns with **UN Sustainable Development Goals** and other leading frameworks.



A Green Star achievement is a certification that verifies the environmental and social outcomes of a project, demonstrating it has achieved a high standard of design, construction and/or operation.

To achieve a Green Star certification, a project is awarded points, based on performance across a range of categories. The total points determine the Green Star rating.

More on Green Star

The Responsible Products program



Green Star acknowledges that the source of materials and environmental credentials vary significantly in the marketplace and so has introduced a register for responsible products. Registrations via specific third-party product certification schemes are required. A 'Responsible Product Value' (RPV) is the 'score' given to a scheme. A 'Responsible Product' is a product or material that has an RPV issued by a scheme recognised by the Green Building Council of Australia. This RPV is in turn used for credits towards Green Star certification.

The ACRS SCS Scheme is an initiative recognised under the Green Building Council of Australia's (GBCA) Responsible Products program as 'Best Practice' for steel products. Products certified under the ACRS SCS Scheme can contribute to a project's Responsible Product Value (RPV), which in turn can account for up to 25% of the available points within relevant materials-related Green Star credits.

ACRS certification supports strategic decision making for designers, specifiers, project engineers and procurement teams. It delivers efficiency and confidence in steel procurement for high-volume products and materials that support Green Star sustainability objectives.

More on the Responsible products program

ACRS SCS-Certified Steel Responsible Product Values

The ACRS SCS Scheme is recognised under the Responsible Products Program as Best Practice for all levels of SCS Scheme. Importantly, all SCS Scheme-certified products are able to award Best Practice values.





There are three tiers of SCS certification. Level 1 – Core Requirements provides a Responsible Product Value of 16. Levels 2 and 3 provide RPVs of 21.

When used in combination with other certified initiatives, the SCS Scheme places your project in the strongest position to meet the relevant credit requirements & achieve compliance with Green Star Buildings certification.

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