

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 the Green Building Council of Australia's sustainability rating system for the built environment. It is used to rate new and existing buildings, new fit-outs, and new precinct developments.

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Green Star Buildings

15+ points = 4 Star*
35+ points = 5 Star*
70+ points = 6 Star*

*Must also achieve minimum expectations

The Responsible Products program

The Green Building Council of Australia recognises Responsible Products that may contribute to a Green Star rating through its Responsible Credits.

All Green Star rating tools released from 2020 include credits that seek to reward the use of responsibly sourced products.

The *Responsible Products Guidelines for Initiatives v1.1* set out the criteria for these products. The Guidelines drive the use of Responsible Products by assigning a Responsible Product Value to product certification initiatives, which in turn is conferred onto the products and materials they certify.

The Responsible Product Value is the sum of the criteria in the Guidelines that an initiative has complied with.

Products certified under the ACRS SCS Scheme can contribute to a project's Responsible Product Value (RPV). Green Star project teams can receive recognition for the use of these products to unlock up to 9 of the available 13 Responsible Products credits towards the relevant materials-related Green Star rating.



[More on the Responsible Products program](#)



Responsible Structure credits in Green Star Buildings

50% of structural components (by cost) meet a RPV of at least 10 = Credit Achievement 3 points

10% of all products in the structure (by cost) meet a RPV of at least 15 = Exceptional Performance 2 points
OR
80% of all products in the structure (by cost) meet a RPV of at least 10 = Exceptional Performance 2 points



Responsible Product Values

SCS Scheme
Lvl 1 = 16
Lvl 2 & 3 = 21

ACRS SCS-Certified Steel Responsible Product Values



Product certification initiatives confer Responsible Product Value on certified products. Products may be certified by more than one initiative. This may increase the RPV of the product.

The ACRS SCS Scheme is a recognised Product Certification Initiative in the Green Star rating tools.

All levels of ACRS SCS scheme score 'Best Practice' across all Responsible Products credit and deliver more credits than any other steel certification scheme currently available.

The SCS Scheme's Responsible Product Value (RPV) is 16 for level 1 scheme products; 21 for levels 2 and 3 scheme products. Products certified by this initiative have been loaded into the Green Star Responsible Products calculator.



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