

# SOYAD™ ADHESIVE TECHNOLOGY

The natural choice for engineered wood flooring



- Formaldehyde-free
- Cost Competitive
- CARB Phase 2 Exempt
- LEED\* Compliant
- Easy to Use

## Technology Overview

Soyad™ adhesive technology is a patented, formaldehyde-free adhesive system from Solenis that is widely used to manufacture environmentally-friendly engineered wood flooring. Soyad adhesives are used to produce flooring panels with veneer or high-density fiberboard cores. The strength provided by Soyad adhesives is comparable to that of formaldehyde-based adhesives. Soyad adhesives are cost competitive with formaldehyde-based adhesives and, in most cases, cost less than other no-added-formaldehyde (NAF) technologies.

Soyad adhesives are water-based systems formulated with natural soy flour and a proprietary cross-linking resin. When blended together the resin reacts with the protein in the soy flour to form a durable and water-resistant thermoset adhesive.

The Soyad adhesive can be customized as needed to meet your specific operational and manufacturing requirements.

## Ease of Use

Soyad adhesives are mixed on-site and easily applied using the same application equipment typically used for formaldehyde-based adhesives. No special mixing equipment is needed and only minor system changes are required to convert from a formaldehyde-based adhesive to a Soyad adhesive. Production processes need not be altered: with Soyad adhesives, spread rates, press temperatures and press times are similar to those of formaldehyde-based adhesives.

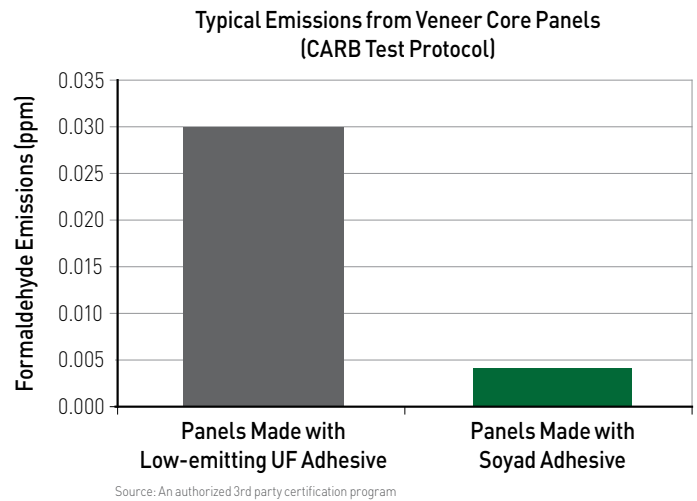
## Industry Acceptance

Since 2005, more than 110 million hardwood plywood panels have been produced in North America with Soyad adhesive technology. Today, Soyad adhesives are used globally to produce engineered wood flooring and they are quickly becoming the adhesive system of choice for industry leading manufacturers who want to stay ahead of formaldehyde regulations and help improve indoor air quality.



## Formaldehyde Emission Standards

Soyad adhesives are ideally suited for engineered wood flooring because they contain no formaldehyde. The amount of formaldehyde emitted from flooring panels made with Soyad adhesives is attributable to naturally occurring formaldehyde within the wood and is significantly lower than that of panels made with low-emitting urea-formaldehyde adhesives.



Flooring panels made with Soyad adhesives meet all global formaldehyde emission standards, including CARB Phase 2, European E0 and Japanese F☆☆☆☆ standards. Additionally, flooring panels produced with Soyad adhesives are CARB Phase 2 exempt and are eligible for LEED points for improved indoor air quality.

## Performance Advantages

Commercial applications confirm that Soyad adhesives provide a number of performance advantages for engineered wood flooring manufacturers. Consider the following:

- Eliminates formaldehyde-related health hazards for workers and end-use consumers
- Cost competitive with formaldehyde-based adhesives and other NAF technologies
- Easy transition from formaldehyde-based adhesive using existing spreader and press conditions

Additionally, flooring panels made with Soyad adhesives:

- Meet all global formaldehyde emission standards
- Are CARB Phase 2 exempt
- Qualify for LEED points

## More Information

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