LOW VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

GSA Advantage!® icon: LOW VOC

Environmental Attribute: Low or No Volatile Organic Chemicals

Description: The Low Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) icon is used to designate products that meet the emission limits as established by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The CARB VOC standard lists the maximum weight percent of VOC that a product may contain and still be compliant. The maximum allowed VOC content is specified for product categories and can range from 2% (for non-aerosol tire/wheel cleaners) to 80% (for aerosol anti-static products) (http://www.arb.ca.gov/consprod/regs/regs.htm).

Covered Products: CARB low VOC regulations identify a wide range of products, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Antiperspirants and Deodorants
- Hair Spray
- Aerosol Coatings
- Adhesive
- Air Freshener
- Cooking Spray
- Lubricant
- Spot Remover
- Anti-static spray

For Schedule and SIN information, please refer to the Green Product Crosswalk. On the master sheet, you can find information about specific products, icons, schedules, and SINs. By clicking on the drop down arrow at the top of each column, you can filter the entries based on your requirements.

Certification: Vendor self-declares.

Summary of Federal Purchasing Requirements: Products containing low or no VOCs fall within the Environmentally Preferable Products component of the Federal green purchasing program. They are recommended, but not required unless an agency determines that these products are necessary for their needs.