

Details: **LEED Points and VBUCK®**

When considering the use of the VBUCK® brand block-out and bracing system, designers and builders often ask in what ways can VBUCK® count when applying for LEED certification.

1. The VBUCK® lineal is made from post-industrial waste. It is extruded entirely from re-grind from within the plant where it is manufactured. In the LEED-NC Technical Review manual (2004), LEED Rating System tab, pages 41 & 42 include materials made from 1/2 post-industrial waste.
2. VBUCK® may also be counted as a material that has very little to no waste that will need to be taken to a land fill (pages 37 & 38.) Nearly all VBUCK® parts can be recycled or sent to a re-grind facility or they may be stored for use in another project.
 - a. Scrap VBUCK® lineal pieces can be taken to a re-grind facility as well as the splice/spline and the cellular PVC inserts or they may be stored for use in other projects.
 - b. The corner and center connectors are made of polypropylene and may be recycled or stored for use in other projects.
 - c. The variable connectors are made of nylon and may be recycled or stored for use in other projects.
 - d. All VBUCK® brand bracing is reusable and, if damaged, may be recycled.
3. Depending on site location and where the VBUCK® lineals ship from, you may be able to count VBUCK® as part of the Regional Materials point (page 43).

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