

Summary

The Green Guide to Specification is an environmental profiling system for building materials and components. It provides guidance for designers and specifiers on the best environmental choices. It is intended for use with building assessment tools such as BREEAM.

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Type					Themes			
Strategic	Management reporting	Design or data specific	Assess./indicator framework	Standards	General sustainability	Carbon / climate	Sector Specific	Other
<b>Country</b>	UK			<b>Development</b>	The first edition of the guide was published in 1996. Since then, it has become part of several initiatives associated with sustainability in the built environment such as BREEAM, Ecohomes and the Code for Sustainable Homes.			
<b>Sector</b>	Products and materials							
<b>Published</b>	2009 (4th Edition)							
<b>Access</b>	Purchase online							
<b>Target group / users</b>	Designers and specifiers			<b>Key sustainability themes</b>	Focused on the environmental impacts of building materials, where rankings are based on life-cycle assessments. It covers issues of: climate change, water extraction, mineral resource extraction, stratospheric ozone depletion, human toxicity, ecotoxicity to freshwater, nuclear waste, ecotoxicity to land, waste disposal, fossil fuel depletion, eutrophication, photochemical ozone creation, acidification.			