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## **DESIGN AND SAFETY CAN NOW BE AN ENVIRONMENTAL CHOICE TOO AS ALTRO TIMBERSAFE SECURES BREEAM 'A' RATING**

Altro Timbersafe has been awarded the highest 'A' rating by BREEAM reflecting its strong sustainability credentials.

Timbersafe was an industry breakthrough, being the first safety floor to feature an attractive wood-look design, as well as incorporating lifetime safety to guard against slips and trips. With the BREEAM A rating, Timbersafe now combines this design and safety performance with unrivalled green credentials.

Richard Kahn, Altro Chief Executive, comments: "Altro was the first flooring company to secure the BREEAM A rating for its Suprema range of safety flooring, so this further accreditation underlines how seriously we take this issue. The growing importance of health and safety within organisations has led to a clear need to take safety flooring from the traditional 'back-of-house' and use it in more high profile areas. With Timbersafe, we have evolved the safety flooring concept and produced a high calibre design finish that rivals contemporary flooring products. To have the BREEAM rating as well means that flooring can now reduce the risk of slip accidents in buildings worldwide, without compromising on appearance and the environment."

Much of the credit for the BREEAM award goes to Altro's pioneering work to recycle safety flooring. Safety flooring has traditionally been a difficult material to recycle due to the number of components within it, including the aggregate. Altro has developed a recycling process that is able to separate the individual parts of the safety flooring to enable them to be recycled. The company is investing in the recycling technology and the recycled material will be used in the manufacture of new safety flooring. Also, in partnership with WRAP, the Government's recycling body, and other manufacturers, Altro has begun collecting waste material ready for recycling.

Altro has recently launched a dedicated sustainability website, [www.altro6steps.com](http://www.altro6steps.com), which summarises the work Altro has done to improve the sustainability of its products, as well as its business operations. The site provides straight-forward information on products, recycling, energy and water usage, as well as facts about materials used in the manufacturing process.

For more information on Altro products, please call 0800 018 2960

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**About Altro – [www.altro.com](http://www.altro.com)**

Altro is a world leading manufacturer and supplier of interior surfaces. From walls to floors, ceilings to doors, the company supplies hygienic, safe and practical yet decorative solutions for all interior environments – without compromising on function or design.

A vast product range features traditional and contemporary, textured and smooth coverings, all in a wide palette of colours. Altro's customers operate in the education, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, retail, leisure, hospitality and food and drink sectors.

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