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CRADLE TO CRADLE CERTIFIED®
LISTED FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

Derived from the

CRADLE TO CRADLE CERTIFIED® PRODUCT STANDARD
(Full Scope), Version 5.0

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Foreword

The Cradle to Cradle Products Innovation Institute (C2CPII) is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to maximizing the positive impacts of products and materials. As the scheme owner and standard setting organization for Cradle to Cradle Certified®, C2CPII works to guide the efforts of leading organizations worldwide to apply the principles of material health, product circularity, clean air and climate protection, water and soil stewardship, and social fairness to product design and manufacturing. The standard provides designers, manufacturers, and suppliers with a framework for continually improving what products are made of and how they are made. Cradle to Cradle Certified is a respected mark of products and materials made for the circular economy.

The Cradle to Cradle Certified Listed Facility Requirements (Version 5.0) were released on 30 June 2026.

The effective date of the Cradle to Cradle Certified Listed Facility Requirements (Version 5.0) is 21 September 2026.

Further information about C2CPII, the Cradle to Cradle Certified standards, and the Cradle to Cradle listed facilities is available at www.c2ccertified.org.

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1 // INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

The Cradle to Cradle Certified® Listed Facility requirements provide the means to assess and verify a product manufacturing facility's compliance with the facility-related requirements of the Cradle to Cradle Certified Product Standard (Full Scope). A manufacturing facility that has been verified to comply with the requirements is eligible to manufacture Cradle to Cradle Certified products at the achieved level without needing to undergo a separate assessment and verification of compliance with the Full Scope facility-related requirements. Once verified, the facility may be added to the Cradle to Cradle Certified® Listed Facility page of the Cradle to Cradle Products Innovation Institute (C2CPII) website to indicate its compliance with the facility-related requirements of the Full Scope standard.

See the Cradle to Cradle Certified Product Standard (Full Scope) Version 5.0 for more information on the standard requirements, history, and background of the Cradle to Cradle Certified Products Program, and C2CPII.

1.2 Requirements Development

The Cradle to Cradle Certified Listed Facility requirements are derived from the Cradle to Cradle Certified Product Standard (Full Scope), which is developed in accordance with the Process for Development of the Cradle to Cradle Certified Product Standard.

1.3 Achievement Levels

Similar to the Cradle to Cradle Certified Full Scope standard, the Cradle to Cradle Certified Listed Facility requirements are based on the concept of continuous improvement and thus there are four possible levels of achievement: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum. To reach the desired achievement level, the facility must meet all of the requirements for that level, in addition to the requirements at all lower levels. The facility's overall achievement level is equal to the lowest level achieved in the Clean Air & Climate Protection category (Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum), Water & Soil Stewardship category (Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum), and Social Fairness category (Bronze, Silver, or Gold and Platinum).

The facility's achievement level is stated on the Cradle to Cradle Certified Listed Facility page on the C2CPII website (www.c2ccertified.org).

1.4 Restrictions to Bronze Level Listing

At the Bronze achievement level, a facility is starting out on the path to optimizing its manufacturing processes for producing Cradle to Cradle Certified products. The Bronze level is designed to recognize the intent to further optimize manufacturing processes over time.

As such, a facility may be listed at the Bronze level for a maximum of six years (i.e., two, three-year listing periods) and must achieve the Silver level or higher once the second, three-year Bronze listing has expired, or it will be delisted from the program. Alternatively, in cases where technical, performance, or

market barriers prevent the achievement of the Silver level, the facility may be relisted at the Bronze level if the applicant publicly discloses an explanation of the limitation(s) preventing achievement of the Silver level requirements.

1.5 Supporting Documents

C2CPII develops and maintains documents to support implementation of the Cradle to Cradle Certified standards and programs, including a Certification Manual and other standard reference documents. These documents are meant to educate and provide the necessary information for the certification community to have a robust understanding of the standard. These supporting documents are regularly updated to reflect improvements and are available on the C2CPII website at www.c2ccertified.org.

The Cradle to Cradle Certified Product Standard (Full Scope) Version 5.0 Certification Manual is the supporting document that contains the detailed information needed to fulfill each of the Version 5.0 standard requirements (which includes all Listed Facility requirements) and is to be used in conjunction with the Version 5.0 standard document and this listed facility requirements document. The Certification Manual includes the following:

- **Version 5.0 standard requirements:** The requirements are listed in the same order as they appear in the Version 5.0 standard, with the same section numbers.
- **Further Explanation:** These sections provide information regarding how to meet each requirement, including links to resources, applicable test methods, and background information.
- **Required Documentation:** These sections list the information and documents that must be submitted with a certification application and at recertification to demonstrate compliance with the standard requirements.

Please see the Cradle to Cradle Certified Product Standard (Full Scope) Version 5.0 Certification Manual for more information.

1.6 Facility Listing Process

Key steps in the process for becoming a Cradle to Cradle Certified Listed Facility, associated fees, program policies, and other resources are available on the C2CPII website (www.c2ccertified.org). [To be added prior to requirements effective date.]

2 // FACILITIES NOT ELIGIBILE FOR LISTING

The Listed Facility requirements apply to product manufacturing facilities (see Section 1.1). Facilities that manufacture certain products that are contrary to the intent of the Cradle to Cradle principles are not eligible for becoming a Cradle to Cradle Certified Listed Facility. This includes, for example, facilities that manufacture weapons, tobacco, products used for smoking or vaping (e.g., pipes), products that consume non-renewable fuels, products made from threatened, vulnerable, or endangered species, and fur. Please refer to the Cradle to Cradle Certified Full Scope Version 5.0 Certification Manual for additional information (See Section 2.1 Products Eligible for Certification, Further Explanation box, points #1a-f).

3 // LISTED FACILITY REQUIREMENTS (VERSION 5.0)

To become a Cradle to Cradle Certified Listed Facility, a manufacturing facility must demonstrate compliance with the applicable requirements in the Cradle to Cradle Certified Product Standard (Full Scope), Version 5.0, provided below by achievement level. To achieve a desired level, the requirements at all lower levels must also be met. A site visit to the facility is required to verify compliance (see Section 4).

Bronze level

1. The requirements in Section 3.1, Certification Compliance Assurance apply with the following modifications to requirements #1 and #3:
    a. Section 3.1, Requirement #1: The required designated staff must, at a minimum, ensure that the facility meets all Listed Facility requirements (at the level achieved) throughout the listing period in order to maintain its Listed status.
    b. Section 3.1, Requirement #3: The required method for staying informed about and/or controlling material changes in the supply chain must, at a minimum, include a method for tracking and managing changes to input materials (including identity of input material suppliers, trade names or part numbers, certified input materials, and amount of recycled and renewable content (if applicable)). The facility must also commit to informing customers participating in the Cradle to Cradle Certified program (if any) of any planned material changes.
2. The requirements in Section 6.1, Air Emissions Compliance;
3. The Bronze level requirements in Section 6.2 Quantifying Electricity Use and Greenhouse Gas Emissions (must be met facility-wide);
4. The Bronze level requirements in Section 6.3 Using Renewable Electricity and Addressing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Final Manufacturing (must be met facility-wide);
5. The Bronze level requirements in Section 7.1 Effluent Quality Compliance;
6. The requirements in Section 7.2 Quantifying Water Use;
7. The requirements in Section 8.1 Human Rights Policy;
8. The requirements in Section 8.2 Monitor & Verify Performance; and
9. The Bronze level requirements applicable to facilities in Section 6.6 Transparency as stated in the Transparency Requirements Reference Document. Please see The Transparency Requirements Reference document (Sections 2, 5, 6, and 7) for additional recommended disclosures.

Silver level

1. The Silver level requirements in Section 6.3 Using Renewable Electricity and Addressing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Final Manufacturing (must be met facility-wide);
2. The Silver level requirements in Section 7.3 Water & Soil Conservation;
3. The Silver level requirements in Section 8.3 Grievance Mechanisms; and
4. The Silver level requirements in Section 7.6 Transparency. Please see The Transparency Requirements Reference document (Sections 2, 5, 6, and 7) for additional recommended disclosures.

Gold level

1. The Gold level requirements in Section 6.3 Using Renewable Electricity and Addressing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Final Manufacturing (must be met facility-wide);
2. The requirements in Section 6.4 Using Blowing Agents with Low or No Global Warming Potential (must be met facility-wide);
3. The Gold level requirements in Section 7.3 Water & Soil Conservation applicable to final manufacturing facilities (excluding requirements applicable to suppliers and supplier facilities); and
4. The requirements in Section 8.3 Grievance Mechanisms.

Platinum level

1. The Platinum level requirements in Section 6.3 Using Renewable Electricity and Addressing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Final Manufacturing (must be met facility-wide);
2. The Platinum level requirements in Section 7.1 Effluent Quality Compliance; and
3. The requirements in Section 7.5 Optimizing Effluent and Sludge Quality at the Facility Level.

Note: Some Cradle to Cradle Certified Listed Facility requirements and those in the underlying Cradle to Cradle Certified (Full Scope) standard address activities that are subject to regulation by local, state, or federal authorities. However, nothing contained in the standard or program changes legal regulatory requirements or prescribes how compliance is to be achieved. Demonstration of compliance with certain key regulations is required in some sections of the standard and program, but this in no way changes the underlying regulatory requirements.

4 // LISTED FACILITY SITE VISITS

For all achievement levels, a site visit of the manufacturing facility must be conducted as part of the process to verify that the Cradle to Cradle Certified Listed Facility requirements (see Section 3) have been met. The manufacturing facility site visit requirements (location and frequency) are provided in Appendix 1 of the Cradle to Cradle Certified Product Standard (Full Scope), Version 5.0 Certification Manual.

In addition to verifying that the facility is in compliance with the requirements in Section 3 of this document, the following must also be observed and verified facility-wide during the site visit to support

achievement of the Cradle to Cradle Certified Product Standard (Full Scope), Version 5.0 Material Health and Product Circularity requirements for existing or future product certifications:

1. Systems in place for ensuring accurate identification, use, and tracking of input materials (including virgin, cycled, and renewable content materials), and process chemicals.
2. Human and environmental exposure controls.

A Site Visit Checklist (available to C2C Certified Conformity Assessment Bodies) indicates specifically what must be checked and verified during a manufacturing facility site visit for determining compliance with the Cradle to Cradle Certified Listed Facility requirements.

5 // LISTED FACILITY COMPLIANCE MONITORING

Each facility listing is valid for three years and is contingent on successful completion of an interim compliance monitoring check after 1.5 (± 0.5) years. Continued compliance with the following requirements must be demonstrated during this interim monitoring:

1. The requirements in Section 6.1, Air Emissions Compliance;
2. The Bronze level requirements in Section 6.2 Quantifying Electricity Use and Greenhouse Gas Emissions (must be met facility-wide);
3. The requirements in Section 6.3 Using Renewable Electricity and Addressing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Final Manufacturing at the relevant achievement level;
4. The Bronze level requirements in Section 7.1 Effluent Quality Compliance;
5. The requirements in Section 7.2 Quantifying Water Use; and
6. For facilities subject to the requirement to conduct a social audit every 1.5 (± 0.5) years, the requirements in Section 8.2 Monitor & Verify Performance.

At the end of the three-year listing validity period, the facility must be re-assessed and verified as compliant with the requirements prior to its expiration date to maintain its status as a listed facility. As part of the process, the assessment must be updated and verified to ensure continued compliance with the Listed Facility requirements.

6 // DEFINITIONS

All definitions are identical to those contained within the Cradle to Cradle Certified Product Standard (Full Scope), Version 5.0.

7 // CHANGE LOG

Section	Change Summary	Date
-	Initial release	30 June 2026
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