



York Wallcoverings One of First Manufacturers to be Certified to National Standard for Sustainability

York, PA – March 11, 2013 – A range of York Wallcoverings, distributed by MDC and Tri-Kes, have been certified to the NSF/American National Standard for Sustainable Wallcoverings (NSF/ANSI 342). NSF/ANSI 342: *Sustainability Assessment for Wallcoverings Products* is a result of a Wallcoverings Association (WA) initiative to drive continual improvement in environmental sustainability and social responsibility.

“We applaud the Wallcoverings Association’s leadership and are fully committed to the industry’s sustainability initiatives,” said Ashley Vizzi, Director of Commercial Division at York Wallcoverings. “We recognize this is an ever-important issue to our A&D customers. We’re taking a proactive approach to help architects and designers easily identify and spec sustainable wallcoverings.”



Examples of NSF/ANSI 342-certified wallcoverings include (left to right): Gatsby BX4297 (distributed by TriKes), Smash BX4286 (distributed by TriKes), Fanciful MCD2072 (distributed by MDC), and Tress MCD2133 (distributed by MDC).

“NSF/ANSI 342 certification is an important milestone as we continually evaluate and improve the sustainability of our processes and products,” explained Heather Schneider, LEED AP BD+C, Regulatory Manager at York. “The Wallcoverings Sustainability Standard ensures transparency throughout the product’s entire lifecycle from material selection and product design through distribution.”

Similar to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification for buildings, NSF/ANSI 342 assigns points in a number of performance categories:

1. Product Design
2. Product Manufacturing
3. Long-Term Value
4. End-of-Life Management
5. Corporate Governance
6. Innovation

York will continue to work with its various distributor partners in a concerted effort to gain points in these six areas, which will ultimately certify products to Conformant, Silver, Gold and Platinum levels.

About York Wallcoverings

York Wallcoverings is America’s oldest and largest wallcovering manufacturer, and its premier wallcoverings continue to be designed, printed and distributed from headquarters founded in 1895 in York, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. The industry leader in color and design, York creates residential and commercial wallcoverings under several brands and licenses available through retailers and interior design showrooms worldwide. For more information please visit www.yorkwall.com.

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